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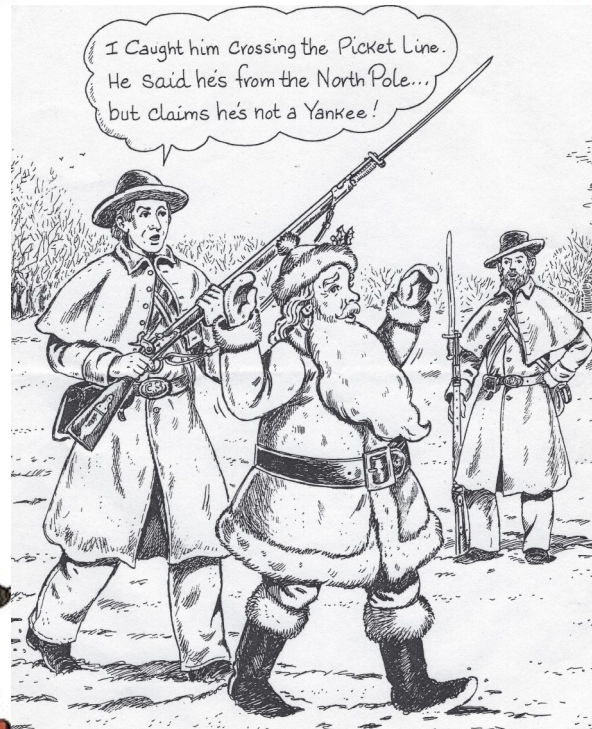
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Commander: Jamie Graham
Lt. Commander: Henry Richardson
Chief of Staff: Perry Smith
Adjutant: Joe Willis
Chaplin: Walter Lindler
Treasurer: Tim Medlin



SC Division Dispatch: Commander's Call

Greetings Compatriots,

It has been my pleasure to serve you these past couple of years. I am very pleased to see that we have become a stronger and more unified team. We are showing that a team having a unified front can accomplish so much. It was my number one goal to see us working together producing positive results. You, the Sons of Confederate Veterans South Carolina Division have shown what it takes to move forward in a proactive manner. You show the other Divisions how to lead, and I thank you for it.



There are so many issues across our great country and our Heritage is still under attack. We must remain strong and steadfast against this hatred of everything Confederate, but we must also stay smart about our actions. We are doing well here in South Carolina and are winning some battles elsewhere. Even though the outcomes may not be exactly what we want, any victory is still a win. Our membership is still growing; The flag in Orangeburg, at Holly Hill, in Ridgeland; The SC Signers Monument - are all victories and should be celebrated. We need to always be thinking with a half full glass. Just like with any business plan you always stay upbeat. Never let the enemy think you're down. We are always growing and moving forward. Let the detractors know that we have been here, we are here, and we ain't going anywhere.

We still have several properties that we are currently investigating and hope to have flags placed on them soon. It is my desire to see more flag displays like this across the State. Our Flag Committee has been working very hard to find properties where we can place our beloved flag. Remember Gentlemen, we may have to think "outside of the box" to do it, but we must do it.

It is such a glorious time to be Southern. I hope that all of you will have a glorious Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We are blessed to carry the Confederate bloodline of our fathers. Let us all remember our membership that are having health issues and lift them up in prayer. Our loving Savior knows all and can heal so much more than we realize. Our God is truly a gracious and loving father.

Our next EC meeting will be held by teleconference in January due to our Camps and Brigades being involved in so many activities in January, which is a good thing. Don't forget about our Leadership Conference on February 1st, of 2020. We will hold a person to person EC meeting afterwards. We have some new and exciting breakout sessions planned. I look forward to seeing a large turnout. Our Legislative day will be held on February 12th, 2020. I foresee 2020 being a Grand Year for the SC Division and our projects. May God bless us all in the coming year. Merry Christmas!!!

"Ne Oublie"

They Shall Not Be Forgotten,

Jamie Graham

Commander

SC SCV Division

Keeping The Flag Unfurled: Lt. Commander's Report

Compatriots,

I hope everything is well with your families and camps.

As we enter the Christmas season, we need not to forget the reason for the season Jesus Christ. We need thank him for all that he has blessed us with.

Please plan to come to our Legislative Day on February 12. We need all of our members there so that they know we have a big voice on what happens in South Carolina.

We will meet at the monument at 730 for a prayer service then we will move to the Blatt Building room 108. We will go to the House Chambers at 10 and move to the Senate Chambers at 12. You need to contact your Legislators and set up a time to meet with them.

Please remember what your Confederate Ancestors stood for let's not let them down.
Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

" LETS KEEP UP THE FIGHT FOR OUR HERITAGE "

Keeping God First

Henry Richardson

South Carolina Division LT Commander



The Adjutants World

Division Adjutant Joe Willis

Greetings Camp Adjutants and all.

I hope all are experiencing a wonderful Christmas Season. The New Year will, hopefully, be as great as ever.

I need all Adjutants to check their roster on the Division website for accuracy. Let it be known if there are any discrepancies that need correcting. This is needed for the upcoming MRS. Stephen Douglas, our Deputy Adjutant, will be handling the MRS. If there are discrepancies, please email him at doug-fam001@msn.com.

I want to thank all Adjutants for there continued work in keeping their camps running smoothly...you are to be commended. If I can help anyone, don't hesitate to contact me.

Don't forget to get the petition signed for Legislative Day for the February 12, 2020 meeting with the Legislators. It is needed to present a massive number of petitions to the Legislators... it will make a definite impact on them.

February 1, 2020 is our Leadership Conference at Saluda Shores...the same facility we have had it for a number of years. Camps have your members commit to attending...let's have the biggest turnout ever this year.

If you have not registered for the Division Reunion yet, please do so. The Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 is working hard to make this Reunion a very enjoyable one. Register as soon as possible.

Remember our military that are away from their families this year. If camps have members abroad, make it be known with contact info...I would like to send an appreciation to them for all they do and I know you all would like to contact them also.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



THE FIELD PULPIT

Chaplain Walter Lindler

“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.”



Greatest man in history, had no servants, yet they called Him master. Had no degree, yet they called Him teacher. Had no medicines, yet they called him healer. Had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet conquered the world. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today. His name is Jesus, the reason we celebrate Christmas.

WALTER "Soapy" LINDLER

Tips for Yankees moving South

The BBQ wars (Carolina vs. Kansas City vs. Texas; Vinegar based sauce vs. Tomato based sauce) make the Chicago vs. New York pizza wars look like a playground slap fight.

Division Committees

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
Division Color Sergeant	Donald Rabon
Division Genealogist	Andy Langdale
Division Historian	Dennis Todd
Division Inspector	Vic Phillips
Division IT	Dean Stevens
Division Palmetto Partisan Editor	Keith Day
Division Awards	Mark Sheppard
Division Convention Planning	Ron York
Division Flag Preservation	Randy Burbage
Division Guardian	Stephen Douglas
Division H. L. Hunley Award	Phillip Lemieux
Division Heritage Operations	Bucky Sutton
Division Graves Registration	Kevin Deitrich
Division Heritage for Youth	Henry Richardson
Division Ordinance of Secession Signers Monument	Albert Jackson

Our Heritage, How Precious It Is

Compatriots,

One of the most widely held misconceptions about the Declaration of Independence is that it was signed on July 4, 1776. In fact, independence was formally declared on July 2, 1776, a date that John Adams believed would be "the most memorable epoch in the history of America." On July 4, 1776, Congress approved the final text of the Declaration. It wasn't signed until August 2, 1776.

The two youngest signers of the Declaration of Independence were both from South Carolina. Thomas Lynch, Jr. and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina were both born in 1749 and were only 26 when they signed the Declaration. Most of the other signers were in their 40s and 50s.

Support for the Southern Victory Campaign -- Sons of Confederate Veterans

Gentlemen,

Our new SCV web site, Make Dixie Great Again (<https://www.makedixiegreatagain.com/>) is up and running as of today. As is usual with all new start-ups, there will be a few "bugs" that will have to be addressed. Please forward to all your friends the good news about the beginning of the Southern Victory Plan.

Also, please place a link to Make Dixie Great Again web site on all camp and division web sites and social media. To start our P. R. campaign, we will need our members and friends to join (donate) to the Confederate Legion. At present we can only take funds via check or money order; the appropriate form to mail in can be downloaded from the web site. We will be able to take credit card donations in the future but we did not want to delay the start of this effort any longer.

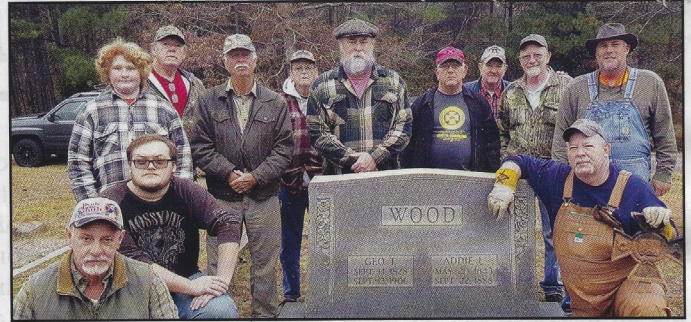
Again, PLEASE, let our members and fellow Americans know about this effort and together we can "Make Dixie Great Again!"

Walter D. (Donnie) Kennedy
Chief of Heritage Operations, SCV

Happenings Around the Division



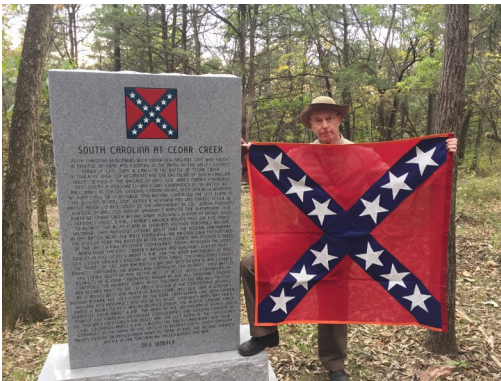
The Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68, Spartanburg, SC, held a work day in Magnolia Cemetery where it marked three Confederate Veterans graves which were previously unmarked: Sergeant Jeremiah Tinsley, Sergeant C. Louis Bosse and J. Y. Goodlett.



Camp Moses Wood 125, Gaffney, SC, Compatriots installed 32 Southern Crosses in four Cemeteries in the Gaffney, SC area. Pictured from left, Frank Lee, Andrew Parker, Josh Bratton, Lt. Commander Mark Sheppard, Cecil Goforth, Jerry Cooper, Matt Doty, Robert Little, Ed Moss, Joe Bratton, Jo Jo Pierce and Jordan Dill.



For National Confederate Flag Day, the Horry Rough and Readys Camp 1026, Myrtle Beach, SC, installed the Southern Iron Cross of Honor at the graves of eleven Confederate soldiers at Bakers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Cushion Swamp Cemetery in Horry County, SC.



Here is a photo of Secession Camp #4 monument chairman Larry Walker standing beside the newly erected South Carolina at Cedar Creek monument, installed October, 2019. The monument is placed on the Union breastworks of the Cedar Creek battlefield, the exact position where General James Connor's Brigade, (Formally Kershaw's Brigade), attacked on October 19th, 1864. Kershaw's Brigade historian, Capt. Augustus Dickert wrote, "The federal earthworks in this Battle were the most formidable the Brigade ever encountered." Larry is responsible for placing two monuments honoring our Confederate ancestors on the Cedar Creek battlefield this year, and has 25 Confederate and battle-

field monuments / memorials to his credit since 1976. He is currently working on a Confederate monument for Maryland Troops that will be erected on a Virginia battlefield before the end of the year. It is Larry's goal to continue erecting as many Confederate monuments, at any permissible location, that he possibly can. Compatriot Larry Walker lives by the Charge, and is a great asset to our cause of preserving our honorable Confederate history and heritage.

Happenings Around the Division (Cont.)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA SERVICE

The General Joe Wheeler Camp #1245 hosted a special Wreaths Across America Service on Saturday December 14th at Bethany Cemetery at the Confederate Dead Memorial in Aiken, SC. This is the only observance of Wreaths Across America that specifically honors Confederate Veterans. Part of the ceremony was the reading of each name, rank and unit served followed by the ringing of a bell for all 53 Confederate Veterans buried in Bethany Cemetery. Each was also honored with a wreath placed on his grave, including the only Unknown Confederate Soldier in Aiken. The Invocation was performed by Mrs. Julie Hardaway, Recorder of Military Service Awards SC Division of the UDC from Aiken, SC and the Keynote Speaker was Mrs. Mary Hampton (wife of Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton, III), a.k.a. Ms. Heather Welch, member of the OCR from Charleston, SC.



Mrs. Julie Hardaway of the UDC giving the Invocation



Keynote Speaker Mrs. Mary Hampton, a.k.a. Ms. Heather Welch



Clair Henkes reading the names of the 53 Confederate Veterans buried in Bethany Cemetery. Mike Harber rang the bell honoring each one.



Ms. Heather Welch of the OCR along with some children in attendance laying a wreath on a Confederate Veteran's grave

Up Coming Events

Jan 4: SC 3rd Bat Co A Mechanized Calvary Annual Meeting at the Confederate Relic Room, Columbia

Jan 19: Gen. Robert E. Lee's Birthday

Jan 21: Gen. Stonewall Jackson's Birthday

Jan 26: 1861, South Carolina's present day State flag was adopted.

Feb 1: Leadership Conference, Saluda Shores, Columbia

Feb. 12: 1st Legislative Day, Columbia. Meet at the monument at 07:30 for prayer, then to the Blatt Building rm 108.

Feb 28-29: Stephen D. Lee Institute Symposium, Embassy Suites Brier Creek, Raleigh, NC

March 20-21: 2020 South Carolina SCV Convention, The Lodge 7116 Hwy 9, Inman SC. Hosted by the Sgt Adam Washington Ballenger Camp #68

May 4th: State Confederate Memorial Day observance at the State house capitol

May 10: South Carolina Confederate Memorial Day

July 13: Gen Nathan B. Forrest's Birthday

Dec 20: 1860 South Carolina Secedes

Confederate White House Christmas

Varina Davis, wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, wrote this article describing how the Davis family spent the Christmas of 1864 in the Confederate White House. It was published in The New York World, December 13, 1896 and has since been reprinted often. This excerpt was obtained via the website "The American Civil War, 1861-1865."



Varina Davis, wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Library of Congress

...Rice, flour, molasses and tiny pieces of meat, most of them sent to the President's wife anonymously to be distributed to the poor, had all be weighed and issued, and the playtime of the family began, but like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky came the information that the orphans at the Episcopalian home had been promised a Christmas tree and the toys, candy and cakes must be provided, as well as one pretty prize for the most orderly girl among the orphans. The kind-hearted confectioner was interviewed by our committee of managers, and he promised a certain amount of his simpler kinds of candy, which he sold easily a dollar and a half a pound, but he drew the line at cornucopias to hold it, or sugared fruits to hang on the tree, and all the other vestiges of Christmas creations which had lain on his hands for years. The ladies dispersed in anxious squads of toy-hunters, and each one turned over the store of her children's treasures for a contribution to the orphans' tree, my little ones rushed over the great house looking up their treasure: eyeless dolls, three-legged horses, tops with the upper peg broken off, rubber tops, monkeys with all the squeak gone silent and all the ruck of children's toys that gather in a nursery closet.

Confederate White House Christmas (Cont.)

A Christmas Eve Party

About twenty young men and girls gathered around small tables in one of the drawing rooms of the mansion and the cornucopias were begun. The men wrapped the squares of candy, first reading the "sentiments" printed upon them, such as "Roses are red, violets blue, sugar's sweet and so are you," "If you love me as I love you no knife can cut our love in two." The fresh young faces, wreathed in smiles, nodded attention to the reading, while with their small deft hands they gined [?] the cornucopias and pasted on the pictures. Where were the silk tops to come from? Trunks of old things were turned out and snippings of silk and even woolen of bright colors were found to close the tops, and some of the young people twisted sewing silk into cords with which to draw the bags up. The beauty of those home-made things astonished us all, for they looked quite "custom-made," but when the "sure enough house" was revealed to our longing gaze the young people clapped their approbation, while Robert, whose sense of dignity did not permit him to smile, stood the impersonation of successful artist and bowed his thanks for our approval. Then the coveted eggnog was passed around in tiny glass cups and pronounced good. Crisp home-made ginger snaps and snowy lady cake completed the refreshments of Christmas Eve. The children allowed to sit up and be noisy in their way as an indulgence took a sip of eggnog out of my cup, and the eldest boy confided to his father: "Now I just know this is Christmas." In most of the houses in Richmond these same scenes were enacted, certainly in every one of the homes of the managers of the Episcopalian Orphanage. A bowl of eggnog was sent to the servants, and a part of everything they coveted of the dainties.

At last quiet settled on the household and the older members of the family began to stuff stockings with molasses candy, red apples, an orange, small whips plaited by the family with high-colored crackers, worsted reins knitted at home, paper dolls, teetotums made of large horn bottoms and a match which could spin indefinitely, balls of worsted rags wound hard and covered with old kid gloves, a pair of pretty woolen gloves for each, either cut of cloth and embroidered on the back or knitted by some deft hand out of home-spun wool. For the President there were a pair of chamois-skin riding gauntlets exquisitely embroidered on the back with his monogram in red and white silk, made, as the giver wrote, under the guns of Fortress Monroe late at night for fear of discovery. There was a hemstitched linen handkerchief, with a little sketch in indelible ink in one corner; the children had written him little letters, their grandmother having held their hands, the burthen of which compositions was how they loved their dear father. For one of the inmates of the home, who was greatly loved but whose irritable temper was his prominent failing, there was a pretty cravat, the ends of which were embroidered, as was the fashion of the day. The pattern chosen was simple and on it was pinned a card with the word "amiable" to complete the sentence. One of the [missing] received a present of an illuminated copy of Solomon's proverbs found in the same old store from which the pictures came. He studied it for some time and announced: "I have changed my opinion of Solomon, he uttered such unnecessary platitudes -- now why should he have said 'The foolishness of a fool is his folly'?"

On Christmas morning the children awoke early and came in to see their toys. They were followed by the negro women, who one after another "caught" us by wishing us a merry Christmas before we could say it to them, which gave them a right to a gift. Of course, there was a present for every one, small though it might be, and one who had been born and brought up at our plantation was vocal in her admiration of a gay handkerchief. As she left the room she ejaculated: "Lord knows mistress knows our insides; she jest got the very thing I wanted."

Officers in a Starvation Dance

The night closed with a "starvation" party, where there were no refreshments, at a neighboring house. The rooms lighted as well as practicable, some one willing to play dance music on the piano and plenty of young men and girls comprised the entertainment. Sam Weller's soiry [sic, soiree refers to a party or reception held in the evening], consisting of boiled mutton and capers, would have been a royal feast in the Confederacy. The officers, who rode into town with their long cavalry boots pulled well up over their knees, but splashed up their waists, put up their horses and rushed to the places where their dress uniform suits had been left for safekeeping. They very soon emerged, however, in full toggery and entered into the pleasures of their dance with the bright-eyed girls, who many of them were fragile as fairies, but worked like peasants for their home and country. These young people are gray-haired now, but the lessons of self-denial, industry and frugality in which they became past mistresses then, have made of them the most dignified, self-reliant and tender women I have ever known -- all honor to them.

So, in the interchange of the courtesies and charities of life, to which we could not add its comforts and pleasures, passed the last Christmas in the Confederate mansion.