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Happy 2019. Here's a few New Years Blessings

1. May your giving hand never fail you.
2. May the Lord keep you in the palm of His hand, and never close His fist too tight!
3. May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live!
4. May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.
5. Here's to a long life and a merry one.
A quick death and an easy one.
A pretty girl and an honest one.
A cold beer - and another one!
6. May your troubles be less,
And your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness come through your door.
7. May your neighbors respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The angels protect you,
And heaven accept you.
8. Merry met and merry part, I drink to thee with all my heart.
9. Here's a toast to the future, a toast to our Confederate past, and a toast to our friends, far and near.

South Carolina Division Officers

Commander: Jamie Graham
Lt. Commander: Henry Richardson
Adjutant: Joe Willis
Chaplin: Walter Lindler
Treasurer:



*Are you a
Guardian ?*

Why Not ?



SC Division Dispatch: Commander's Call

Greetings Compatriots,

What a glorious time to be a Southerner. I am so proud to be fortunate enough to have Confederate Ancestry. We have been blessed to carry that bloodline on as brothers in the cause. 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.

For those who didn't attend the Signers Monument Dedication service you truly missed a spectacular event. As other states across our Southland are having problems keeping monuments up, we in South Carolina are (and will continue) putting up new ones. While we have been fighting a long hard battle, things are beginning to pay off. Our work in public relations is working. A special thanks goes out to Brett Barry and Perry Smith (and all the others working so hard on this project) for their work with forming the "American Heritage Association" .

This coalition of organizations is working diligently to preserve our American history and monuments.

We have a Flag display on the SCV's property at Holly Hill. The flag display on I-95 in Ridgeland will be up soon. We 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, it isn't about just putting up a flag. It is about honoring our Ancestors and protecting their memory and legacy. We may have to think "outside of the box" to do it, but we must do it. Keep that in mind while you help us search for properties.

I am very pleased to see that we are becoming a stronger and more unified team. We are showing that a team having a unified front can accomplish so much. We will not always agree 100% of the time with each other, but working together will always produce positive results. This is needed for our goal of becoming more proactive, rather than reactive.

Our next EC meeting will be held on January 12th, and I hope to see you there. Don't forget about our Leadership Conference on February 2nd, of 2019. We have some new and exciting breakout sessions planned. I look forward to seeing a large turnout. I foresee 2019 being a Grand Year for the SC Division and our projects. May God bless us all in the coming year.

"Ne Oublie"

They Shall Not Be Forgotten,

Jamie Graham

Commander

SC SCV Division



Keeping The Flag Unfurled: Lt. Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Compatriots,

Christmas is now here. The time of the year we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have had a great fall with the completion of the Signers Monument in Abbeville. If you have not been to see it, its is well worth the drive.

I would like to say a great big thanks to Albert Jackson for putting this idea together and making it happen.

The Legislative Committee is hard at work on making sure that our Confederate Monuments stay in place. We are getting the legislative day put together. Information will be coming out soon.

Please check your camp gmail for new member info.

Again thank you for letting me serve as your LT Commander.

Please remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.



" 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 trust you all will had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Remember the Leadership Conference is on February 2, 2019 at Saluda Shores...same place we have it for a number of years.

*Remember the South Carolina Division's Reunion in Anderson, S. C. on March 15th and 16th...go to the Division website and click on Events for more information...register for the Reunion as soon as possible.

*Starting January, all Camp Adjutants look over your roster on the Division website and make sure the addresses are correct. If not correct, let me know so I can correct them. I will use the addresses from the roster for the MRS.

*All camp officers need to coordinate a concentrated effort in keeping our older members to not drop by the way-side...their experience is needed and necessary for an effort to relay the true history of the South and of our ancestors. It might be good if a camp meeting might be geared towards the goal of spreading our true history to our members old and new. Arm your members with the truth so they can help spread the truth in conversations of our Southern Heritage.

*I want to thank all the adjutants for all they do for the South Carolina Division and for their own camps. You help make things run smooth and seamless. If help is needed, don't hesitate to contact me.

* REMEMBER, PER OUR DIVISION CONSTITUTION, THE ONLY FEES THAT THE DIVISION CAN CHARGE IS ITS YEARLY DUES OF \$10.00...NO NEW APPLICATION FEE, NO REINSTATEMENT FEE, NO LATE FEE, ETC.



Regards,

Joe Willis

SC Division Adjutant

THE FIELD PULPIT

Chaplain Walter Lindler

"THE ANGEL SAID, I AM BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE : TO YOU IS BORN THIS DAYA SAVIOR"

WE HAVE HEARD THESE WORDS MANY TIMES THOUGHOUT THE YEARS AAS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.



UNLESS YOU LIVED IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE(OR HAVE STUDIED THAT ERA) WE HAVE ONLY HEARD A PORTION OF WHAT WAS BEING SAID. THE WORDS ACTUALLY MADE A POLITICAL CLAIM. JESUS WAS NOT LINKED TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY TODAY. THEY WERE "POLITICAL" IN A DIFFERENT WAY. THE ANGEL'S WORDS MADE THIS CLEAR.

IN JESUS' DAY , THE EXACT WORDS USED BY THE ANGEL- "GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY" AND "TO YOU A SAVIOR IS BORN"---WERE RESERVED FOR USE BY ROMAN COURIERS ON THE BIRTH OF A NEW EMPEROR. BUT ON THE LIPS OF THE ANGEL THEY WERE AN UNMISTAKABLE CHALLENGE TO ROME-OR ANY OTHER SYSTEM THAT ARRANGES ITS POWER BY MEANS OF BRUTE FORCE OR IN-GROUPS AND OUT-GROUPS. AT CHRISTMAS , A CHILD IS BORN WHO WILL GROW UP TO OFFER A VERY DIFFERENT POLITICS. ONE ROOTED IN DEEP WELCOME AND BOUNDLESS LOVE. THAT IS A VERY BIG REASIN FOR CHRISTMAS JOY. AND WORTH REMEMBERING EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY JESUS

"DEAR SAVIOR, AT CHRISTMAS HELP US ALL TO REMEMBER WHAT A GREAT JOY YOU BROUGHT TO THE WORLD " AMEN

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

WALTER "Soapy" LINDLER

Tips for Yankees moving South

If you do run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in the cab of a four wheel drive with a 12-pack of beer and a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them. Just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.

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	Keith Day
Division Heritage for Youth	Henry Richardson
Division Ordinance of Secession Signers Monument	Albert Jackson

Our Heritage, How Precious It Is

Compatriots,

As time goes by, I have realized that each of us has a different idea as to what "heritage" is all about. So for just a moment, I will share my thoughts about what my heritage means to me.

From the death certificates of my ancestors, one thing stands out prominently: almost all of them died of a heart attack or stroke. Cancer, pneumonia, and other issues just did not occur in my heritage. When I told my doctor about this, he strongly suggested that I exercise and keep my blood pressure low. What he was saying is that knowing my ancestry is vitally important to maintain a long and healthy life.

Should we not know our ancestors as well as possible, not only to understand our DNA, but to understand their ambitions, desires and struggles?

Research has shown that I have 44 ancestors who fought in the War of Northern Aggression, the WNA. It also shows that four of them owned slaves. If it is true that that War was fought over slavery, then why did the other 40 join up, risk their lives, leave their families, and in some cases suffer extreme loss of income and loss of life? Why would most of my ancestors make such sacrifices?

Perhaps some clue lies in the relationship of two of my ancestors. Douglas Winchester fought in the American Revolutionary War. His grandson, Samuel Secrest fought in the WNA. Why would you not believe that Samuel heard time and time again that his grandfather fought for freedom, independence and against tyranny. And isn't it just possible that Samuel chose to do the same when his time came in 1861? Did he not believe that his grandfather fought for truth and principle and that he was going to do the same?

Or how about another ancestor, Captain John Cuthbertson, another Revolutionary War hero? He came from Scotland and settled in Mecklenburg County in North Carolina. He lived until 1826 and would have many opportunities to talk about his fighting against oppression to his sons and grandsons. Most of my ancestors came from Mecklenburg County.

My DNA is part of both the American Revolution and fighting the tyranny of 1861-1865. If I am going to take the advice of my doctor, and believe that DNA is important, why would I not also believe that I should pay respect and adherence to my ancestors and their struggle for what is right in the world.

Bucky Sutton

SC Division Heritage Operations Chairman

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

A WAR OF WORDS

Correcting an error in language in how we refer to our country is one of the steps in understanding the act of secession. It is common in our day and age to refer to the United States as “one nation”. A perversion in this line of thought, intentional or not, has created an error in historical thinking and has played part in swaying masses to believe that South Carolina along with other Confederate States were wrong in removing themselves from the Union and in so doing committed treason. It is vital we take the initiative in defending our Confederate ancestors good name by briefly examining if the Constitution suggests we are a singular “state” as well as the type of government put in place by the framers of the document.

In a series of articles published in the Confederate Veteran magazine in 1918, Mr. Cornelius H. Fauntleroy observed that politicians and the public since the war ended, had drifted into a violation of rules of grammar both in speech and writing when referring in proper form to the States and government. Speaking of our country as “the United States is” (singular) rather than “the United States are” (plural) or “the United States has” instead of “the United States have” etc., may seem trivial at first but words are things and have the power to correctly educate or deceive. Incorrectly referring to our system of government reinforces the misleading concept that our country was and is one solid, monolithic political mass or one people. The language of the Constitution repeatedly dispels this myth, most especially in the Article 3 Section 3 defining treason. It states, “*Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them or in adhering to their enemies giving them aid and comfort.*” Notice the words “States, them and their”. How it is possible under our system of government to be considered a singular unit from which there is no remedy of withdrawal, if the document itself clearly shows by its very wording that the States were and are separate entities? The fact is it doesn't.

The writer further points out that the proper and legal name of the government of the United States is the Federal government. Ours is not a national government nor intended by the framers of the Constitution to be so. The word federal comes from the Latin word *foedus*, which means “league, treaty or compact.” The language of the Constitution itself shows that the framers of the Constitution intended the States to remain sovereign and independent. No surrender of State sovereignty took place when the States one by one acceded to the Constitution. The purpose of the Constitution is not to lord over the States but an agreement between the States to define limited powers delegated by them (but not permanently surrendered) to the federal government acting as their common agent. It was to insure “*the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity*”, not to be perverted for governmental assumption of powers beyond its scope leading to violation of American citizens rights and liberties. A State reserved the right to withdraw for its own protection and resume her delegated powers for her own wellbeing and that of her citizens if no other remedy could be reached. This is implied in the 10th Amendment itself. In so doing, South Carolina and the balance of the Southern States were morally and legally right by their acts of secession and did not commit treason in doing so.

Yours in the service of the South,

Lt. Commander John Fisher

Horry Rough and Readys SCV #1026

Myrtle Beach, SC

Gentlemen,

Cmd. Gramling's 'Southern Victory Campaign' is well under way. Our Make Dixie Great Again web site is up and running and getting results. As a consequence of the Smithsonian Magazine slanderous attack upon our heritage, Cmd. Gramling has requested that we now "go on the offensive!" Cmd. Gramling has sent the Smithsonian Magazine a demand letter requesting that they print a SCV response to their recent insulting and vindictive article. Heritage Operations has just mailed a copy of the Commander's letter and a copy of our proposed response to the Southern members of the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, the White House Press Secretary, and to President Trump. In addition to that, we have sent out over 100 press releases to national and international media outlets condemning the Smithsonian's act of anti-South cultural genocide. We are doing our part but nothing will be accomplished without the efforts of our members.

Those receiving Cmd. Gramling's letter (U.S. Senators, Representatives, and the Smithsonian Magazine) will not act favorably unless they also receive hundreds of letters from the folks back home. It is imperative that our members understand that they must become involved in this effort if we are to have a positive impact upon the establishment. Please forward this message to the local camps and ask each individual of said camp to contact their U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative and demand that the Smithsonian Magazine publish the SCV's reply. At our web site (URL below) our members can read a sample letter to their congressional delegation. They may use the form letter or write their own. For complete instruction see the URL listed below. Without your support this effort will go nowhere. This is a fight for our very existence as an organization, culture, and as Southerners—it is up to each member to do their part in this battle.

Deo Vindice,

Walter D. Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Operations, SCV

View instructions at bottom of web page under heading: Urgent Operations & Tactics

<https://www.makedixiegreatagain.com/operations-and-tactics.html>

Up Coming Events

- January 19, 2019 Gen. Robert E. Lee's Birthday
The Colonel Colcock Camp #2100 Ridgeland, SC will raise the first Confederate Battle Flag over I95 in South Carolina. Lt. Robert E Lee was stationed at Coosawhatchie where he directed the construction of earthworks there that would produce a Confederate victory at the Battle of Tulifinny December 9, 1864.
So while many will be celebrating with tea parties and fine dining, the troops will be gathered at the front lines raising a flag in honor of those that served. Will you join us there?
More details to follow....Contact Micheal Skinner for details-843-271-0568
- Feb 2, 2019 Leadership Conference is on at Saluda Shores.
- Mar 15 & 16, 2019 SC Division Reunion in Anderson. Go to the following website to register :
<http://scscv/2019-sc-state-convention>.

Happenings in the Division

The first ever Wreaths Across America Service honoring Confederate Veterans buried in Bethany Cemetery in Aiken, SC was held on Saturday Dec. 15. It was a very moving ceremony with approximately 40 in attendance, including



Major Dr. Walter Taylor introducing the Keynote Speaker Lt. General Wade Hampton, III



Mrs. Judy McAlhany, President of the SC Division of the UDC laying a wreath of honor on the Unknown Confederate Soldier's grave



Keynote Speaker Lt. General Wade Hampton, III

The Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp #273 in association with Smyrna Baptist Church hosted a memorial service for Lavinia Corley Thompson. Ms. Thompson is the only known black female to receive a pension from the State of South Carolina for her service to the Confederacy. She served as a cook under Sam Webb, Co. A, 1st SC Regiment of Reserves from September 1, 1863 until the end of the war. Ms. Thompson's application for the pension was approved on May 15, 1923. Ms. Thompson is the Great-Great-Great Grandmother of Compatriot Dr. Walter Curry of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp. Her burial site has remained unmarked since her death on June 8, 1928. The memorial service was held on Sunday October 14, 2018 at 2:30 pm, at Smyrna Baptist Church located at 1186 Smyrna Baptist Church Road, Springfield, SC 29146.



Lavinia Corley Thompson
Grave maker



Reenactors of the
Kershaw Brigade



Rep. Bill Taylor



Aiken Count Council
Gary Bunker



Dr. Walter Curry and Family
with spectators.

Happenings in the Division (Cont)

I am pleased to report to the world the SC Division SCV, Col. Joseph Norton Camp 45 in Seneca SC and the 1st Brigade has restored the Confederate Battle Flag back to the flag pole at the Confederate Monument in Walhalla, SC . The monument sits in the middle of the road on state property. This road is traveled by a lot of folks everyday. This is the main road to the mountains . We had the press on hand, and they ask me how long would it fly. I told them that it would be there when our good Lord comes.

Keeping the Flag unfurled

Henry Richardson, Lt Commander



On November 10, 2018 in Abbeville, SC the South Carolina Division of the Son's of Confederate Veterans erected a monument to honor the 170 men, duly elected, who risked their lives, families, & fortunes to decide the best action to protect South Carolina citizens against an un-fair & over-bearing government. The untiring efforts of Albert Jackson and many others came to fruition . Below are some pictures:



I will have more pictures in the next edition

Next edition I will cover the work of the First in Secession Camp 1963 work of repairing James Miller headstone that was knocked over.

Passing of Compatriots 2018

WILLIE L. SMITH	01/31/2018	15th REGT., SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS CAMP 51
DR. ROBERT PURDY BLAND, JR.	02/26/2018	SECESSION CAMP 4
JOHN VERNON BALDWIN	06/11/2018	PEE DEE RIFLES CAMP 1419
GARY PRESTON SMITH	06/28/2018	15th REGT., SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS CAMP 51
GEN. CARROLL GLENN ALLEN	07/4/2018	COL. E.T. STACKHOUSE CAMP 1576
NORMAN EDWIN REESE	09/30/2018	SGT. BARRY G. BENSON CAMP 1672
EDWIN O. SMITH	10/03/2018	15th REGT., SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS CAMP 51
JOHN WILLIAM OSTEEN, JR,	10/07/2018	GEN. JOE WHEELER CAMP 1245
CHARLES GORDON PERRY 111	10/04/2018	SECESSION CAMP 4
CHARLES WATSON LONG, SR.	10/30/2018	SECESSION CAMP 4
DR. FRANK NEVILLE BOENSCH 1V	10/16/2018	FORT SUMTER CAMP 1269
WALKER RUSSELL HARTER, JR.	12/16/2018	RIVERS BRIDGE CAMP 842