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2023 DIVISION CONVENTION A SUCCESS

On March 11, 2023, the SC Division held our annual convention in Columbia. The Palmetto Camp #22 and the Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp #273 did an excellent job of hosting the event and was enjoyed by all. I would like to draw your attention to some of the highlights of the day.

First, I would like to congratulate the camps and members who EARNED various awards. These camps and members exemplify dedication to the cause through their actions. Below is a list of award recipients.

CAMP AWARDS

M.C. Butler Recruiting Award

- Sandlapper Level
 - 2nd SC Regt. Camp 71 = 23.5% Increase = 1st Place
 - Andrew T Harlee Camp 2010 = 22.7% Increase = 2nd Place
- Palmetto Level
 - Brig. Gen. Barnard E. Bee Camp = 34.6% Increase = 1st Place
 - Litchfield Camp 132 = 10% Increase = 2nd Place
- Dixie Level
 - Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 = 0.9% Increase = 1st Place

Convention Attendance Award

- Sandlapper Level
 - Gen. States Rights Gist Camp 1451 = 1st Place
- Palmetto Level
 - Gen. Ellison Capers Camp 1212 = 1st Place
- Dixie Level
 - 16th SC Regt. Camp 36 = 1st Place

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★ GOLD STAR AWARD ★



The JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMANDERS AWARD is presented to the best overall Camp in the S.C. Division. The award judges use the computed scores of the prior year's activities for each participating camp from the submitted S.C. Division grading form and establish a best overall Camp in the Division. The winning camp is awarded a certificate, a gold/blue streamer, and THE FLAG.

This became known as the "Gold Star Award" in 2014 when the flag was created. Camps compete for the honor of holding the flag for a year and being identified as the Gold Star Camp until the next Division Convention.

The winner of this coveted award for the 2023 year (and for the second year in a row) is Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 (Spartanburg, SC). Accepting the award (l to r): Rob Chumley, Commander Brian Motts, Historian Jim Crocker, and Immediate Past Commander Robert Merting. Congratulations, Camp 68!

Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award - Electronic Edition

- Sandlapper Level
 - Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp 1245 = 1st Place, Editor Blake Moore, Wheeler Dispatch
 - Horry Rough & Readys Camp 1026 = 2nd Place, Editor John Fisher, Rough & Readys Gazette
- Palmetto Level
 - Captain Moses Wood Camp 125 = 1st Place, Editor Chuck Bolin, Rebel Yell
 - John M. Kinard Camp 35 = 2nd Place, Editor Randy Shirey, Palmetto Defender
- Dixie Level
 - Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 = 1st Place, Editor Lauri Motts, Confederate Yell
 - 16th SC Vol. Camp 36 = 2nd Place, Editor Shane Anderson, 16th Regt. Newsletter

Printed Edition

- Dixie Level
 - Secession Camp 4 = 1st Place, Editor Bill Norris, The Sentinel

General Ellison Capers Scrapbook Award

- Sandlapper Level
 - Captain P.D. Gilreath Camp 1987 = 1st Place
- Palmetto Level
 - Litchfield Camp 132 = 1st Place
 - Captain Moses Wood Camp 125 = 2nd Place
- Dixie Level
 - 16th SC Regt. Camp 36 = 1st Place
 - Secession Camp 4 = 2nd Place

Stephen Dill Lee Historical Project Award

- Litchfield Camp 132 = 1st Place, Burgess Cemetery Project
- Stackhouse Camp 1576 = 1st Place, Woodstock Cemetery Restoration

Southern Cross Graves Award

- Gen. States Rights Gist Camp 1451 = 1st Place
- John M. Kinard Camp 35 = 2nd Place (Tie)
- Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 = 2nd Place (Tie)

General Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award

- Sandlapper Level
 - General States Rights Gist Camp 1451 = 1st Place
 - General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245 = 2nd Place
- Palmetto Level
 - Litchfield Camp 132 = 1st Place
 - Captain Moses Wood Camp 125 = 2nd Place
- Dixie Level
 - Secession Camp 4 = 1st Place

Jefferson Davis Gold Star Award

- Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68

BRIGADE AWARDS

David Keller Brigade Cemetery Challenge

- 1st Place - 3rd Brigade = Cleaning of the Fish Dam Cemetery, Carlisle, SC
 - Mark Sheppard - 3rd Brigade Commander
 - States Right Gist Camp 1451 (Host Camp)
 - Captain Moses Wood Camp 125
 - Brig. Gen. Micah Jenkins Camp 1569
 - Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 (2nd Brigade)

2nd Place - 7th Brigade = Community Cemetery Project

- Archie Herring - 7th Brigade Commander
Litchfield Camp 132
Battery White Camp 1568
Horry Rough & Readys Camp 1026
Colonel E.T. Stackhouse Camp 1576
Marion Camp 24

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Stonewall Jackson Individual Contribution Award

- Wes Reynolds - Secession Camp 4
- Brett Barry - Fort Sumter Camp 1269
- Michael Weathers - Ballenger Camp 68

Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Meritorious Service Award

- Sid Shingler - Secession Camp 4
- Rodney Franks - Colonel Joseph Norton Camp 45
- Luther Lyle - Colonel Joseph Norton Camp 45

Outstanding Southern Citizen Award

- Michelle Smith Jackson - UDC Moses Wood Chapter 469

John Albert Broadus Chaplain Award

- Chaplain Emeritus John Messer - Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68

C. Irvine Walker Adjutant Award

- Tilden Lee Galloway Jr. - Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419

Jack Marlar Memorial Recruiting Award

- Vandiver Michael Couch = 16th SC Regt Camp 36

John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award

- Robert Hayes - Olde Abbeville Camp 39
- Archie Herring - Colonel E.T. Stackhouse Camp 1576

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

- Joseph Willis - for serving as SC Division Adjutant
- Tim Medlin - for serving as SC Division Treasurer
- Mark Sheppard - for serving as Awards Committee Chairman



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This year, elections were held for Brigade Commanders. Many of our existing Brigade Commanders had served for many years and had actually "termed out". The SC SCV Constitution limits the term to 4 years, so we have a lot of new Commanders. Congratulations to all the new Brigade Commanders who are slated for 2023-2024.

- 1st Brigade- Perry Sutherland, Palmetto Sharpshooters (**New**)
- 2nd Brigade- Brian Motts, Adam Washington Ballenger
- 3rd Brigade- Martin Farwell, States Rights Gist (**New**)
- 4th Brigade- Tony Vest, Maj. James Lide Coker
- 5th Brigade- Pete Peters, Brig. Gen. Barnard E. Bee
- 6th Brigade- Jim Ridge, John M. Kinard (**New**)
- 7th Brigade- Johnny Sessions, Litchfield (**New**)
- 8th Brigade- Chris Sweatman, Rivers Bridge (**New**)
- 9th Brigade- Arnold Huskins, H.L. Hunley (**New**)
- 10th Brigade- Steven Earnhardt, Fort Sumter (**New**)

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Mr. Cain Griffin - SC Division Deputy Treasurer

Mr. Cain Griffin, Secession Camp #4, has accepted the position of Deputy Treasurer of the South Carolina Division. In this role, he will assist Mr. Tim Medlin, Treasurer, with the day-in and day-out functions of this position and provide a safeguard if Mr. Medlin is unable to perform his duties.

Mr. Griffin is a very active member of Secession Camp #4 and currently holds the position of camp treasurer. In addition, he has been instrumental in keeping the Star of the West Camp (The Citadel) active for many years. He is a certified public accountant by trade and is perfect for his new position.

Cmdr. Buzz Braxton - Chairman of the Heritage Defense Committee

Cmdr. Braxton has spent the last 10 years as the 8th Brigade Commander and during this time has also held many positions in his camp. His dedication to the cause of our ancestors goes without question. For many years Cmdr. Braxton has fought the city of Orangeburg for their attempts to remove the Confederate Monument, and a flag and flagpole in the city. He is extremely vigilant with all matters that concern Heritage Defense and will make an excellent Chairman.



We thank Mr. Griffin & Cmdr. Braxton for accepting these positions and look forward to working with them.

The Flight of Jefferson Davis

Living History and Reenactment Event

Friday - Sunday, April 28 - 30, 2023
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Daily

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March 23, 2023

As I write this we just officially entered spring here in the South and everything is coming to life. The bees are busy bouncing from azalea to azalea and the trees and grass are rapidly turning green again. We too have been busy with reenactments, the SC Division Convention, and many camp-oriented projects. In fact, I see a lot of activity all around our great state and it is obvious that your actions are preserving our ancestor's history.

There is a lot going on at the state house and I ask you to keep your eyes open to any emails requesting your help. Simply put, unless you "the voter" call your representatives and senators, any bill that is generated will just get killed in sub-committees. Our Legislative Committee is busy pushing these bills and has coordinated with the American Heritage Association on a joint approach. It will take ALL of us, to make a phone call, write letters, and visit our legislators to get these bills passed. Please do everything in your power to assist.

Confederate Memorial Day is quickly approaching and this year's SC Division service will closely resemble last year's. Once again it will be a joint service with the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The day will start with a prayer service at the Soldiers Monument located on the State House Grounds. The memorial service will be held at Elm Wood Cemetery and will be followed by a family picnic. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 6 - Columbia, South Carolina

9:00 am - Prayer Service at the Soldier's Monument, SC State House Grounds

11:00 am - Memorial Service at Elmwood Cemetery (arrive by 10:30 am if you are unable to attend the Prayer Service; no seating provided)

**FAMILY PICNIC ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS FOLLOWING SERVICE;
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES.**

Jack Marlar Bench Dedication

**Saturday, June 3, 2023
2:00 PM - Abbeville, SC**

(rain or shine)



**The Jack Marlar Bench Dedication
will take place at the Signer's Monument
on Secession Hill in Abbeville, SC.**

**You can come in period dress if you would like,
but it is not required.**

**We hope to have a good turnout of
Confederate Reenactors, SCV, and UDC members.
No seating provided; bring a lawn chair.**

Let's show folks what Mr. Jack meant to us.

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CEMETERY CHALLENGES

SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY - ALLENDALE, SC

The men of the Rivers Bridge Camp No. 842 assembled at the historic Smyrna Baptist Church on Bluff Road just outside of Allendale, SC, on the morning of Saturday, March 18, 2023, to clean the cemetery and install Confederate Crosses of Honor for the soldiers buried there. The weather was initially cold and damp. However, our Lord provided sunshine and warmer temps as the morning progressed.



Compatriots present for this workday were: Hugh Gray, Edward Floyd, Jerry Batcheler, Joseph V. "Buzz" Braxton II, Henry Varn, Chris Sweatman, Coleman Loadholt, Jimmy Wingard, Donnie Webster, and Charles Carlson. Mr. Hugh Gray, member of the Rivers Bridge Camp, is the only living member of the historic Smyrna Baptist Church that was founded in 1827 as the Kirkland Church. The name was changed to Smyrna Baptist Church in 1836. The church is no longer in operation today.

Downed trees and limbs were sawed up and removed. Bushes, grasses, weeds, and vines were removed as part of this project. Grave plots were raked and cleared of debris and clippings. Nine Crosses of Honor which were provided by Mr. Gray were placed along with a flag on each soldier's grave.

The following is a list of soldiers buried at the Smyrna Baptist Church. We are humbled to be able to honor these brave and gallant men that took a stand for a free and independent South Carolina. Among them are Dr. Benjamin Lawton, who was a signer of the South Carolina Ordinance of Secession, and Private John C. Willingham, who served with General Wade Hampton as an Iron Scout.

Dr. Benjamin Lawton	Captain	Co. D, 3 SC Cavalry	Secession Signer
M.H. Roberts	Private	Co. A, 1 Bn SC Sharpshooters	
Henry Hyrne	Private	Co. K, 1 SC Inf. (Butler's)	POW March 16, 1865
James R. Youmans	Private	Co. D, 3 SC Cavalry	Barnwell Dragoons
Rev. Charles B. Reeves	Private	Co. G, 17 SC Inf & Co. E, 2 SCST	POW Hart's Island, NY
B.B. Kirkland	Lt. Col.	1 SCVI - Captain Co. C	Wd Manassas 8/30/62
John C. Willingham	Private	Co. K, 2 SC Cavalry	Hampton's Iron Scouts
Joseph R. Oestreicher	Private	Palmetto Hussars 1 SC Mtd Militia	Martin's Mtd Regt
Charles Jacob Gray	Private	Co. B, 1 Battalion State Cadets	Arsenal Cadets

The Rivers Bridge Camp is in the planning stage of a memorial service to be held at the Smyrna Baptist Church to honor and remember the soldiers buried here. A date has not been set yet. However, we are considering the Fall of this year. We will provide details as they are available. We will be inviting Camps, reenactors, and guests to join us for the service. We are honored to have SC Division Historian and author of Hampton's Iron Scouts, Mr. Michael Thomas committed to be one of our speakers.

The men of the Camp ended their day with prayer and enjoyed some homemade baked goods.

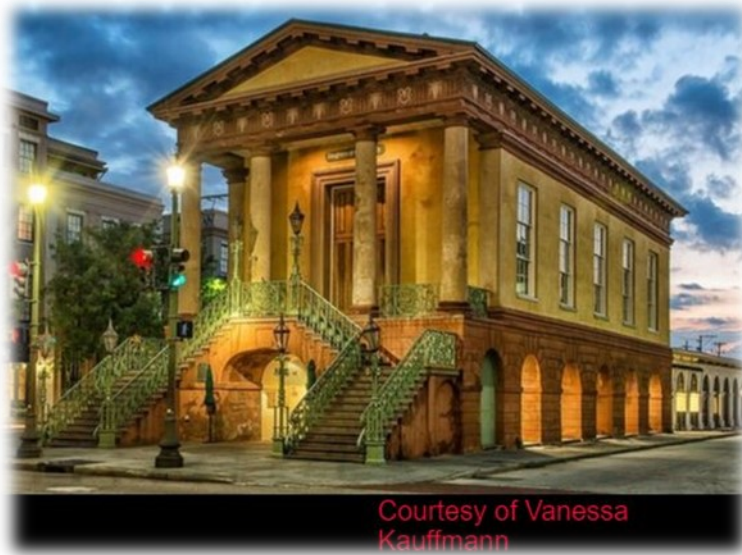
WATTS CEMETERY - LITCHFIELD CAMP 132, HORRY COUNTY, SC

What an awesome day at the 7th Brigade Cemetery Cleanup. Lots of great fellowship and good old fashioned hard work. Thanks to all the members of the 7th Brigade SC Division Sons of Confederate Veterans who were there today. A special thanks to Mr. Dean Graham (property owner) for allowing us to perform this service, and to Members of Ignite Church in Myrtle Beach and Free Ministries of Green Sea SC who volunteered and came out to lend a hand. Another Cemetery brought back to life. (Pictured are before and after pics along with Pvt. Luke Watts gravestone and the crew.) Thanks to all of you! ~ *Cmdr. Jamie Graham*



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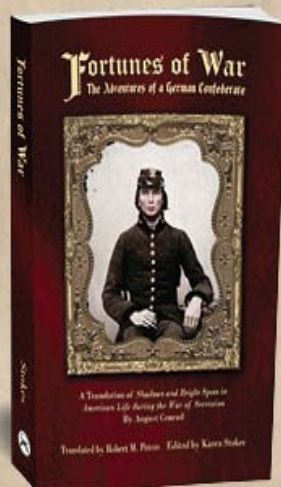
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COMMITTEEMEN — The SC Division has immediate openings for committeemen for many of our committees. Do you have an opinion or something? Would you like to have a say in what the SCV is doing? Do you have one hour a month to talk on the phone? Then you are a PERFECT candidate! We can use your help. Please contact your Brigade Commander, or call 843-475-2807 if you are willing to help.

Commanders Schedule

2nd Quarter 2023

- April 1- Cemetery clean-up at Church Island, Rocks Pond, Camp #1212
 - April 8- Camp Visit- 3rd SC Cavalry Co I, Camp 131
 - April 13- Meeting with Santee Light Artillery
 - April 15- Compatriot Assistance w/ General Ellison Capers Camp #1212
 - April 16- Artillery Firing on Ft. Sumter from Ft. Johnson
 - April 20- General Ellison Capers Camp Meeting
 - April 24- Camp Visit- Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp #412
 - May 6- *SCV/UDC Confederate Memorial Day, Columbia
 - May 12- CMD Service at Rivers Bridge State Park
 - May 13- Roll of the Dead, Secession Camp #4
 - May 13- CMD Service for General Ellison Capers Camp #1212
 - May 18- General Ellison Capers Camp Meeting
 - May 20- Rivers Bridge Camp #842 Annual Banquet
 - June 3- *Jack Marlar Bench Dedication, Secession Hill, Abbeville, SC
 - June 15- General Ellison Capers Camp Meeting
 - June 20- Camp Visitation- Colonel Henry Laurens Benbow Camp #859
 - June 29- *160th Battle of Gettysburg, PA
- The schedule is subject to change and will!

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Confederate Observance Dates

January 19: Lee-Jackson Day - celebrating both General Lee and General "Stonewall" Jackson, this holiday is celebrated with a day off either Friday or Monday, whichever day is closer.

February 22: Washington Day - celebrates the birthday of George Washington

March 4: Flag Day: the date the Confederate National Flag was adopted

March 13: Emancipation Day - celebrates the day the CS passed the bill allowing black enlistment into the army in 1863, on the urging of both General Cleburne and General Lee.

April 26: Memorial Day - celebrating the memory of the Confederate war dead, falling on the day the last major Union army surrendered to the Confederates

May 28: Beauregard Day - celebrates General P.G.T. Beauregard

June 3: Davis Day - birthday of the first Confederate President, Jefferson Davis

July 4: Independence Day - celebrates the independence from the UK (1776) and from the US (1860)

October 12: Columbus Day - honoring the day Christopher Columbus landed in the Americas

November 11: Veterans' Day - honoring the end of World War I, later expanded to include veterans of both world wars, the Asian War, Spanish-Confederate War, and the War of Southern Independence

November 15: Thanksgiving Day - day of thanks and celebration, begun in 1861 by President Davis; this holiday floats as the third Friday of the month of November.

December 25: Christmas Day

Secession Day: (various dates) - celebrates the named state leaving the Union:



***South Carolina (December 20, 1860)**
(the first to secede and the first Sovereign Nation unto itself;
the first state of the Confederacy)

Mississippi (January 9)

Florida (January 10)

Alabama (January 11)

Georgia (January 19)

Louisiana (January 26)

Texas (February 1)

Virginia (April 17)

Arkansas (May 6)

North Carolina (May 20)

Tennessee (June 8)

Kentucky (June 20)

Additionally, April is Confederate History Month, celebrated with various facts about the Confederacy and its secession from the United States.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG - JULY 1-3, 1863

July 1-3, 2023 marks the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, the bloodiest single battle of the War, with more than 50,000 estimated casualties in the three-day battle.