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All Southerners are invited to honor and see that the True History of our Glorious Confederate Soldiers is known. The South Carolina Division - Sons of Confederate Veterans will honor our Confederate Heroes at the Confederate Soldiers Monument placed at the SC State House on the 5th of May at 12:00 PM, following the United Daughters of the Confederacy service at Elmwood Cemetery at 10:00 AM.

A procession from Elmwood Cemetery to the SC State House will step off at 11:00 AM.

The SC Division service will begin at 12:00 PM. Infantry and Artillery salutes with the playing of Dixie will finish off the event as we remember and honorable ancestors.

This years Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Paul Noe of the General Martin W Gary Camp 1532.

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, I was humbled and honored to be the speaker at a Confederate Cross of Honor and Memorial Marker Dedication for Charles Leslie Sprague, placed in Mount Holly Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas by the Gen. Robert C. Newton Camp #197 SCV. In spite of the cold 32 degree weather, more than 80 people showed up to honor Sprague, who is buried in Magnolia Cemetery along with Horace L. Hunley and the second crew of the HL Hunley. Sprague perished on a practice dive on October 15, 1863. He was a native of Little Rock, Arkansas. His memorial marker and Cross of Honor were placed near his father's grave in Mt Holly Cemetery. Mt Holly also contains the grave of Confederate hero David O. Dodd.

Former South Carolina Division member, Tripp Wison, 1st Lt Commander of the Arkansas Division, was in attendance as well as former ATM Commander Danny Honnoll. The ceremony was well organized and well attended for such bad weather. It was a fitting ceremony to recognize the sacrifice of one of Little Rock's Confederate heroes, Charles L. Sprague and Arkansas's Hunley connection. The men in Arkansas are doing some really fine work to preserve the memory of the men who served the Confederacy.

Randy Burbage,  
Commander,  
Secession Camp #4

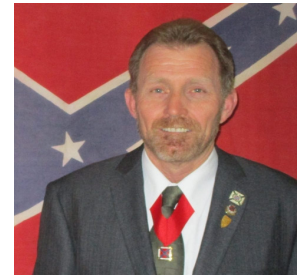


# SC DIVISION DISPATCH

Commander Jamie Graham

Greetings Compatriots,

I am honored to be your new Division Commander. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Chief of Staff these past 4 years. I pray I can live up to your expectations as Division Commander over the next few years. There is lot of work to do, so strap up those boot laces - We are about to get busy. I want to see all of you at our Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbia on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



We are at a turning point in History where we are the last line of defense for the Confederate Soldier. The Confederate Soldier has always been the number one focus of the SCV, and that will never change. We must keep in mind in all we do that our mission is to honor his legacy and life. Our first goal in achieving anything productive is to stop the infighting and start communicating at all levels within the Division. Honest and open communications is the key to our success in winning the battles ahead of us. In our Charge, "The emulation of his virtues" should always be the standard of our conduct. To improve our communications, I have appointed Dean Stevens as our 2nd Lt. Commander. He is currently working to get our communications working smoothly - up and down the chain. We will keep our communications lines open, and you will be aware of what's happening on a Division and National level.

After 10 years, we still have over 2/3rds of our Confederate Heroes graves that have not been put in to our data base, and we need to finish this project before their final resting places are destroyed by development and greed. It is time to get back in the woods and find and record our heroes graves before it is too late. After all, the Confederate Soldier is our main focus. The Signers monument will be erected very soon. We need to find the land and put up more Confederate Monuments and Flags through out South Carolina. For us to do this - it will take a unified effort from everyone in the Division. It will take all of us, but we can do it.

I am proud to announce the following Compatriots who have stepped up to help the Division in our day to day operations. Compatriot John Fisher has taken over as our Chief of Staff. Our Immediate Past Division Commander Leland Summers is taking charge of our Speakers List to help us provide more and better speakers to help keep you engaged. Compatriot Keith Day will be our new Palmetto Partisan Editor. Compatriot Walter Curry has replaced me on the Legislative Committee. We are currently forming a Public Relations Committee and the SC SCV Veterans Affairs Committee. These committees have been formed from Compatriots who are working to get ahead of the issues we face. Our goal is to become more proactive, rather than reactive. These men are here to help us work together as a team. This is something our Division needs desperately, a unified front - a team effort. We will keep reminding South Carolina that we are United, Strong, and that the Sons of Confederate Veterans aren't going anywhere.

We have the technology to reach all of these folks on their terms, and we will do it. These are just a few ways to use a tactic of Gen. Stonewall Jackson, and out flank the tremendous number of naysayer's. The odds are overwhelming and against us, but as a unified team we can do this, and we can win.

They Shall Not Be Forgotten,

Jamie Graham  
Commander  
SC SCV Division

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## Muster Call

Lt. Commander Henry Richardson

Gentlemen,

I would like to thank you for your support in Charleston. It is time we go back to work. Jamie and I have new ideas for the SCSCV. It will take all of us working together to get them done. The Legislative Committee is working on the 2019 Legislative Day. Again it will take us all working together to make this another great day for the SCSCV.



We need to focus on our youth. Sam Davis Youth camp is coming up. Deadline is June 9. We need three or more from each brigade to go. We also need volunteers to go and help teach the young folks. We also need to promote youth in our camps and brigade through youth days and the Cadet Program. We also need to support the JROTC program. We need to have this in all High Schools in SC. We need to get into the class rooms and teach the children the truth about the Confederate Soldier and what he stood for.

### "THE YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE"

I will be sending you out potential members. You need to check your Gmail everyday. We need to work on getting the members we have lost back. Please call them or send them a letter. We will be asking for folks to volunteers to help us to keep the SC Division great. Please step up just like the Confederate Soldier did and fight for you heritage. It will take all of us working together to

### " WIN THE FIGHT FOR OUR HERITAGE "

We need to support all of our SC Division Committees. Again I want to thank you for letting me be your SC Division LT Commander. If you need anything please let me know.

Your Brother in Christ  
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## THE FIELD PULPIT

Chaplain Walter Lindler

"He is not there, the tomb is open  
He is gone"



After 40 days of lent we celebrated Maundy Thursday and Good Friday the day our Lord was crucified who died on the cross so that our sins would be forgiven and we would have life eternal.

It is a wonderful feeling to know that someone sacrificed their life so that our sins would be forgiven and we would have eternal life if we believed in Him.

It is a wonderful feeling to know that each day we sin in some way and our sins are forgiven if we believe in Jesus Christ Our Savior.

As we reflect back we must remember that God will not fail us if we do not fail Him!

"God remember us when we come into Your Kingdom "

Father God we pray for those depressed afflicted and who have recently lost loved ones. We pray for a better more loving world in days to come. Amen

WALTER "Soapy" LINDLER



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# Demystifying the myth of black Confederates

By WALTER B. CURRY JR. Guest columnist Jan 17, 2018 (Aiken Standard)

I have read with great interest works of noted historians examining the positions of those who claim that blacks who served in the Confederacy were not soldiers. Some have even suggested there are no records verifying blacks served in the Confederate army; and if they served, they were enslaved against their will. These fallacious premises are very disturbing. I question their credibility as reliable authorities on African-Americans involvement in the Confederacy.



The critics claim black Confederates were not actual soldiers, nor they were armed. According to the American Heritage Dictionary of the English language, a soldier is one who serves in an army, an enlisted person or a noncommissioned officer, or an active, loyal, or militant follower of an organization. Notice the definition did not mention that a soldier is one who carries an armed weapon. Therefore, infantryman, cooks, nurses, musicians and laborers are considered soldiers. Some of these critics would never question whether blacks served as soldiers in the Union because they were on the victor's side. To question the legitimacy of black Confederates as soldiers is outright hypocritical and folly.

The critics claim that records of black Confederates are not verifiable.

There is overwhelming evidence that black Confederates served in many capacities verified by primary and secondary source documents. There are accounts of black Confederates who were armed; such as the account in the Charlotte Western Democrat on July 29, 1861. A black Confederate soldier was captured by the Union, drew a pistol and shot the officer dead.

In the Douglass Monthly on September 1861, the great abolitionist Frederick Douglass wrote, "It is now pretty well established, that there are at the present moment many colored men in the Confederate army doing duty not only as cooks, servants and laborers, but as real soldiers, having muskets on their shoulders, and bullets in their pockets, ready to shoot down loyal troops, and do all that soldiers may to destroy the Federal Government and build up that of the traitors and rebels. There were such soldiers at Manassas, and they are probably there still."

There are books, like "Black Confederates" by Charles Kelly Barrow, J.H. Segars, R.B. Rosenburg, "South Carolina's African-American Confederate Pensioners" by Alexia Jones Helsley, "The Confederate Negro" by James H. Brewer, and many other sources on the subject. To question the verifiability of records of black Confederates is delusional.

The critics claimed poignantly that black Confederates who served were enslaved.

The evidence show there were black Confederates who were freedmen. A freedman named Henry "Dad" Brown, an African-American Confederate soldier from Darlington, served as a drummer in the 1st, 8th and 21st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry during the war. There is an historical marker memorializing his service, and he was given full Confederate military honors by 37th Texas Calvary Pee Dee Rifles, SVC Camp 1419 8th S.C. Infantry.

According to Isabel Vandervelde's book, "Aiken County: The Only South Carolina County Founded During Reconstruction," which was published in 1999, a freedman named Charles D. Haynes was conscripted and joined the Confederate army as a private in company B, 32nd Georgia Regiment under Col. Georgia P. Harrison, commanding. He later became South Carolina state legislator and one of the three African-American founders of Aiken County. The S.C. House of Representatives passed a resolution, H.3729, on March 10, 1915 recognizing "Aiken Founders Day in South Carolina" honoring Haynes, a slave named Prince Rivers who served in the Union Army and Samuel J. Lee.

I would like for the critics to provide their definition of a soldier. I would like for the critics to tell black families who have Confederate ancestry that their ancestors are not worthy of recognition. I would like for the critics to measure their arguments against the 2017 American Historical Association Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct which states that historians "should report their findings as accurately as possible and not omit evidence that runs counter to their own interpretation." In the final analysis, black Confederates were not a myth, but were real.

**THE YANK AND THE REB**  
**BY LUCIUS PERRY HILLS -A UNION SOLDIER**

White fingers were strewing memorial flowers where the fallen Confederates lay,  
The boys who had fought 'neath the Stars and the Bars in their ragged old suits of gray,  
And I laid a white rose on a grave at my side, a token tender and true,  
To the courage of those who had fought as my foes, as I was wearing the blue.

Nearby stood a veteran, grizzled and bent, who held in his trembling hand  
A tattered old flag that in many a fight had led his Confederate band,  
And I saw the tears start to his dim, misty eyes as he gazed on that banner there,  
And folded it round the bullet-scarred staff with a sad and reverent air.

Then one who had worn not the blue nor the gray, standing there by the graves of the dead,  
With a cold, sneering smile on his lips the while, in a tone of mockery said:  
"Just see that crippled old Johnny there, with his worn-out shred of a flag,  
Wiping the tears from his watery eyes at the sight of the old rebel rag.

The flag of a cause that he knew was unjust and of ignominious birth,  
That represented no tangible thing in the heavens or on the green earth;  
A flag" — "Hold a moment, my friend," I said, "while I ask you a question or two:  
Pray, where were you then, in the sixties, when the Gray was fighting the Blue?

Not following where that old banner led, or you would acknowledge, I ween,  
That it represented a courage as great as the world has ever seen;  
Nor bravely facing those legions in gray, or you would certainly know  
That none but a coward would cast a slur on a gallant but fallen foe.

I stood on the line in many a fight, and heard the wild Rebel yell,  
And saw those ragged old legions charge through storms of shot and shell;  
And my heart said then, and repeats it now, as every true heart must,  
That never an army fought like that for a cause they deemed unjust.

I thought they were wrong, and I think so still, for I am a Yank, you see;  
But through triumph and rout I had never a doubt they were thinking the same of me;  
For no hypocrite host could ever boast of soldiers who fought so well,  
Of those who would face with an equal grace the battle's raging hell.

And I yield no jot of my loyal pride, or of love for the flag of the free,  
When I bow my head o'er the graves of the dead who fell in the ranks of Lee,  
And I claim the right of a soldier, who did his best for the Union flag,  
To honor the vet whose eyes grow wet at the sight of that battle-torn rag.

For 'tis proof to me of a loyal soul, that will never desert a fight,  
But will bravely defend to the bitter end the cause he deems the right;  
And I know that henceforth he will prove more true to the  
Union Stripes and Stars, because he will not dishonor now the fallen Stars and Bars.

And whenever within our time, my friend, a foreign foeman comes,  
And a call to arms, with the rude alarms of the bugles and the drums,  
Then you, once more, as you did before, safe at your home may stay,  
While your country's foes will be thrashed by those who wore both the blue and the gray."

*From Confederate Veteran Magazine August, 1899*  
*Contributed by Chief of Staff John Fisher*

# Whats happening in the Division



*Moses Wood Camp installed 14 Crosses of Honor*



*Moses Wood Camp installed 17 Crosses of Honor*



*Legislative Day - Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018*



*Horry Rough and Readys Camp 1026 - Stalvey Cemetery Clean-up*



*Battle of Aiken - 2018*

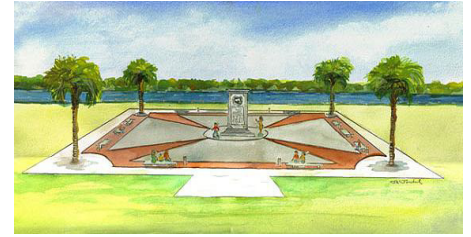


*Litchfield Camp 132 inducting new officers*

# News From The Signer's Monument Committee

## News from the Signer's Monument Project

Construction has indeed begun, and with concrete poured the plaza has taken shape. Much more work will take place in the next 4 to 6 weeks, with the placing of the 36,800 pound granite monument. The members of the monument committee have come to realize that this will be even more impressive than we have thought. Landscaping, irrigation, etc. will come after the monument is placed, and the grounds will need some time for growth and "firming up". So the dedication service and ceremony date and time is yet to be determined, even as plans are being developed for a memorable ceremony.



In hindsight, I realize that I should have addressed the Secession Hill property while giving the committee report at our recent Reunion in Charleston. The prior owners of Secession Hill placed the property into a trust, The Secession Hill Memorial Trust, Inc., before the committee voted to place our monument there. The Trust is also designated as a 501-c-3 charitable organization. The SC Division, SCV is the primary beneficiary, should the Trust ever dissolve. The Trust is managed by a 7 member board of trustees. Currently 6 of those seats are filled, with 5 of them being active and dedicated SCSCV compatriots. So, it is very possible for 6 of the 7 seats to be filled with SCSCV men. Our Signer's Monument will obviously be a part of this Trust. Enduring thanks and gratitude to Robert Hayes of Olde Abbeville Camp 39 for making all this happen for us and for generations to come. I hope this explanation will allay any worries or fears anyone has had about the future protection of Secession Hill and the Signer's Monument.

Thank you to every compatriot and Camp who have recently stepped up and donated to the project. Your committee hopes every single Camp in our Division will help as they are able. Needless to say, now that construction is taking place, money is being spent. Visit the monument website for updates, and share the website with friends and family members. You'll be surprised how many folks will want to help once they are aware of this monument and the story it tells. [scsignersmonument.com](http://scsignersmonument.com)

Your Signer's Monument Committee

Robert H. Roper, III      Chairman  
Albert Jackson      Chairman Emeritus

## Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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.



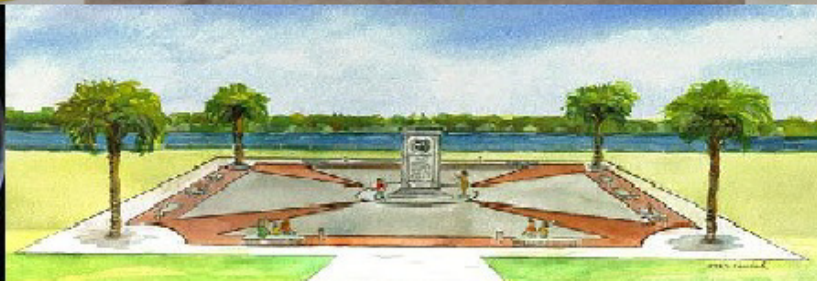
Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



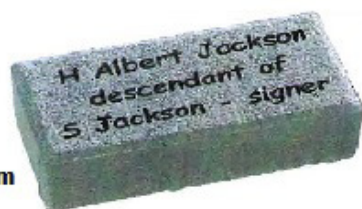
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## The Adjutants World

Division Adjutant Joe Willis



We had a very well run Reunion in Charleston. Thanks to all those who were involved. We had 54 out of 62 camps in the Division represented. I am sure our 2019 Reunion in Anderson will be a great well run one also.

I have sent out an email asking the camp adjutant to look at their roster on the Division website and make sure your members and their contact information is correct for I am working on the MRS for this coming year. Please contact me with any information that is not correct. I want to thank you in advance for all your help in this matter.

Regards,  
Joe Willis  
S. C. Div. Adj.

## The Pen Is Not Mightier Than a Sword...Or a Bayonet

D. Michael Thomas, Parish Mounted Rangers Camp #2222

The *New York Tribune*, like many other northern newspapers, wrote an abundance of editorials favoring secession by South Carolina and other southern states. The stance of the South was recognized time and again as being justified and its editors wrote in favor of allowing the South to go peacefully. Read the following paragraph and note its clarity, tone and stance.

*"We have repeatedly said, and we once more insist, that the greater principle embodied by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, that Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, is sound and just; and that if the slave states, the cotton states, or the gulf states only, choose to form an independent nation, they have a clear moral right to do so."*

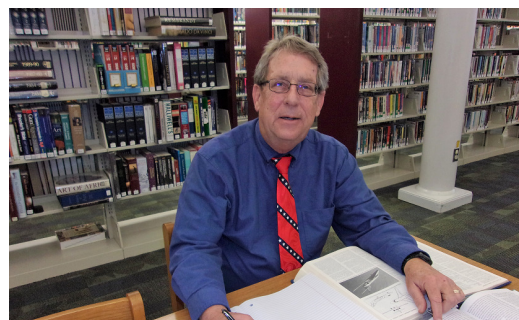
*New York Tribune*, February 23, 1861

Then Abraham Lincoln was sworn in as president and sent the infamous Fox Expedition to Charleston with reinforcements and supplies for the U.S. garrison at Fort Sumter. The South learned of this plan and bombarded Fort Sumter into surrender in a preemptive action. Lincoln immediately called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the Southern Rebellion (sic) and the war was on. Now read an editorial from the same newspaper and same people who wrote the one above just 2 months earlier.

*"...We mean to conquer them {The South}, not merely to defeat them, but to conquer- to subjugate them. They must find poverty at their foresides and see privations in the eyes of anxious mothers and in the rags of children..."*

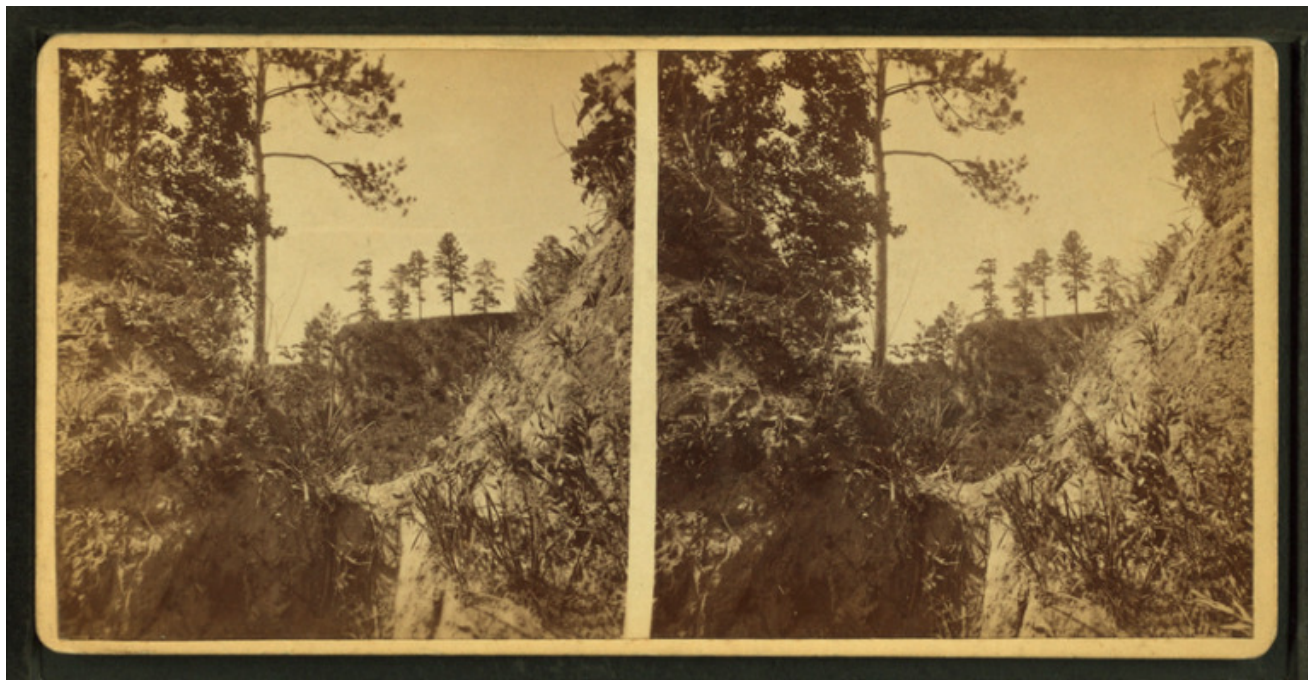
*New York Tribune*, May 1, 1861

What could have happened to cause such an about-face filled with vile & loathsome statements? Well, it was brought about by visits from Lincoln's representatives threatening imprisonment of the editors/ owners. Other threats included shutdown or seizure of the company's assets if the newspaper didn't change its attitude and support Lincoln and his policies. The *New York Tribune* folded quickly as did many northern newspapers. Across the nation, however, some 300 other newspapers were shut down after defying Lincoln's threats and many editors were imprisoned on trumped up charges by Lincoln's decree. The term "Free Press" lost its meaning in 1861.



**The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendents of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.**

## **NEVER FORGET: THE DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL – 20,000 FREED SLAVES DIED AFTER BEING FORCED INTO POST SLAVERY CONCENTRATION CAMP**



History has always made concentration camps to be synonymous with the atrocities of Nazi Germany. But, America has its own dirty secrets about the use of concentration camps. These camps were located in Natchez, Mississippi and were used to corral freed slaves during and after the American Civil War. As slaves were being emancipated from the plantations, their route to freedom usually took them in the vicinity of the Union army forces. Unhappy with the slaves being freed, the army began recapturing the slaves and forced the men back into hard labor camps. The most notorious of the several concentration camps that were established was located in Natchez, MS.

As the slaves made their way to freedom, the town of Natchez went from a population of 10,000 to 120,000 people almost overnight. In order to deal with the population influx of recently freed slaves, a concentration camp was established to essentially eradicate the slaves. The men were recaptured by the Union troops and forced back into hard labor. The women and children were locked behind the concrete walls of the camp and left to die from starvation. Many also died from the smallpox disease. In total, over 20,000 freed slaves were killed in one year, inside of this American concentration camp.

A researcher studying the existence of the concentration camps said, "The union army did not allow them to remove the bodies from the camp. They just gave 'em shovels and said bury 'em where they drop." The camp was called the Devil's Punchbowl because of the way the area is shaped. The camp was located at the bottom of a cavernous pit with trees located on the bluffs above.

Today the bluffs are known for the wild peach grooves but the locals will not eat any of the fruit because some are aware of what has fertilized the trees. One researcher has noted that skeletal remains still wash-up when the area becomes flooded by the Mississippi River. Even when America tries to bury its racist ways, we must force America to acknowledge what has occurred and not shy away from the truth. Let's never forget all the freed slaves that died in American concentration camps at the Devil's Punchbowl.

# MR. WILLIAM W. WALLER

**A WWII Veteran who Served in Europe and at age 94, He is still Fighting for the Southern Cause.**

**People, this man has advocated for the South his whole life.**

**Even in severe poor health, he is still holding the banner high and trying to make a difference!**

**A true Hero Among Us.**



## **Lee's great fear has been realized !**

The great fear expressed by Robert E. Lee following the defeat of the Confederate nation was that the USA would become a vast republic, aggressive abroad and despotic at home.

Today, worldwide diplomacy is by foreign aid agreements. Inflated currency and the IRS cause instability at home. The stabilizing influence of the states rights policy of the Confederates would have prevented the panic that is fast approaching.

**W.W. Waller**  
Cheraw, SC  
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S.C.V. camp 1963





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