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Children of the Confederacy®
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Hello, my name is Georgia Grey Chumley and I am the 2022-2023 President General of the Children of the Confederacy®. First, let me start by thanking South Carolina Commander Perry Smith and South Carolina Division SCV Chief of Staff Dean Stevens for this opportunity.

The Children of the Confederacy (CofC) is for children birth to 18! Let me say that again, BIRTH TO 18!! A child can be a member as soon as they are born! The CofC is a children's heritage organization where every member has a Confederate ancestor that served honorably in the war. The CofC is under The United Daughters of the Confederacy®. We share the same objectives as the UDC, which are: Benevolent, Historical, Patriotic, Memorial, and Educational. We teach children the truth about the War Between the States while also emphasizing the importance of grave/monument preservation, finding/researching ancestors, and community service.



Our organization is broken up into Chapter, Division, and General levels. Children can do as little or as much as they choose. We encourage families to find historical sites to visit on their own, as well as with their Chapter. The CofC gives kids opportunities to take part in Conventions using Robert's Rules of Order. They can run for offices within the CofC if they so choose. It is always refreshing to meet up with other CofC kids and be around families with the same Southern values as mine. This organization has year round activities. We have very active Chapters in South Carolina!



Why do you need CofC? We HAVE to have young people in our heritage groups to carry on the truth! The age of 18 is when a member of the CofC "ages out." At this point, a boy goes into the SCV and a girl into the UDC. It helps both organizations and it means our heritage will continue on! We HAVE to have young people in our heritage groups to carry on the truth! 🌿

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I need your help! As President General of the CofC, I am always looking for new members! If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors that are birth to 18, don't hesitate to sign them up! If help is needed finding an ancestor, we can help with that too! R.L Dabney once said, "You have no reason to be ashamed of your forefathers; see to it that they have no reason to be ashamed of you." Joining the CofC is a simple thing to do to honor your ancestors and your heritage! Help us pass the flag on to the next generation! Sign someone up today for the CofC!

Thank you for your support and love!

"Chiseled In Stone"

Georgia Grey Chumley

President General

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BECOME A LIFE MEMBER

Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership.

Applicants should submit an application form, along with a detailed genealogy describing your relationship to the veteran, and proof of his service.

To obtain proof of his service, contact the archives of the state from which the soldier fought and obtain a copy of the veteran's military service record. All Southern state's archives have microfilm records of the soldiers who fought from that state, and a copy of the information can be obtained for a nominal fee. In addition, the former Confederate states awarded pensions to veterans and their widows. All of these records contain a wealth of information that can be used to document military service.

The SCV has a network of genealogists to assist you in tracing you ancestor's Confederate service.

By the time that you read this you will probably have received your yearly dues notice. The Sons of Confederate Veterans operates on a fiscal year instead of a calendar year, that ends on June 30th. An option that the SCV offers is a Life Membership. While the majority of the local camps do not have a Life Membership, both the South Carolina State Division and the National SCV Organization have this option.

For any member who may be interested, the SC SCV Life Membership is \$200.00. The National SCV Organization's Life Membership is \$875.00 for members aged 12 to 64. For members aged 65 to 79, the price is \$437.50, and for those over the age of 80, the price is \$218.75. The SC SCV requires a one-time payment. However, the National SCV has a provision to make payments with certain stipulations. These can be found printed on the Life Membership form.

Forms for the SC SCV can be found on the Division website under the heading: "Members Section." Follow the drop-down to "Member Forms," then click on the SC Division Life Membership Application. For anyone interested in the National SCV Life Membership, go to the Sons of Confederate Veterans website (www.scv.org). From the Homepage, go to the drop-down "Resources." Click there and it will give you several headings. Click on the heading, "Forms and Documents," then click on "Life Member Application."



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To the Camps and Membership of the SC Division,

Gentlemen,

I am going to keep my comments very short for this publication and concentrate on the necessity that we all have to ensure the future growth of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, as well as our sister organizations. It does not take a rocket scientist to do the math and see that our organization, as well as many others, are slowly shrinking. There are too many reasons for this and in an effort to keep this short, you may insert your own at this point. What is the solution? I hear repeatedly that “the children are our future” and this is very true. But in order for that to happen, we must train them NOW!!!

I would like to thank everyone, especially our Lt. Cmdr. Richardson, Chaplain Blackwell, and Com Patriot Sanders for their continued efforts and dedication to the Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp. I have received word that they just had a very successful weekend and I look forward to sharing all of the details with you.

These guys put their hearts and souls into this weekend but, and it is a big but, the rest of us need to pick up the slack on the other 51 weeks a year! Would you send your grandchildren to Vacation Bible School and not expect them to attend church for the remainder of the year? The answer is very obvious, so we need to expand our activities in this area.

The Chief of Staff and I have had a meeting with President Georgia Gray Chumley of the Children of the Confederacy (CofC) and we are developing a plan to expand the CofC within South Carolina. Many people have said to me: “The SCV is the best-kept secret in the South,” to which I state: “NO! The CofC is the best-kept secret,” and I am willing to bet that 80% of our membership have not even heard of the CofC! All of the young ladies and gentlemen of this state should be members! I ask you to read President Chumley’s article in this edition of the *Partisan* and to invite her to your camps. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE!!!

In conclusion, we are discussing hosting a very large Living History Event for school children in the near future. Naturally, we will be working with the CofC on this event, and I am hoping many other projects as well. PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF THE CONFEDERACY!

May God Bless our Beloved South,
Perry J. Smith III



BATTLE AT GETTYSBURG

160TH ANNIVERSARY

JULY 1-3, 1863 - 2023

Gettysburg. The bloodiest battle in the War of Southern Independence. In three days, over 750,000 young boys, fathers, grandfathers - black and white - soldiers from every rank - from privates to generals - lie dead and dying in and around this small Pennsylvania town. They say the ground was so saturated with the blood of those souls that, for years afterwards, the wheat crops grew up red out of the ground. As we drove through the park and past the wheat fields, I could "see" it - the red-tinted stalks of wheat, waving in the breeze. I could hear the blood of those souls calling out for justice, for "mama," for home. Blood speaks, as "the life is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11). No wonder why so many experience the paranormal while traveling through the park - seeing apparitions of soldiers, hearing the sounds of battle, of cannon fire, of soldiers calling out as they struggle to take one more breath.

Admit it: everyone has either seen a program or a commercial advertising a program showing orbs, or UFOs, or even Bigfoot. Whether you believe in them or not, it seems as if we are seeing more of these paranormal types of programs showing sightings from around the world! And it's no wonder, as crazy as things are getting!

I'm a believer. I've seen my share of weird "phenomena," even as far back as in my teenage years. We even had paranormal experiences in Gettysburg, in the fall of 2017, as we drove through the site at various hours of the day and night. On our first day, we hadn't even begun a thorough drive-through - maybe five minutes - when I glanced to the right and hollered for Brian to "pull over!!"



With cellphone in hand, I jumped out of the car, ran up to the fence, opened my camera app and began recording...in broad daylight...this creeping, dry-ice-looking fog, crawling across a field from right to left toward the road where we were standing and, by then, where maybe 30+ other cars had also pulled off to capture this phenomenon. There was no water source from which this "fog" could have been produced; no breeze was pushing it toward us. I 100% expected a company of soldiers to come creeping out of that fog in a crouched position, ready to charge the enemy! Eerie - that's the word. Very eerie. And two nights later, as I stood in line at a pizzeria waiting for our order, a local began talking to another there with him about the "fog" he had seen a couple days prior. I naturally jumped into the conversation, as did others standing there, and stopped in amazement as he explained that, in the 15 years he had lived and conducted tours there, he had never experienced that type of phenomenon...ever! I felt special, to realize that we had the privilege of experiencing such a moment in time, never to be forgotten!

The remainder of the week, we visited the various sites. At Devil's Den one night, with tears running down my face, we walked among the boulders imagining what those Confederate soldiers were

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thinking and experiencing as they were holed up in that spot. I'm sure they were wondering if they would survive what was supposed to have been a few months-long battle that had now turned into a war that had lasted more than two years. But this battle was expected to end here at Devil's Den...we had them on the run! But it was the beginning of the end at "the Den."

We captured several orbs, or lighted balls of energy, zooming past the lens - those lost souls, who, after 160 years, were still stuck in Gettysburg, trying to find their way back home.



Sachs Bridge, Pennsylvania

(We will be in Gettysburg for the 160th Anniversary of the War of Southern Independence. Surely the reenactment - the sounds of cannon fire, the activity at the encampments, the rumble of the cavalry - will stir up more activity, causing one to wonder: "Who's that coming out of the tree line?" or "Hey, look! No one was standing by that monument when I took this picture..." Who knows?? (Lauri Motts, Editor)



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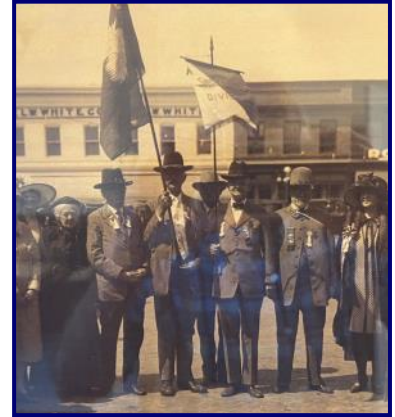
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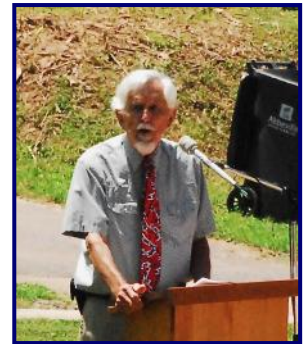


The Dedication of the original UDC Monument, which was later destroyed and replaced. The base shown may be used for the Women's Monument.

Abbeville, SC - 1906



UCV Veterans, along with their wives, probably at this same dedication. Note the SC Division banner. *Abbeville, SC - 1906*



Mr. Robert Hayes
("President Jefferson Davis")



Ms. Mozie Marlar



Grave of Unknown Soldier

Thanks to the many volunteers, reenactors, SCV officials, and others who helped make the dedication a success. Special thanks to Pete Peters for the many dedication photos, historical photos and the stories behind them. Also to Lauri Motts for her photographic contributions.

REPORT ON SAM DAVIS CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

From the Editor: This year's camp was well attended. There were 47 young people who attended this week-long camp, with 28 of them making the decision to follow Christ! The rains may have affected some of the activities that were scheduled; however, the true purpose of the camp was realized ~ the kids learned a lot about history and their heritage, and souls were won for the Kingdom!

What I enjoy about camp is, HOW Christian, historical, and fun based it is. What is truly amazing is how hard the counselors work to make sure the campers have fun, keep us safe and enjoy their week. SDCYC teaches us how to respect others, be polite and what life values should truly mean.

We learn about Native American and their lands. We also learn about animals. Often, we have Revolutionary Living Historians come and talk to us about life in Colonial America. We are taught how to man and fire a cannon and to march in formations, before we pledge to the American Flag. At night, we have lessons on dances spanning in time periods of 1600's-1890's giving us a sense of what our great grandparents would have done.

I would suggest for parents and kids coming to SDCYC for their first time that they are prepared to enjoy what camp offers. I've come to camp for 4 years so far and would HIGHLY suggest coming, the reason why is because it is super fun! You make a lot of friends from all over the United States, even some from your home county if you're lucky! We games for about 3 hours a day and get plenty of sleep at night and have presentations for 4 hours per day. We get 3 meals a day and 30 minutes at a discerned time for phones. I still suggest SDCYC to EVERYONE!



____ Male Student from South Carolina

Hi, I'm a student from SC. I'm 13 years old and I'm in the 8th grade. I want to share my experience from Sam Davis Christian Camp. We have chapel everyday and last year, 16 out of 24 kids accepted Christ in ONE DAY! That was an amazing experience! Also, all of the leaders of the camp were very helpful and taught us all so much. From Mr. Sanders teaching about different flags and what their different colors represent. Also, Mr. Rucker teaching us the dances: Virginia Re-election, Soldiers Joy and Carolina Promenade every night. We all had to dress in clothes from the late 1800 to early 1900's. We got to perform all of the dances for our family and friends, and after we did all the dances, everyone got into one big circle and sang Dixie Land. I got to shoot a musket as well as helping to fire a cannon. How many of you by a show of hands...have ever had Beef Jerky? What about Skunk Jerky? What about Possum Jerky? Well I got to try those at camp! We had the chance to perform a play titled, "Should We Try Jefferson Davis for Treason?" which was directed by Mr. Rose. Towards the end, we let the audience (our parents) decide if Jefferson Davis should've been tried for treason or not...I played the role of a Unionist. Jefferson Davis was tried and hung. However, when we did the play, our "audience" decided that he shouldn't have been convicted. All of us kids were saying that we would do it all over again, if we could. Also, whenever we ate, all of us girls were shocked when the boys cleaned off the tables!

There were 4 main things that Mr. Danny had pointed out in some of his sermons:

1. Remember God isn't concerned about your stature, but instead your character.
2. Rehearse the victory God's given you.
3. The battles you face today prepare you for future responsibilities.
4. Stay where God puts you until He moves you.



Some of the kids were from Florida, Virginia, NC, and SC. We all promised each other we are going back next year. I also did a speech, and it was a contest. I got 4th place in it...the topic was "Is our Southern Heritage / Culture Worth Fighting For?" - I think that our Southern Heritage is worth fighting for, only since all the crap that us kids have been and are being taught isn't helping us learn anything about our Southern Heritage at all! Instead their teaching us all about "Critical Race Theory."

I'm so thankful that we have camps like this to get to learn things about our ancestors. Also, I'm very grateful to all the speakers that have given so much, so that we can learn "the real truth." At the Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp, I was also awarded best female camper.

Here are 2 main things that stood out to me, as to what I learned at camp:

1. Immerse yourself in the Bible.
2. Make it a commitment to follow Jesus.



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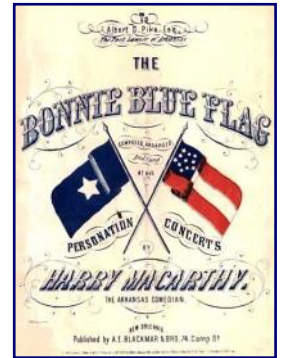
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Do you see five? Ten? More than ten? How many palmetto trees do YOU see throughout this publication? I want to see if you have read the *Partisan* from cover to cover! I have scattered palmetto trees throughout the articles, ads, and photos just to see if you are paying attention. Count all the palmetto trees (and I mean ALL!) and email me your guess. You can only enter one guess, so make it good and accurate! He (or she) who guesses correctly will have your name and camp in the next quarterly of the *Partisan*!

The Story of Our State Flag

*Contributed by Jim Crocker, Camp Historian
Adam Washington Ballenger Camp #68, Spartanburg, SC*

For people who are not native to the state of South Carolina or for those native to the state that do [not] remember their state history class I present the following.

While every state in the United States has a state flag, South Carolina is perhaps the only state that does not have an "official" flag. The story of South Carolina's flag starts back during our war of secession from England.

On June 28, 1776, a British fleet attacked the unfinished fort of Sullivan's Island at the entrance of Charleston Harbor. The fort was designed to be four-sided. However, the back or land side had not been completed. The British put around 3,000 men ashore on Long Island [now called the Isle of Palms] to attack this side. However, they quickly learned that they could not wade across Breach Inlet even at low tide. They also learned that the colonial militia that were guarding the inlet were fairly good shots. [As a side note: the militia that were guarding the inlet included a company of Catawba Indians that had journeyed down from the back country to aid in the defense of Charleston.]

The British plan had been to attack the fort with infantry from the rear while the British fleet subjected the fort to a devastating cannonade. With the infantry attack not going as planned, the British Navy attempted to reduce the fort to a pile of rubble by themselves. The British fleet had close to 300 cannons while the fort had 31. During the battle, the South Carolinians had 12 men killed and 25 wounded. The British had 220 men either killed or wounded. Their wounded included their admiral, Sir Peter Parker, who was slightly wounded in the knee and thigh. The shot that wounded Admiral Parker also took away the seat of his breeches, which left his backside exposed.

The British had thought to reduce the fort to a pile of ruins. They had never run into a fort made of palmetto trees. The palmetto was/is a soft, spongy wood. This allowed the tree to somewhat cushion the force of the cannon ball instead of splintering the way that hardwoods, like oak trees do. The fort was not reduced to a pile of ruins, but the British had two ships severely damaged, two ships moderately damaged, and one run so hard aground on a sand bar that it had to be burned so as to not be captured.

It was during this battle that the famous incident of the saving and reraising of the fort's flag by Sgt. William Jasper took place. While the South Carolinians were shooting the pants off of British admirals, the British were shooting down flag poles. The South Carolina flagpole was hit, and the flag fell outside of the fort. Sgt. Jasper went over the top of the fort wall, rescued the flag, and tied it on a sponge/rammer of a cannon. He then went back on top of the wall to secure the flag in place.

What was the flag that he risked his life to reraise over the fort? It was the flag of the 2nd South Carolina Infantry Regiment, which was commanded by Colonel William Moultrie.

In 1775, Col. Moultrie was asked by the South Carolina Revolutionary Council of Safety to design a flag to be used by South Carolina troops in defense of the state. In his memoirs, Col. Moultrie states that he used a blue flag to match the color of the uniform coats that the state troops were wearing. To this he added a crescent in the upper corner on the hoist side. He stated that he took the crescent from the insignia that was on the front of the leather helmets that were worn by the 2nd South Carolina Infantry. After the battle, this became known as the Moultrie Flag. This flag

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style was used throughout the remainder of the war by South Carolina troops. It has been said that a Moultrie Flag was used by the South Carolina troops that entered Charleston as the British were evacuating the city on December 14, 1782.

While there is little dispute over the Moultrie Flag, there is a debate concerning its variations. Supposedly there was a variation of the Moultrie Flag with the word "Liberty" printed across the bottom of the flag. Another variation is said to have had the word "Liberty" inside of the crescent. A verified version of the flag was captured by the British at the Battle of Savannah. This flag had the number 2 inside of a laurel wreath with the words "Vita Potior Libertas" instead of a crescent in the upper quadrant.

One of the next variations of the Moultrie Flag is found in newspaper accounts of the Palmetto Regiment in the Mexican War. The account states that the regiment carried a blue silk flag that had the Coat of Arms of South Carolina on one side and the Coat of Arms of the United States and a palmetto tree on the other side. This was the first flag raised over Mexico City during the fight at Chapultepec. However, there was still no official South Carolina state flag.

Following the signing of the Ordinance of Secession and the creation of South Carolina as an independent country, it was determined that an official flag was needed.

The first official draft of a state flag was made on January 21, 1861. This was a white flag containing a green palmetto tree in the center with a blue square containing a crescent in the upper left corner. This flag lasted about two weeks. On January 26, 1861, the General Assembly decided that the flag should be blue with a white crescent in the upper corner and a golden palmetto tree inside of a white oval in the center. This is called the Two-Day Flag, as that is how long it lasted.

On January 28, 1861, the South Carolina General Assembly voted to approve a blue flag with a white palmetto tree in the center and a white crescent in the upper corner as the state flag. It was this style of flag that was raised over Fort Sumter on April 14, 1861. It is also this style of flag that was carried into several early battles as a matter of regimental and state pride. The South Carolina State Palmetto Flag is truly a Confederate battle flag and has never been changed since its approval in 1861.

However, while it is still the same style, there is no "official" South Carolina state flag. What is meant by this is that there is no description as to the color of the blue flag body, no description of the size, color or placement of the crescent, and no description of the palmetto tree or its placement on the flag. Just do an image search for "South Carolina palmetto flags" and see how many different palmetto trees that you can find. As recent as last year, there was a committee in the South Carolina General Assembly that was studying this problem and trying to arrive at an official version of the palmetto flag. Until an official version is approved, it is left up to anyone's artistic ability as to what a South Carolina state flag should look like.

Just as a further side note: if you look at the official South Carolina State Seal, you will see a palmetto tree. Look closely and you will see that the tree is standing on what appears to be a wooden base. This base is said to be an oak tree. The British ships were made of oak. I do not think that anyone can say that our ancestors did not have a sense of humor or an "in-your-face" type of attitude.





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