



## 2025 South Carolina Division Confederate Memorial Day and Women's Monument Dedication in Abbeville, SC on May 3, 2025

By SC Division Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds



Photo Credit: Wes Reynolds

### SECESSION HILL IN ABBEVILLE, SC

On May 3, 2025, all South Carolina Division Sons are invited to join us for a very special Confederate Memorial Day Homecoming at Secession Hill in Abbeville, SC starting at 11 am.

Normally, our Confederate Memorial Day is held at Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia, SC but this year, the South Carolina Division SCV is doing something different for our joint SCV / UDC Confederate Memorial Day for South Carolina. In recognition of the recent donation of the Secession Hill property to the South Carolina Division SCV, we are hosting a homecoming for all South Carolina Confederates. In 2024, lifetime SCV Compatriot Robert Hayes of Abbeville, SC donated this beautiful and historic piece of property to the South Carolina Division SCV for perpetual care and maintenance.

In addition to our Confederate Memorial Day, we will also be dedicating the "To the Honor of the Woman of the South Monument" erected on Secession Hill in late 2023. This monument celebrates and recognizes the importance of the role of women who supported the Confederacy during the war by taking care of the home front.



Photo Credit: Perry Smith

*In Honor of the Women of the South Monument at Secession Hill*

All SCV, UDC, CofC, OCR, and MOS & B members are invited to attend this historic homecoming at Secession Hill on May 3, 2025.

Secession Hill Address is (across the street from): **104 Secession Ave, Abbeville, SC 29620**  
*Put this address into your car or phone GPS.*

# MAKE PLANS TODAY TO ATTEND!

*RIGHT: Signers Monument at Secession Hill*



# A WORD FROM OUR COMMANDER

By Perry J. Smith III, South Carolina Division Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans

March 15, 2025

Gentlemen and Friends of the SC Division,

The second quarter is a very busy time of the year for the SC Division, and this year it is even more so. I am sure that your camps are planning various memorial services and cemetery cleanups since the weather will be perfect. The azaleas will be in bloom, and it is that special time of the year when we concentrate on Confederate Memorial Day. After a cold and dark winter, our lives spring back to life along with the trees and the grass, and we are renewed. Let our commitment to our ancestor's honor and memory also be renewed.

As you will see in this issue of the Palmetto Partisan, we are stressing the importance of this year's Confederate Memorial Day Service co-hosted by the SCV and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. By now you should know that we are going to Secession Hill in Abbeville to celebrate Confederate Memorial Day as well as to dedicate a monument to the Women of the South. This is an extremely important event and one that you will tell your grandchildren and great-grandchildren about! Please come and let us all honor our Confederate ancestors and those wonderful women who made it all possible.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to all my brothers in this organization! I love visiting and speaking to the camps of the SC Division and occasionally camps in other Divisions. Visiting other camps can create relationships and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood within the SCV. This week was one of those times when I had the opportunity to make a visitation to a different division. I had the honor of attending a meeting of the 27th Arkansas Infantry Camp 1519 in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Even though I was 15 hours from home in a room of men that I had never met, I immediately felt at home amongst my eight new brothers. I hope that this visitation had as much of a positive effect on the camp as it did me!

Gentlemen, I feel that we are all lucky to share this organization with brothers whose great-grandfathers shared rifle pits and tents together on distant battlefields. Our love and support for one another has been handed down through the generations and is an unwritten part of our charge.

God Bless Dixie,

Perry J. Smith III

South Carolina Division Commander 2022-2026



SC Division Commander Perry Smith visits Camp 1519 in Mountain Home, Arkansas on March 11, 2025

# 2025 SCV LEGISLATIVE DAY REPORT

*By Perry J. Smith III, South Carolina Division Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans*

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, one of the SC Division's most important events of the decade took place at the South Carolina State Capitol. The 2025 Legislative Day was held and included a meeting with the SC Speaker of the House Murrell Smith and many other legislators discussing the importance of passing a proposed bill which will strengthen the "Heritage Act". This meeting and the bill are the result of many years of hard work conducted by the SC Division Legislative Committee in conjunction with Brett Barry (American Heritage Association) all of whom feel that this is the year that the bill could pass. This bill will further protect the monuments and memorials to ALL of South Carolina history.

In conjunction with the SCV were members from many organizations including but not limited to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, The American Heritage Association, The Order of the Confederate Rose, as well as many other historical preservation organizations.

We had a total of 137 people show up for this event. It was additionally an honor to have United Daughters of the Confederacy President General Julie Hardaway and SCV Commander-in-Chief Donnie Kennedy present both as speakers and supporters of our efforts.

I would like to thank everyone who was in attendance. Because of our strong showing, our message has been heard and hopefully will result in the passing of this extremely important bill. Legislative Day was only the beginning of the process of getting our bill passed. Once this important bill is announced and numbered, we will need to pressure our legislators via handwritten letters and phone calls. We expect that it will take a concerted effort to get the bill out of committee and the only way will be our persistent request to have it passed into law. Please get everyone that you know to pressure the legislators. Our history depends on it!



# 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION REUNION REPORT

By SC Division Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds

On March 21 & 22, 2025 the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held our annual Division Reunion hosted jointly by Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp #68 in Spartanburg, SC and 16<sup>th</sup> SC Regiment Camp #36 in Greenville, SC. THANK YOU to both camps for hosting our Reunion this year! You did a fantastic job and the entire Division thanks you!



*Spartanburg American Legion Post*

On Friday Night, Ballenger Camp 68 hosted a Barbeque Social meal with pulled pork and all the fixings. The Social was held at the Spartanburg American Legion which is also their camp



meeting location. A good number of SC Compatriots turned out for this event, and everyone had a good time.

On Saturday, Opening Ceremonies in Greenville commenced promptly at 9:00 am with the presentation of the Camp Colors and pledges.



Greetings were given by SCV Lt. C-I-C Tony Griffin, ANV Commander Jamie Graham, ANV Councilman Randy Burbage, GA Division Commander Tim Pilgram, SC Division UDC President Lisa Cook, MOS & B Commander Jim Hopkins, and OCR President Mosie Marlar, and the C of C President Charlotte Chumley.



Important SC SVC Division business was conducted including presentation of the Division Officer reports, approval of our annual budget and adoption of amendments to our SC Division Constitution which will allow our Commander and Lt. Commander to serve two terms, take two years off, and be able to run again, and our Brigade Commanders serve up to three terms, take two years off, and be able to run again. The final amendment up for approval created a new division standing committee for Heritage Land and Memorial Committee to oversee the Secession Hill property, any new property the SC Division may acquire, and seek out property for the erection of new Confederate monuments and flagpoles around our state.

Elections were held for our Division's ten Brigade Commanders to serve the next two years on the Executive Committee. Here are the Brigade Commanders for the 2025-2026 Term:

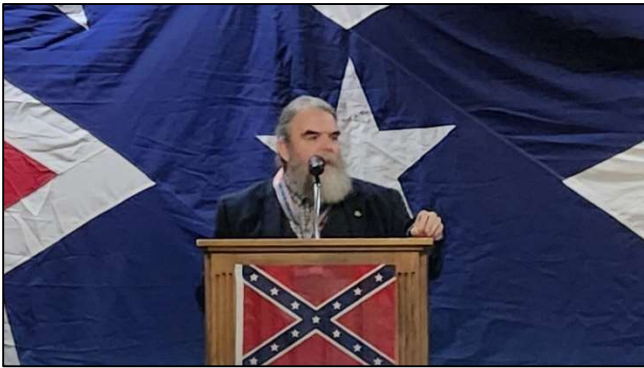


- 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade: Perry Southerland (re-elected)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade: Brian Motts (re-elected)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade: Marty Farwell (re-elected)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade: Tony Vest (re-elected)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade: John Martin (newly elected)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade: Jim Ridge (re-elected)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade: Ron York (newly elected)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade: Chris Sweatman (re-elected)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade: Arnold Huskins (re-elected)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade: Steven Earnhardt (re-elected)

The next election for Brigade Commanders will take place at the 2027 SC Division Reunion.

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Author Michael C. Hardy

Author Michael C. Hardy gave a very inspirational keynote address about the importance of “Remembering Confederate Veterans” in these modern times with practical advice of how we can achieve this goal.

The address was followed by a delicious Awards Luncheon served with salad, baked chicken, roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans and cake for dessert.



SC Division Compatriots at the Awards Luncheon

After the meal, the 2025 SC Division Award Ceremony was conducted by the Awards Chairman Bill Dobbins, National SCV Awards Chairman Archie Herring, Commander Perry Smith and Chief of Staff Dean Stevens. A summary of all the awards given are listed on the following page.



The culmination of the Awards Ceremony was the presentation of the very prestigious **John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award**. This year, there were three recipients of this award who joined a select brotherhood of previous winners.

## 2025 John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award Winners:

1. Vandiver Michael Couch Jr, Camp 36
2. Christopher D. Rucker Camp 1451
3. Herbert O. Bing Chambers, III. Camp 273



Bing Chambers of Camp 273 accepts his John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award with all the past winners

Congratulations to Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 of Spartanburg for retaining the SC Division Gold Star Camp Award and Flag again this year. In addition, Camp 68 was also awarded first place for The General Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award at the Dixie Level.



Gold Star Camp Award Flag

The Reunion concluded at 3 pm on Saturday with a benediction by Camp 36 Chaplain Dr. Ezekiel Parro and the singing of a rousing version of “Dixie” lead by Camp 36 Past Camp Commander William Grissop.

# 2025 South Carolina Division Awards Ceremony Results

## 2025 CAMP AWARDS

### M.C. Butler Recruiting Award

#### Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Gordon-Capers Camp 123 +26.7%

2nd Place – Olde Abbeville Camp 39 +11.1%

#### Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Palmetto Sharpshooters 1428 +8.6%

2nd Place – Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125 +7.5%

#### Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – 16th SC Regt. Camp 36 +6.9%

2nd Place – Fort Sumter Camp 1269 +4.3%

### Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award - Electronic Editions

#### Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp 1245

2nd Place – Marlboro Camp 835

#### Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125

2nd Place – Palmetto Sharpshooters 1428

#### Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – 16th SC Regt. Camp 36

### Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award - Printed Editions

#### Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Secession Camp 4

### General Ellison Capers Scrapbook Award

#### Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Marlboro Camp 835

#### Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125

2nd Place – Litchfield Camp 132

#### Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Secession Camp 4

2nd Place – 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 36

### Convention Attendance Award

#### Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Capt. P.D. Gilreath Camp 1987

#### Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125

#### Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Secession Camp 4

### Southern Cross Graves Award

1st Place – Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger  
Camp 68

2nd Place – Gen. State Rights Gist Camp 1451

### Stephen D. Lee Historical Project Award

1st Place – 16th SC Regiment Camp 36

2nd Place – Col. E. T. Stackhouse Camp 1576

### General Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award

#### Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Gen. State Rights Gist Camp 1451

2nd Place – Marlboro Camp 835

#### Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125

#### Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger  
Camp 68

2nd Place – Secession Camp 4

## 2025 BRIGADE AWARDS

### David Keller Brigade Cemetery Challenge

1st Place – Third Brigade

2nd Place – First Brigade

## 2025 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

### Outstanding Southern Citizen Award (Awarded to Non- SCV Members)

1. Paul Lawrence

2. Dr. Larry Roel

3. Thomas Bethea

### John Albert Broadus Chaplain Award

1. Pastor Mark Evans – Camp 36

### Sgt. Richard Kirkland Award

1. Archie Herring – Camp 835

### C. Irvine Walker Adjutant Award

1. Tim Medlin – Camp 1428

### Jack E. Marlar Memorial Recruiting Award

1. Perry Sutherland – Camp 1428

### Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award

1. Danny Blackwell – Camp 1987

2. William P. Norris, Jr. – Camp 4

3. Lamar Guest – Camp 125

### Stonewall Jackson Individual Contribution Award

1. Gary Mellard – Camp 1212

2. Brian Motts – Camp 68

3. Richard Hatcher – Camp 4

# CHAPLAIN'S WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*By Danny Blackwell, South Carolina Division Chaplain*

In Acts Chapter 16, we find the scriptural account of the Apostle Paul on one of his mission journeys. As we read this chapter, we find that Paul has been beaten and sent to the “innermost” part of the prison. What was the offense you ask? Did he commit a horrible crime? Did he kill someone? No, nothing of that nature. He was simply preaching the Gospel, and in the process, he encountered a woman with a “spirit of divination”. The text goes on to say that the Apostle “called out the spirit” and freed the woman from its evil grasp. This act caused the men who profited from this woman’s plight to lose their source of income. For that vile offense he was brutally beaten and placed in prison.

This innermost prison was in my opinion the place where you pushed the down button on the elevator, went all the way to the bottom, got off and took two flights of stairs down to get to it. It was a vile place. No sunlight, no fresh air, only dark so thick you could feel it, and a stench so overpowering that it was nauseating. It was more than likely infested with rats and insects of every kind. This was his reward for proclaiming the name of Jesus, for pointing souls to Him who was altogether lovely. Do you think that this might have been an occasion to become discouraged? How would you or I feel? These things would test the faith of any man or woman.

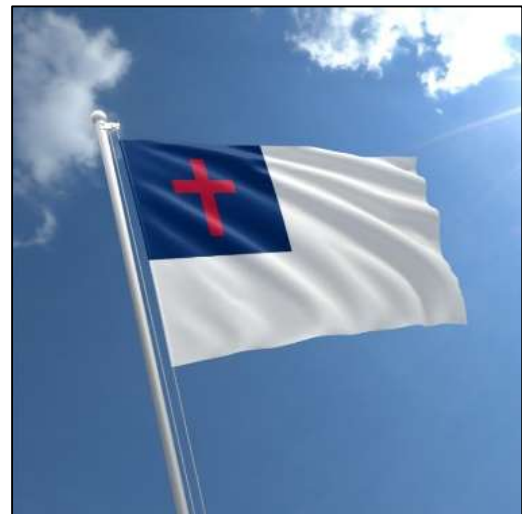
While in the midst of the fowl stench of his prison cell the Apostle, with his back still stinging and aching for the scourging, starts to sing. At midnight no less. I wonder what the other souls in the dark dank foreboding abyss thought. No doubt there were prisoners in the inner prison that deserved to be there. They had no hope, no joy, not even an occasional ray of sunlight to help them. However, here at probably the lowest point in their lives someone is singing songs of Salvation and Eternal Hope. I like to imagine that as Paul sang hope may have crept back into their troubled hearts. Maybe they began to believe that there was something worth living for.

This brings me to my point today. Has your life been a beacon of hope to someone? Are you willing to allow the LORD to put you through some troubled times so that a wayward, struggling soul could hear your song in the night? It’s easy to sing when all is well in our lives. The true test is, can we sing through the tear drops of trouble and pain? Beloved someone is watching you. Someone in the darkest of nights is listening for your song. Remember, this world is not our home. We are ambassadors for the LORD. When you find yourself in a dungeon of trials, or trouble surrounded by darkness and discouragement; just cut loose singing the songs of Zion. You maybe surprised who is listening.



Psalms 19:14 DEO VINDICE

SC Division Chaplain Danny Blackwell



## CALLING ALL CHAPLAINS!

The South Carolina Division will be launching a DIVISION PRAYER LIST. If you would like to receive notification about Prayer Requests, please send your email address/ contact information to me at: [scdivchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:scdivchaplain@gmail.com).

## OPEN LETTER TO SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION SCV



Members of SC Division Sons of Confederate Veterans,

I am writing to inform the SC Division members that I have resigned my position as Editor of The Palmetto Partisan, the quarterly newsletter for the SC SCV. I have enjoyed working on this publication for the brief time that I served as editor. Creating these publications is a passion for me, and I am saddened that I had to make this decision. I am unable to commit the extra time needed to produce the Partisan. I am, however, glad to have been a part of getting the publication up and running again after a period of dormancy. I appreciate being given the opportunity by SC Division Commander Perry Smith to serve the division in this capacity, and the confidence and trust he demonstrated in my ability to produce this quarterly news publication.

I am excited to "pass the battle flag" on to Wes Reynolds, the new Editor-in-Chief of The Palmetto Partisan. He is taking on the huge responsibility of keeping you all informed of the news, projects, stories of interest, and overall accomplishments of the SC Division brigades, their camps, and its members. The more information and pictures you send for inclusion in the newsletter, the more beneficial it will be for the entire Division. In so doing, you provide more opportunities for fellow compatriots and friends to get involved in activities and projects, and to spread the word about the organization. I will continue to play a small role in the production of the Partisan as a proofreader, another passion of mine! Thank you, Wes!

A brief report on my health: Many of you know that I was very sick for a while, having been in ICU and rehab from December 21 through February 14. I am in outpatient physical and occupational therapy a couple of days each week as part of the treatment and recovery process. I thank you for the inquiries about my progress, the words of encouragement (for me and for Brian),

and the many, many prayers that were lifted up for me. I appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers as I work toward total recovery, hopefully sometime this year. I still have a long journey ahead, but there is purpose in every step I take toward that day! I am a miracle! Looking forward to the future,

**Lauri Motts**

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Former editor of The Palmetto Partisan, Current editor of The Confederate Yell, monthly newsletter of Ballenger Camp #68), Wife of Brian Motts (2nd Brigade Cmdr. & Cmdr., Ballenger Camp #68, Spartanburg) and Friend of the Confederacy (SCV)

## SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP - LT. COMMANDER'S UPDATE

It is the time of the year to start getting young folks to go to the Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp. This year's camp will be held in Mullins, SC week of June 22nd thru 28th. We need 60 youth to keep the youth camp going. I went to Battle of Aiken again this year to recruit youth. We are looking for Youth ages 12 to 17 to attend the camp.

The Heritage for Youth Committee has the funds to send youth. If your camp can send them, it would be great. I would suggest going to your local festivals, scout troops and church groups to find kids that we can sponsor and send to this camp.

We have to teach our young folks. You can go to [samdavischristian.org](http://samdavischristian.org) or call 434-774-4341 for more information. I have information to pass out if you need it. Let's make this the greatest year for the camp. Let me know if I can help!

**Henry B. Richardson**

SC Division Lt. Commander and SC Division Heritage for Youth Chairman  
[scdivltcommander@gmail.com](mailto:scdivltcommander@gmail.com)



## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**The Seventh Brigade** Cemetery Challenge was held on December 14, 2024, at the Goude Family Cemetery in Carter's Crossroads in the Goode Hope Community in Georgetown County. This was hosted by Battery White Camp of Georgetown. Everyone arrived about 9:00 am o'clock and the clean-up finished about noon.



There were many Camps represented and some family members attending. A chicken perloo was prepared for the group after the clean-up was completed. The Seventh Brigade Honor Guard Fired a Rifle Volley and "Tapps" was played, and the crowd sang "Dixie" to end the service. Thanks to Battery White Camp for hosting this and to all who came out and helped make this event a success.

*From Litchfield Independent Newsletter, Jan. 2025*

**Secession Camp 4** in Charleston, SC held their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at VFW Post 166 in Goose Creek, SC. About 50 Compatriots & guests attended for good food and fellowship. The Guest speaker was ANV Commander Jamie Graham who spoke about Gen. Lee and the importance of standing up for our Confederate heritage.



*Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds*

**John M. Kinard Camp 36** in Prosperity, SC held a very successful BBQ Chicken fundraiser on Dec. 6-8, 2024. They had a good turnout on Friday and Saturday and sold 330 sauced birds for \$10 each. Many members of the camp put in a lot of hard work by splitting wood, cooking the birds, saucing the birds, taking order, and packaging the orders. Best of all, many young people helped out. It was a great success!



*From Palmetto Defender Newsletter, Jan. 2025*

**States Rights Gist Camp 1451** in West Springs, SC. On December 4-5, 2024, a group of dedicated Gist Camp compatriots made the nearly 400-mile journey to Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, VA to install the first 12 headstones for fallen South Carolinian troops. This was made possible by those many who help raise nearly \$5,000 to purchase these headstones via the Headstones For Heroes Ball that was held November 9, 2024. Our thanks to these men who made the trip and got this accomplished.



(L to R): Mike Weathers, Jack Burnett, M.C. Martin, James Hogsed, and Chris Rucker

*From Gist Gazette Newsletter, Jan. 2025*

## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Micah Jenkins Camp 1569** in Rock Hill, SC participated in the annual Lowrys Christmas parade for the 20<sup>th</sup> year in a row on Dec 21, 2024. And what a parade it is! The town of Lowrys, nestled in the upper part of Chester County, has a population of only 183, but on parade day, that swells to over 13,000 people. Our camp provided 1,500 battle flags which were handed out to the crowd along the parade route. People rushed up to the float to grab a flag and there were smiles and hollered appreciation heard along the way. The SCV is well received on parade day.



Hundreds of pounds of candy were tossed by the riders on the float, so no one missed out on a sweet treat. For the first time, three other camps joined us in the parade and flew their banner proudly alongside the Micah Jenkins Camp banner on the float. Thanks to Moses Wood Camp #125, States Rights Gist Camp #1451, Pvt. Thomas Caldwell Camp #31 and our Commander Jack Morton for bringing his tractor and wagon to make this a memorable event.

*Submitted by Bucky Sutton of Camp 1569.*

**YOUR CAMP ISN'T SHOWN HERE?  
WANT TO SHARE WHAT YOU ARE  
DOING WITH THE REST OF SC  
DIVISION IN THE NEXT ISSUE?  
EASY, JUST EMAIL THE INFO TO:  
[scdiveditor@gmail.com](mailto:scdiveditor@gmail.com)**

**General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245** in Aiken, SC held their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Carolina Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 18, 2025 at the Aiken County Historical Museum. A nice breakfast buffet was served including hot coffee, egg casserole, donuts, muffins, and three kinds of grits! Commander Lee Duvall



presented the Mary Lee / Essie Osteen Award to Ms. Amanda Lamb. Prayers were made for our nation and scriptures were read. A special musical presentation was made by Ms. Gretchen LeGrand and Compatriot Mark LaGrand. Mr. David Chaltas was the keynote speaker and gave an inspiring message while portraying General Robert E. Lee which everyone enjoyed.

*From Wheeler Dispatch Newsletter, Feb. 2025*



**First In Secession Camp 1963** in Chesterfield, SC set up an information and recruiting tent next to the Confederate Monument in downtown Chesterfield on October 19, 2024 during the City of Chesterfield's Fall Festival. Every year the camp sets up a recruiting booth and gives out information about the truth of secession in 1860.



*From First In Secession E-mail News in Feb. 2025*

## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Litchfield Camp 132** in Conway, SC. Camp Commander Jamie Graham inducts the Camp's newest Compatriot, Joseph Skipper. Welcome!



Recruiting new members is one of the most important things we can do as SCV members!

*From Litchfield Independent Newsletter, Feb. 2025*

**Battery White Camp 1568** in Georgetown, SC organized the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Cleanup of Gould Family Cemetery in Georgetown on Dec. 14, 2024.



Headstones were cleaned and repaired, and Southern Crosses of Honor were installed. Four camps from 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade participated.

*From The Georgetown Rifle Newsletter, Jan. 2025*

**John M. Kinard Camp 36** in Prosperity, SC Newsletter editor Randall Shirey writes, "Each winter, for 21 days, representing the time South



Carolina was its own nation, the Secession flag flies outside the Shirey homestead.

*From Palmetto Defender Newsletter, Feb. 2025*

**H.L. Hunley Camp 143** in Summerville, SC led by Commander Joe Roy held their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Sat. February 1, 2025 at



Masonic Hall in Summerville, SC. The keynote speaker was Mathew Locke of Fort Sumter Camp 1269 who presented the History of Castle Pinckney. Several members of Summerville UDC Chapter 190 were also attending, and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

*Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds*

**Colonel Joseph Norton Camp 43** in Seneca, SC recognizes a Real Grandson on Feb. 5, 2025.



1st Brigade Commander Perry Sutherland (Left) along with SC Division Lt. Commander Henry Richardson (Center) present a Real Grandson metal and certificate to Don Richardson (Right). Mr. Richardson's Confederate ancestor is Robert Owen Richardson.

*From Palmetto Sharpshooters 1428 Newsletter, Feb. 2025*

### DO YOU HAVE A REAL GRANDSON IN YOUR CAMP?

If you do, you need to recognize them with REAL GRANDSON medal and certificate! Please contact your Brigade Commander for more information. The South Carolina Division SCV would love to have them recognized!

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Moses Woods Camp 125** in Gaffney, SC held elections for new Camp Officers at their Feb. 20, 2025 Camp meeting at House of Pizza in Gaffney.



(L to R): Commander Jordan Dill, Color Sgt. Matt Doty, Lt. Commander Joe Briggs, Chaplain Steve Parker, and Adjutant Robert Little.

Compatriots and their families also attended the 2025 Battle of Aiken Reenactment on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.



(L to R): Commander Jordan Wade Dill, prospective new Compatriot Liam Dill, Chaplain Steve Parker, Adjutant Robert Little, Compatriot Andrew Parker & Re-enactor Levi Dill, and Jordan Lee Dill.

*Submitted by Camp Adjutant Robert Little*

**States Rights Gist Camp 1451** in West Springs, SC elected new camp officers at their camp meeting on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> for a two-year term.

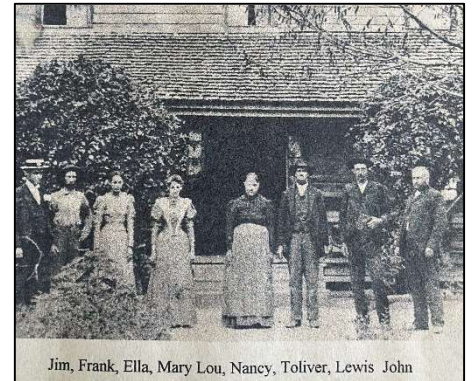


(L to R): Henry Dobey - Color Sergeant, Charles "Hawke" Hawkins - 1st Lt Commander, Mike Weathers, Commander, Marty Farwell - Chaplain, Robert Fowler - Adjutant, Jack Burnett - 2nd Lt Commander, and Tim Sizemore - Quartermaster.

*From Gist Gazette Newsletter, Feb. 2025*

**Palmetto Sharp Shooters Camp 1428** in Anderson, SC. Commander Perry Sutherland shares a photo of his ancestor, Toliver Bolt and his family, taken around 1890 at his house in Anderson, SC.

Toliver served in Co. G of 22nd SC Infantry. He was a corporal who made shoes for the company. He died on Nov. 6, 1903 and is buried at New Prospect Baptist in Anderson, SC. He had eight brothers that served in the Confederate Army.



Jim, Frank, Ella, Mary Lou, Nancy, Toliver, Lewis John

*Submitted by Camp Commander Perry Sutherland*

**Col. E.T. Stackhouse Camp 1576** in Latta, SC reported that their Lee-Jackson banquet on January 25<sup>th</sup> had a good turnout with about thirty people in attendance!



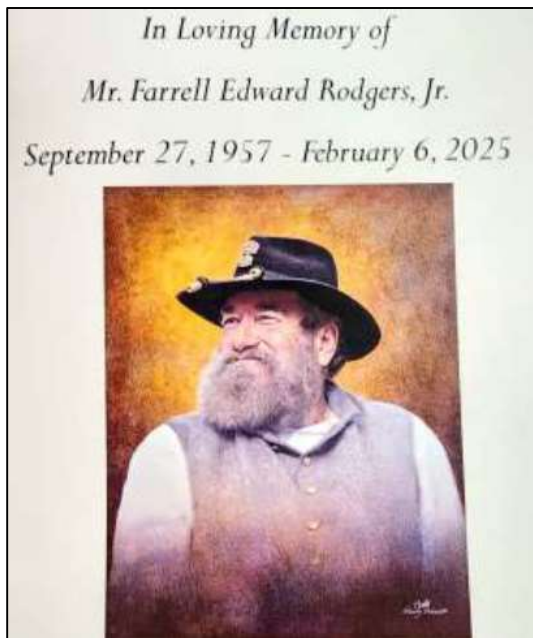
South Carolina State Commander Perry Smith was our guest speaker and as usual he had some great words for us! Commander Brooks Harrelson received the Hub Clapper Award for 2025.

*From The Stackhouse Report Newsletter, Feb. 2025*



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**General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245** in Aiken, SC presented a memorial to Farrell Edward “Eddie” Rodgers, Jr. in their March Newsletter. Eddie’s ashes rode on a horse, backwards boots, along with his hat and saber onto the 2025 Battle of Aiken battlefield as part of his memorial service on Feb. 22, 2025. Eddie’s ashes were mixed with gunpowder and fired across the Battle of Aiken battlefield.



*From Wheeler Dispatch Newsletter, March, 2025*

**Litchfield Camp 132** in Conway, SC reported that their February highway clean-up was a HUGE success. We had 14 folks who braved the freezing temperatures to "Get-er-done". We picked up 23 bags of trash in less than 90 minutes. A job well-done Litchfield Camp! Pat yourselves on the back, you've earned it.



*From Litchfield Independent Newsletter, March 2025*

**John M. Kinard Camp 36** in Prosperity, SC. Commander Jim Ridge presented a check to Bonnie Shealy of the Newberry Animal Shelter Volunteer Network at their February camp



meeting. The Camp has raised several hundred dollars with a monthly raffle to not only assist in finding dogs new homes, but to bring happiness to the lives of the dogs' new owners.

*From Palmetto Defender Newsletter, March 2025*

**The Hunley Submarine Memorial Service** was held on February 17, 2025 at Breech Inlet on Sullivans Island, SC which was the launch site for Hunley’s world’s first successful combat mission by a submarine in 1863. Many SCV members of local camps participated as reenactors including Secession Camp 4, Hunley Camp 143, Ellison Capers Camp 1212, and Fort Sumter Camp 1269 among others. Members of SC 10<sup>th</sup> marched from Fort Moultrie to Breech Inlet before the service.



*Above: Members of Ellison Capers Camp 1212 in Santee Light Artillery fire an artillery salute at Breech Inlet.*

*Picture Submitted by Rick Little of Secession Camp 4*

## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

Members of **The First Brigade** installed a gate to Confederate Archibald McDonald grave on March 8, 2025 in Westminster, SC.



(L to R): **Rebels in Gray Camp 2027** Cmdr. Bill Smith, **JT Bartlett**, **Pvt. John Thomas Ashley Camp 43** Lt. Cmdr. Mark Gambrell, **Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428** Cmdr. / 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland, Color Sgt. /1st Bridge Lt. Cmdr. Jamey Wentzky, **Pvt. John Thomas Ashley Camp 43** Adj. Craig Stephenson.

*Submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland*

**Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68** in Spartanburg, SC. On February 22, 2025 Camp



Historian Jim Crocker presented Compatriot Richard Thomas with an SCV 25-year Service Medal and 5-year pin signifying Richard's 33 years of service in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Service Medals are available to any SCV members who have reached their 25th or 50th year of membership in the SCV. These medals may be obtained by submitting a letter signed by the camp commander to the Executive Director at General Headquarters. See SCV Awards Manual Page 23 at [www.SCV.org](http://www.SCV.org) for more information.

*From The Confederate Yell Newsletter, March 2025*

**2<sup>nd</sup> SC Regiment Rifles Camp 71** in Pickens, SC (in First Brigade) performed their third highway cleanup on March 7, 2025 and received their new Adopt-A-Highway road sign.



(L to R): Matthew Brooks, Cmdr. Greg Williams, Chad Brooks, Richard Painter, Travis Arnold, Lt. Cmdr. Justin Arnold, and Hunter Austin.

*Submitted by Camp Commander Greg Williams*

**Secession Camp 4** in Charleston, SC had ten members show up for Highway Cleanup of Glen McConnell Blvd. in West Ashley area on March 7, 2025. They collected 15 bags of trash.



(L to R): Cmdr. Michael Dixon, Chaplain Paul Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Ron Corry, Russ Mallette, Wes Reynolds, Tim Hodgens, Loren O'Donnell, Rick Little, Don Pace, and Joe Melton.

*Submitted by Wes Reynolds of Secession Camp 4*

## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Prospect 10th Regiment Camp 1749** in Hemingway, SC. On March 15, 2025, Camp members installed headstones for Compatriot Julius Duke's great-great-Grandfather, David McClary Duke and his ancestral Uncle, David Manton McClary in the McClary Cemetery in Williamsburg County, SC. Compatriot Julius Duke initiated this project by ordering and paying for the tombstones himself to ensure his Confederate ancestors would never be forgotten.



Also present were Dr. Louis Drucker, Commander Joe Mims, Chaplain Tony De Vault, Adjutant Hal Eaddy, and associate member Bryan Compher. After completing this memorable event, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal at Browns BBQ in Kingstree.



Above: Compatriot Julius Duke stands behind the newly installed headstones in McClary Cemetery

**Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp 273** in Columbia camp members Christopher Mills (School Resource Officer) and Mark Mills along with 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland and Charlie Ketron from **Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428** in Anderson participated in a School Day Event on March 13, 2025 at Midland Stem School in Winnsboro, SC.



They talked to the children about artillery, explained how to load and fire a cannon and the different types of shells. The students were shown how one would sleep in the tents, how to load and fire a rifle, and the use of the bayonet. They explained both the Confederate and Federal uniforms and how to tell what unit you were in such as infantry, artillery or cavalry.



(L to R): SRO Christopher Mills, Mark Mills, and Charlie Ketron.

*Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland*

IF YOUR CAMP OR REENACTMENT GROUP would like to participate in a school day event, talk to the administrators or principals of your local schools and offer your services. This is one of the best ways we can connect with young people today and tell the **true** history of the South!

## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

### UPCOMING EVENTS!!

**H.L. Hunley Camp 143** in Summerville, SC is sponsoring a Memorial Car, Truck, Tractor, and Bike Show Fundraiser on **Saturday April 12, 2025**. Registration begins at 8:30 am judging begins at 12:00 pm, awards at 3:00 pm.



Registration cost is \$35.00 and \$20 for an additional car. Food will be available for purchase. Address is Masonic Lodge #234, 111 N Main St, Summerville, SC 29483. If you have any questions, call Chuck Botts 843-860-7341 or C.J. Clark 843-296-7763. Come out and support your SCV brothers on APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> !

*Submitted by Camp Commander Joe Roy*

### 2025 SCV NATIONAL REUNION IN HOUSTON TEXAS

Register now for the **130th SCV National Reunion** hosted by the Texas Division SCV on July 16 - 19, 2025. The reunion will be held at the Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport Hotel, 9100 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77017

This year's reunion promises an unforgettable experience, featuring:

- ✔ Exclusive battlefield tours – including the Battle of Galveston and San Jacinto!
- ✔ The Grand Banquet & Debutante Ball – a night of tradition and camaraderie.
- ✔ The SCV Oratory Contest – where the best voices of our heritage take the stage.

Video Preview: <https://youtu.be/GkmPTMhC-AE>

👉 Early Bird Registration: \$75 (Until May 31) Register now before the price goes up!

👉 Secure your spot today! <https://scv130.com/>

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OTHER SCV CAMPS AROUND THE DIVISION AND SEE THE GOOD WORK YOUR SCV BROTHERS ARE DOING!



### FEATURED SCV CAMP MEETING

**John M. Kinard Camp 35** meets the first THURSDAY of most every month at Hawg Heaven BBQ Restaurant, 11375 C R Koon Hwy, Prosperity, SC 29127. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and all are welcome. For more information on attending one of their camp meetings, please contact: Commander Jim Ridge, [jimridge55@gmail.com](mailto:jimridge55@gmail.com) or Lt. Cmdr. Kaleb Boland, [kalebboland23@gmail.com](mailto:kalebboland23@gmail.com) or Adjutant Frankie Altman, [frankalt@gmail.com](mailto:frankalt@gmail.com).

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## Camp Confederate Memorial Day Services Around the Division

**Secession Camp 4** in Charleston will hold their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service on May 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Soldiers Ground of Magnolia Cemetery Trust, 70 Cunnington Ave, Charleston, SC 29405. Contact Commander Michael Dixon for more information at [commanderscv4@gmail.com](mailto:commanderscv4@gmail.com).



**16<sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 36** in Greenville will hold their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service on Sunday May 4, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Springwood Cemetery in downtown Greenville. Contact Commander Rob Astin for more information at [scscv36@gmail.com](mailto:scscv36@gmail.com).

**Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68** in Spartanburg, SC will hold their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at the American Legion Post 28, 94 W. Park Dr, Spartanburg, SC on May 15, 2025 at 6 PM. Contact Commander Brian Motts for more information at [scscv68@gmail.com](mailto:scscv68@gmail.com).

**Moses-Woods Camp 125** will hold their annual Gaffney Confederate Memorial Day at Oakland Cemetery, 2nd St, Gaffney, SC 29340 on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Contact Commander Jordan Dill for more information at [scscv125@gmail.com](mailto:scscv125@gmail.com).

**H.L. Hunley Camp 143** will hold their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at Boone Hill Cemetery, 2 Tupperway Dr, Summerville, SC 29483 on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Contact Commander Joe Roy for more information at [keohroy@gmail.com](mailto:keohroy@gmail.com).

**Rivers Bridge Camp 842** will hold their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at Rivers Bridge State Historic Site at 325 State Park Rd, Ehrhardt, SC 29081 on Friday May 9, 2025 at 10

AM. Contact Adjutant Charles Carlson for more information at [scv842@gmail.com](mailto:scv842@gmail.com).

**Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp 1245** in Aiken, SC will host the Aiken County Confederate Memorial Day on May 4, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Bethany Cemetery Trust, 238 Hampton Ave NW, Aiken, SC 29801. Contact Commander Lee Duvall for more information at [lduvall1861@gmail.com](mailto:lduvall1861@gmail.com).

**Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1412** will hold their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery, 100 Cherokee Rd, Florence, SC 29501 on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Guest Speaker will be National UDC Archivist Theresa Roan. Contact Commander Val May for more information at [scscv01412@gmail.com](mailto:scscv01412@gmail.com).

**States Rights Gist Camp 1451** will hold their annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at Jonesville Monument, 100 Long Ave, Jonesville, SC 29353 on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:30 PM. Contact Commander Mike Weathers for more information at [scscv1451@gmail.com](mailto:scscv1451@gmail.com).

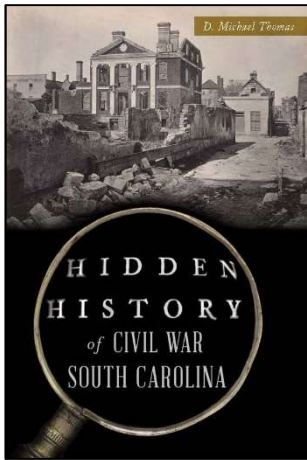
*Editor's Note: PLEASE VERIFY ALL TIMES WITH CAMPS BEFORE YOU TRAVEL. Also, I am only able to post information about the Camp Confederate Memorial Days that I know about, so I apologize if I have omitted your event. In the future, email your camp event info to [scdiveditor@gmail.com](mailto:scdiveditor@gmail.com) to be included. Thank you.*



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## Books Published by Members of the South Carolina Division

### Hidden History of Civil War South Carolina

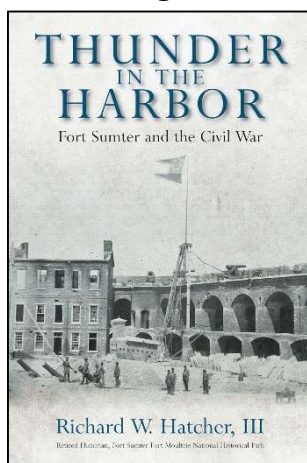


by South Carolina Division Historian Compatriot Michael Thomas of Secession Camp 4 has recovered fifty "lost" or forgotten accounts pertaining to the Palmetto State and her men in the War for Southern Independence in this recently released new book. This collection is an array of poignant, often astounding accounts of chivalry, valor, inspiration and tragedy as

well as several one-of-a-kind events. Hidden History of Civil War South Carolina unveils much that adds to our state's Confederate history. Available from [ArcadiaPublishing.com](http://ArcadiaPublishing.com), Amazon & other book sellers. ISBN: 1467158070, 144 pages, \$24.99 MSRP. To purchase signed copy from author, email [thomdav2@att.net](mailto:thomdav2@att.net).

### Thunder in the Harbor: Fort Sumter and the Civil War

by Compatriot Rick Hatcher of Secession Camp 4 is a highly readable and informative history of Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, from its construction after the War of 1812 through its role in the Civil War and up to the present.

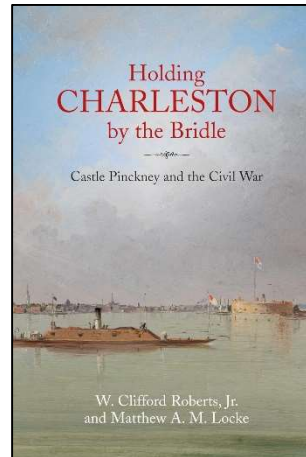


As a historian at the Fort Sumter Fort Moultrie National Historical Park for more than 22 years, Rick qualifies as the world's most knowledgeable expert on the fort's history. His expertise, combined with his talent as an engaging narrator, has resulted in a book that will occupy an honored

space on your WBTS bookshelf. Available from [SavasBeatie.com](http://SavasBeatie.com), Amazon & other book sellers. ISBN: 9781611215939, Hardcover 256 pages, \$32.95 MSRP. To purchase signed copy from author, email [riha1861@att.net](mailto:riha1861@att.net).

### Holding Charleston by the Bridle: Castle Pinckney and the Civil War

is a new book by Matthew Locke and Cliff Roberts, both members of Fort Sumter Camp 1269. Civil War Books & Authors describes this new book as "Well



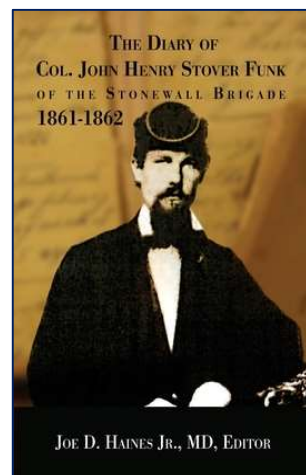
researched, detailed, and profusely illustrated," and "the first full history of a key cog in the city of Charleston's network of fortifications, finally allowing it to emerge from beneath nearby Fort Sumter's prodigious shadow." The book is for sale on Amazon and [SavisBeatie.com](http://SavisBeatie.com). ISBN: 9781611217148, 288

pages, \$32.95 MSRP. To purchase a signed copy from author, email:

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### The Diary of Col. John Henry Stover Funk of the Stonewall Brigade 1861-1862

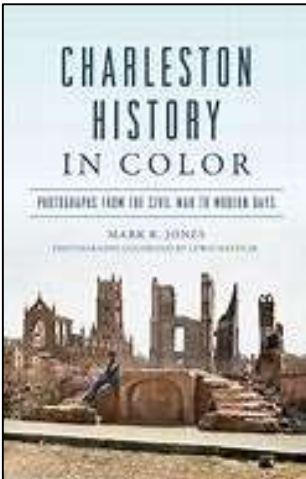
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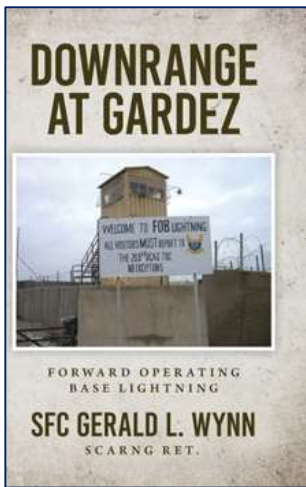
**Charleston History in Color** by Compatriot Lewis Hayes of Secession Camp 4 and Mark R. Jones shows Charleston like it's never been seen



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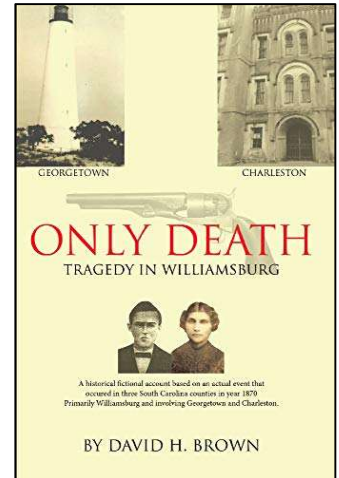
**Downrange at Gardez: Forward Operating Base Lightning** by SFC Gerald F. Wynn of Gen Richard H. Anderson Camp 47 in Beaufort, SC is



a raw, unfiltered account of Sergeant First Class Wynn's life on foreign soil during the tumultuous years of 2007-2008. As his first book, it offers an intimate look into the daily trials, triumphs, and tribulations experienced during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The book takes you through SFC Wynn's journey, starting with his

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**Only Death: Tragedy in Williamsburg** by Compatriot David H. Brown of Pee Dee Rifles 1419 is a historical-fictional novel based on an actual event that occurred in Williamsburg County, South Carolina, in the year 1870. It started out as a friendly competition between two former Confederate soldiers for the hand of a lovely young lady. Over time, the competition developed into a feud and progressed to the point where a challenge to a duel was issued. The challenge led to the death of one of these



young men. Available from publisher at: <http://covenantbooks.com/books/?book=only-death>, Amazon & other book sellers. ISBN 978-1-64471-875-9, 294 pages, \$19.95 MSRP. To get a signed copy from the author, email [dhbrown1321@hotmail.com](mailto:dhbrown1321@hotmail.com). Author is available for Camp meeting presentations.

*If you are a member of the SC Division SCV and a published book author and would like your book promoted free of charge in the Palmetto Partisan, please email me a short write up, picture of the book cover, where to buy, cost, camp name and contact info to [SCDivEditor@gmail.com](mailto:SCDivEditor@gmail.com). Limit of one book per issue per author.*

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On January 11, 2025, the South Carolina Division Executive Committee met in American Legion Hall in West Columbia, SC to conduct important SCV Division business. The Committee planned this year's Confederate Memorial Day and discussed Constitutional Amendments for the upcoming Division Reunion among other things.



## ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA IS OFFERING \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

The Army of Northern Virginia, Sons of Confederate Veterans, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of long time ANV Commander Russell Darden from Courtland, Virginia. The scholarship is available to high school seniors with the intention of continuing their education after graduation. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant should submit the following:

1. A letter of intent, including your name, address, phone number, email address, the name of the current school attending and any extracurricular activities.
2. A statement of future education plans with career ambitions.



**(L to R):** Adjutant Blake Moore, Commander Perry Smith and Chief of Staff Dean Stevens.

**All SC Division SCV Members** are invited to attend the EC Meetings which are held quarterly. The next meeting will be held in June 21, 2025 at the SC Confederate Relic Room, 301 Gervais St Ste 1, Columbia, SC 29201 starting at 10:00 am.

3. A three-page essay is also required. The 2025 Essay subject is **“Why slavery was not the cause of the War Between the States.”**
4. Proof of Confederate ancestor or has a parent or grandparent in the SCV or UDC. Proof can include a genealogy outline and copy of the ancestor’s service record.

The information listed above should be sent to the Army of Northern Virginia Commander and the Army of Northern Virginia Councilman by US Mail at the addresses listed below.

**The deadline for submission is May 31, 2025.**

Scholarship recipients to be notified by June 15th. Mail duplicate applications to both addresses:

**Army of Northern Virginia Commander**  
 Jamie Graham  
 540 Fox Chase Drive  
 Conway, SC 29527  
 843-254-7320

**Army of Northern Virginia Councilman**  
 Randy Burbage  
 1130 John Rutledge Ave.  
 Hanahan, SC 29410  
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ANV Commander Jamie Graham to purchase yours today. His email is: [armynorthernvirginiacommander@gmail.com](mailto:armynorthernvirginiacommander@gmail.com)



## **GOOD NEWS!**

### **The SCV National Museum Bank Debt is PAID IN FULL**

*From email via SCV NEWS POST on Jan. 10, 2025*

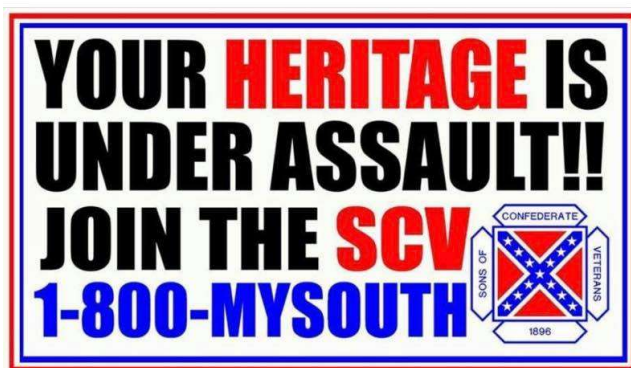
I am pleased to announce to the Sons of Confederate Veterans membership that the outstanding balance on the museum banknote is now fully paid! As of December 27, 2024, Heritage Bank of Columbia, TN, was paid \$885,516.54 to liquidate our obligation for this loan. This payment was made possible due to the generosity of anonymous benefactors.

We are continuing the 21st Century Confederate Heroes Campaign and will use the additional funds to restore the Forrest Plaza, pay down the loan to the Brooks Fund, and assist in special projects to promote Southern heritage.

We are on the verge of a new and more robust defense of Southern heritage and, most importantly, VINDICATING the Cause for which our Confederate ancestors fought.

**Walter Donald Kennedy**

Commander-in-Chief, SCV 2024-2026



# First Manassas Prisoners at Castle Pinckney in Charleston

By Cliff Roberts, Fort Sumter Camp 1269

On October 11, 1861, a sunny day in Charleston, photographer George Cook hauled his heavy photographic equipment by cart and boat from his King Street studio to Castle Pinckney, an island fortress in the middle of Charleston Harbor. Cook had come at the invitation of its 27-year-old commander, Captain Charles Chichester. 55 members of the Charleston Zouave Cadets, a militia company of college-age Charlestonians, garrisoned the fortress and served under Chichester. They were responsible for guarding 156 Yankee prisoners-of-war who had been captured three months earlier at the Battle of First Manassas.

The glass-plate negatives that George Cook produced that day at Castle Pinckney are remarkable for their clarity and the moving story that they tell. According to Bob Zeller, the president of the Center for Civil War Photography, these photographs are also the first ever taken in history of a prisoner-of-war camp. In this photograph, the young Zouave cadets lounge on the top of the ramparts while the Yankee prisoners mill about the parade ground below them. The Federal enlisted troops would be locked into the brick casemates each night.



Photo of Zouave cadets on ramparts guarding the Yankee prisoners below at Castle Pinckney in 1861 by George Cook

George Cook was to become one of the premier Southern photographers of the war. A protégé of Matthew Brady, Cook had already made a name for himself by photographing Robert Anderson and his staff of Federal officers while they held Fort Sumter in the spring of 1861. Two years later, Cook photographed from Fort Sumter an ironclad firing on Fort Moultrie.



Southern Photographer  
George Cook

This was the first live-action war photograph ever taken. His shop on King Street stayed busy with Confederate officers and soldiers paying to have images produced on a tintype. Cook understood that his carefully catalogued inventory of negatives would be of considerable value regardless of how the war turned out. As such, when Sherman's army bore down on South Carolina in December 1864, Cook had these negatives packed up and taken to Columbia for safe keeping. It was a fateful decision that turned into a disaster when much of Columbia burned to the ground in February 1865.

The Charleston Zouave Cadets stayed at Castle Pinckney until March 1862 when the militia unit was disbanded. Many of the boys were eager to join South Carolina infantry regiments being sent to Virginia. Captain Chichester quickly formed the Gist Guard Artillery, which saw rugged action defending Battery Wagner in the summer of 1863. Chichester would be severely wounded in the siege. The First Manassas prisoners were transferred from Castle Pinckney to the Charleston jail, then to Columbia, and then to the Libby Prison in Richmond. They were formally exchanged at Fortress Monroe in August 1862.

*Cliff Roberts and Matthew Locke are members of Fort Sumter Camp 1269 and the authors of **Holding Charleston by the Bridle: Castle Pinckney and the Civil War**. Cook's image has been colorized by SCV member Lewis Hayes. For details about their books, please read the write up here in the Partisan.*

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### **SOUTH CAROLINA GUARDIAN PROGRAM**

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So, what is a Guardian? Any South Carolina Division camp member in good standing, who has demonstrated his willingness to serve in this special capacity, who is at least fourteen years of age, and has tended a Confederate soldier's grave for two years prior, may become a FULL GUARDIAN.

All South Carolina compatriots are encouraged to participate in this most worthwhile program to honor our ancestors and protect, care, and maintain their final resting places.



### **SC Guardian Responsibilities are:**

1. He shall care for and protect the grave of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the site is kept clean and well-maintained year-round. He shall perform these duties personally, unless physically prevented from doing so by reason of health problems.
2. He shall be responsible to ensure the grave has an appropriate marker designating it as the resting place of a Confederate Veteran. (i.e.: a family stone with reference to Confederate services, and/or a government issued veteran's stone, and/or a Southern Cross of Honor.) He shall also

be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is destroyed, damaged or badly worn.

3. He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of three times a year, to include Confederate Memorial Day, or at least one week prior, when he shall place either a wreath or small Confederate Flag, or both, on the grave.

An application fee of \$10.00 is due along with the application to cover the cost of the GUARDIAN pin and certificate, which will be awarded upon successful completion of the period of candidacy.

For a Guardian Application, go to:

<https://scscv.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SC-Division-Guardian-Appilcation-2020.pdf>

For questions and more information, go to SC Division Website at [www.scscv.com](http://www.scscv.com), or you can email the South Carolina Division Guardian Chairman Archie Herring [750ace@bellsouth.net](mailto:750ace@bellsouth.net) or [scdivguardian@gmail.com](mailto:scdivguardian@gmail.com).



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**Deadline for Submission** to the next issue is June 15, 2025 to be published on or around July 1, 2025.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Apr 11	All Day	H. L. Hunley Camp 143 Car Show Fundraiser	111 Main St, Summerville, SC 29483
May 03	11:00 AM	SC Division Confederate Memorial Day (CMD)	Secession Hill, Abbeville, SC
May 04	2:30 PM	States Rights Gist #1451 CMD	Jonesville Monument, Jonesville, SC
May 04	3:00 AM	Gen. Joe Wheeler #1245 CMD	Bethany Cemetery, Aiken, SC
May 04	3:00 AM	16th Regiment #36 CMD	Spingwood Cemetery, Greenville, SC
May 09	12:00 PM	Rivers Bridge #842 CMD	Rivers Bridge State Historic Site, Ehrhardt, SC
May 10	10:00 AM	Secession Camp #4 CMD	Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC
May 10	10:00 AM	H.L. Hunley Camp #143 CMD	Boone Hill Cemetery, Summerville, SC
May 10	11:00 AM	Moses Woods #125 CMD	Oakwood Cemetery, Gaffney, SC
May 10	11:00 AM	Pee Dee Rifles #1412 CMD	Mt. Hope Cemetery, Florence, SC
May 10	All Day	DixieFest at Dixie Republic Store (Free Event)	1315 Hwy 25 N, Traveller's Rest, SC 29690
May 15	6:00 PM	Ballenger Camp #68 CMD	94 W Park Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29306
May 24	6:00 PM	Rivers Bridge #842 Annual Banquet	139 Tuten's Pond Rd, Fairfax, SC
Jun 21	10:00 AM	SC Division Executive Committee Meeting	SC Relic Room, Columbia, SC
June 22 thru June 28		Sam Davis Youth Camp	Mullins, SC
July 16 thru July 19		National SCV Reunion in Texas	Marriott Houston in Houston, TX

**Note:** Dates and times subject to change. Please verify event details and time prior to arrival. Some events may require registration, tickets or admission fees, so check with event organizers to determine any cost before arrival.