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## 2025 Jefferson Davis Chalice Award

By SC Division Commander Perry Smith

## National SCV Reunion Awards for SC

By SC Division Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds



*ANV Councilman Randy Burbage (L) receives the award from SCV Commander-In-Chief Donnie Kennedy (R)*



*(L to R) SC Division Members Dean Stevens, Randy Burbage, Archie Herring, and Jamie Graham*

I am very pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2025 Jefferson Davis Chalice is **ANV Councilman Randy Burbage** of Secession Camp 4 in Charleston, SC. This award was presented at the 2025 National SCV Reunion in Houston, TX in July. The General Executive Council selects only one candidate per year, and it is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who has served in a position of national importance in an outstanding manner.

On behalf of the South Carolina Division, we congratulate Councilman Burbage on his decades of service to the Sons of Confederate Veterans as well as to our Confederate Ancestors. Our organization and especially the SC Division have been positively affected by Randy's commitment and leadership. When you see Randy, please congratulate and thank him for his lifetime of service.

The South Carolina Divisions of Sons of Confederate Veterans won several prestigious awards at the 2025 National SCV Reunion in Houston, TX.

Congratulations to Secession Camp 4 and Commander Micheal Dixon in Charleston, SC for winning the General William D. McCain Superior Camp Award for the Army of Northern Virginia and winning the Judah P. Benjamin Scrapbook Award for Camps over 50 members (scrapbook edited by Wes Reynolds.)

Congratulations to Marlboro Camp 835 and Commander Archie Herring in Bennettsville / McColls, SC for winning the General William D. McCain Outstanding Camp Award for the Army of Northern Virginia and winning the Judah P. Benjamin Scrapbook Award for Camps under 50 members (scrapbook edited by Archie Herring.)

In addition to the camp awards, the South Carolina Division also had thirty-six members receive individual National SCV Awards.

# The 2025 SCV National Reunion Recap

## South Carolina Division SCV Individual Award Winners:

### Jefferson Davis Chalice

*This is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Only one winner in the entire SCV per year is voted by the General Executive Committee.*

**Randy Burbage of Secession Camp 4**

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### Graves Award

*This medal is presented to those individuals who have shown significant dedication to our Southern Heritage, above and beyond that which is expected of an SCV member, by recording for posterity the graves of our fallen heroes. Only one winner per division per year.*

**Daryl Hardwick of Col. E.T. Stackhouse Camp 1576**

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### Distinguished Service Medal

*This medal is presented to SCV members for outstanding service in a position of responsibility.*

Frank Barnhill of Camp 132, Curtis Canady of Camp 132, Charles Carlson of Camp 842, John Fisher of Camp 132, Dennis Fulmer of Camp 132, and Blake Moore Jr of Camp 1245.

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### Meritorious Service Medal

*This medal is presented to SCV members for outstanding performance of duty to the SCV.*

John Bolton, II of Camp 1212, James Bouchillon of Camp 36, Edgar Caddell of Camp 1532, George Carpenter of Camp 1532, Paul Flanagan of Camp 132, Dennis Fulmer of Camp 132, Michael Harber of Camp 1245, Joe Lott of Camp 1532, John Martin of Camp 1532, Robbie Matney of Camp 132, Joseph McCants of Camp 1212, Gary Mellard of Camp 1212, Thomas Plowden of Camp 1532, Johnny Sessions of Camp 132, Wesley Singleton of Camp 132, Larry Smith of Camp 1532, Perry Smith of Camp 1212, Ricky Todd of Camp 132, Matthew Woodall of Camp 1212, and Jean Woods of Camp 1212.

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### SCV Commendation Award

*This medal is presented to members for meritorious service or meritorious achievement at all levels of the SCV.*

Clifford Martin of Camp 1212 (Real Grandson)

### SCV Leadership Award

*This award is given to individuals who display superior leadership skills in a position of responsibility.*

Buzz Braxton of Camp 842, Patrick Cox of Camp 835, James Day of Camp 123, Daryl Hardwick of Camp 1576, Brooks Harrelson of Camp 1576, Edward Hodge of Camp 835, Richard Hubbard of Camp 835, and Joseph Roy of Camp 143.

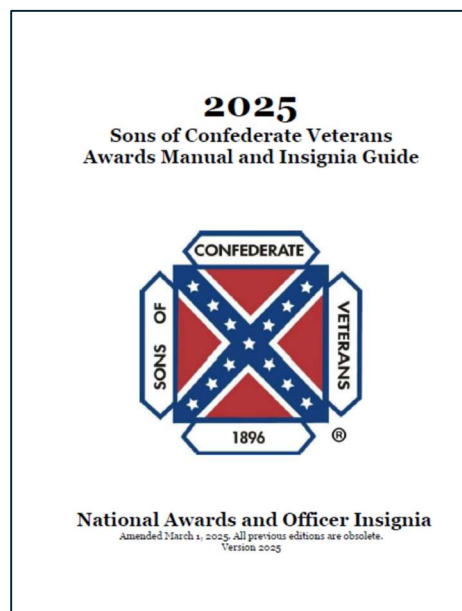
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## Attention Camp Commanders: Please Submit Names for National Individual SCV Awards for Next Year's National Reunion in Kentucky

**ALL** camps in the SC Division in good standing are eligible to submit camp member names to receive these National Awards and many other awards not listed here.

**STEP 1:** Log into your national SCV member's account: <https://scv.my.site.com/s/login/>

**STEP 2:** Download the current awards manual <https://scv.org/forms-and-documents/> under "Awards Manual"



**STEP 3:** Carefully read and follow all directions. In most cases, the awards requests must be submitted by the Camp Commanders. Fill out all forms completely and sign. The deadline for submissions for all awards is usually May 1, but please submit as early as possible.

# Pictures From The 2025 SCV National Reunion



*Commander-in-Chief Donnie Kennedy and United Daughters of the Confederacy President General Julie Hardaway in Houston, TX.*



*It is tradition that Compatriots wear light colored Seersucker suits for the business sessions on the meetings on Friday of the National SCV Reunion.*



*Reunion attendees and guests gather outside the great hall prior to the start of the Grand Ball on Saturday evening.*



*ANV Councilman Randy Burbage receives the Jefferson Davis Chalice.*



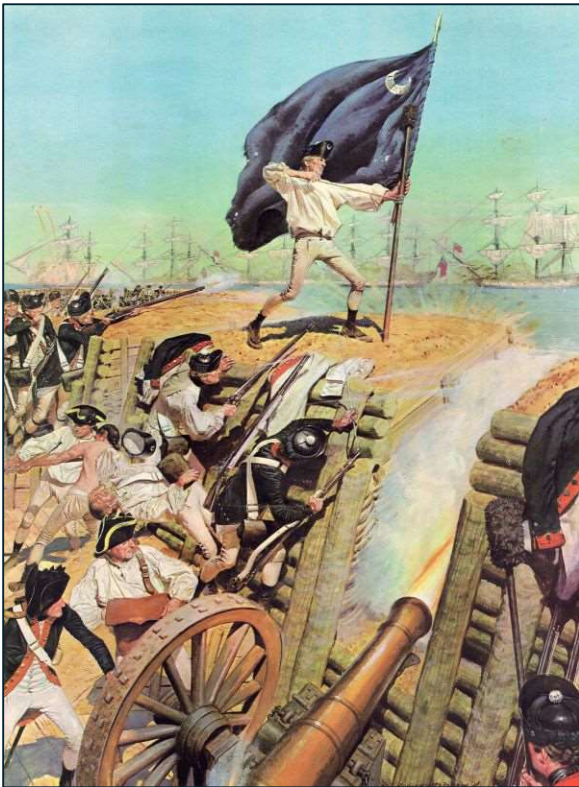
*Members of the Army of Northern Virginia held their annual ANV meeting at the National SCV Reunion on Saturday, July 19, 2025.*

# A word from our Division Commander

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

It was a warm humid morning that found Private Richard Swinson entrenched along the northern shore of Sullivans Island on the South Carolina coast. His unit, the 5th N.C. Infantry, had arrived there 20 days ago, but Richard and the other men could not get accustomed to this Low Country environment. From the thick beach sand to the strange palmetto trees, this felt like a foreign planet to him. On this morning, he was just grateful that there was a light breeze coming off the ocean blowing the gnats away.

The sweat was running down his face as he rested his flintlock rifle on the top of the log fort. Everyone had been anticipating an attack for days, but you never knew if or when it would happen. This morning had started like all the rest with his unit being mustered at the small quickly built sand fortification and the enemy being observed moving about on the other side of inlet. As he stared past his rifle barrel, he could see row after row of finely dressed soldiers marching arm to arm coming in his direction. The bright red coats stood out against the green foliage and the white sand of the island. It was a very impressive sight, but as nicely dressed as they were, they were also a very deadly foe.



*Sgt. Jasper raises the South Carolina Flag at the Battle of Fort Sullivan on June 28, 1776.*

It was clear that the Red Coats were marching directly toward Richard and all the men stationed on this northern shore. The only thing that stood in the way of this English Army marching him down was the small inlet between the islands. By the time the sun set on the 28th day of June, 1776, the mighty English Army and Navy would learn many valuable lessons including how deadly the waters of Breach Inlet are, and how fierce the men of the South were. It was on that day that the world learned of the ferocity of the Southern man and that the rest of the American Colonies realized that there was a chance a new nation, a Republic, may be at hand.

Private Richard Swinson was instrumental in the birth of a new nation as well as establishing his own family. His Grandson, Starky Warren Swinson, Jr. answered the call to defend the South once again only this time the enemy was not coming from over the sea, this time, the enemy lived next door. Starkey enlisted with his six brothers and they served in the 12th GA Artillery, Company B. Once again, the Swinson family was defending their land and country, only this time the price would be much greater. By the end of "The Late Unpleasantness", only one Swinson brother came home. As with his grandfather, Starky survived the war, went home, and started a family.

Today in the small town of Moncks Corner, SC you can find Richard and Starky's descendent, Mr. Cliff Martin at the monthly meeting of the General Ellison Capers Camp. Like many SCV members, he shares stories of his family's many heroes who have fought for hundreds of years to preserve this wonderful land and culture that we call the South. I encourage you to do the same.

The year 2026 will be the 250th Anniversary of the United States, and it will be celebrated country wide. I encourage the camps of the South Carolina Division to get speakers for their monthly meetings who will share the history of the "American Revolution". As we look up to and honor our Confederate Heros, they themselves looked up to their Great Grandfathers who fought against the Mightiest Army and Navy of its time. Remember, if not for the actions of our Revolutions War ancestors of the Carolinas, there would never have been a United States.

May God bless you and your families,

Perry J. Smith III

South Carolina Division Commander 2022-2026

# Chaplain's words of Encouragement

By Danny Blackwell, South Carolina Division Chaplain

## Your Life is an Epistle, known and read of all men. ~ II Cor. 3:2

Recently I attended the funeral of the man who had been my Scout Master when I was a young man 30 years ago. When I received the news of his passing I began to think of all the lessons this man had taught me at a critical point in my life. I will be quick to say that although you and I may have had great Fathers and Grandfathers, it is always a good thing to have positive reinforcement. Paul Miller was one such positive reinforcement. There are many qualities and abilities required to be a great role model, but I think the two most important were demonstrated by Paul Miller; they are availability and consistency.

Paul Miller, who we all affectionately called "Allen", was such a man. He made himself available. He took the time to invest himself in the



lives of a troop of Boy Scouts, rag tag though they were. He did not have great financial resources or fine facilities to conduct meetings in. What he did have was a desire to see a group of boys become men. That small troop of about fifteen boys produced law enforcement leaders, preachers, lawyers, firefighters, and a number of military leaders.

Allen's whole life was given to others. He was a firefighter, a father, and he worked a regular job. Despite these responsibilities, he gave of his time without pay, often using his vacation time to take us camping, teach us a specific life skill, or just take us to the river for a swim. He helped instill in the hearts of these boys the character and stamina required to become a responsible, productive and upstanding citizen of community. He did this with humor and hard knocks. He did not pamper you. He prodded you. Whether you were cooking for the troop or presenting a public address to a council wide event, he did not accept less than your best and required 100% effort.

Not only was Allen available, but he was also consistent. We have all observed programs and people that start off with a great idea or a noble purpose then they fail due to a lack of consistency. They are kind of like a bottle rocket. They start off with a flash and fly high overhead, then there is a loud bang, and they are never heard from again. Our society is starving for some leaders with consistency. Once the church that sponsored our troop decided to go a different direction and vacate the facility they provided, the troop reorganized and relocated to an old house that was donated to our troop. We spent two weeks cleaning trash and debris from the house. This did not deter Allen, and he just kept moving forward. Through the years I spent in the troop, we faced several such challenges. Some were organizational, others were more personal. When adverse circumstances arose, he did not change. He faced each challenge with an unwavering determination to do the right thing. I learned from Allen the importance of being the same man whether you are in work clothes, a uniform, or your best Sunday Go-To-Meeting clothes.



The lessons I learned from Allen were not from a formal lesson plan or a textbook. I learned from participation and observation. He did not sit me down and explain why character was important, he just displayed it. He made an impact on my life that inspired me to devote my life to the service of others and challenges me to not only teach character but to display it.

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**SC Division Chaplain Danny Blackwell**  
Psalms 19:14

## Calling All Chaplains!

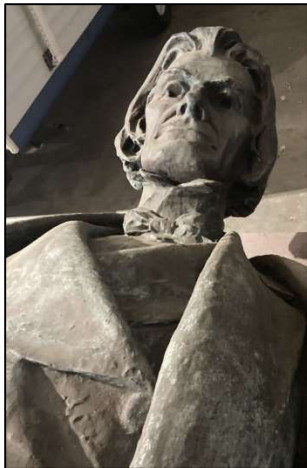
The South Carolina Division has launched a DIVISION PRAYER LIST. If you would like to receive notification about Prayer Requests, please send your email address/ contact information to me at: [scdivchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:scdivchaplain@gmail.com).

# Citizen Triumph on Monuments, But Heritage Act is Nullified

*An Article by The American Heritage Association*

In July of this year, agreements were reached to re-erect both the John C. Calhoun and Robert E. Lee monuments which were taken down in Charleston in 2020 and 2021, respectively. Both of these victories were a result of lawsuits organized by the American Heritage Association with the financial support of numerous individuals and heritage groups, including the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. While the Calhoun monument will have to be re-erected outside of Charleston city limits, this is a much better result than it being shipped out to a far-left museum in California which was previously considered by the City of Charleston under former Mayor John Tecklenburg. The Lee monument will be re-erected in a more prominent location in downtown Charleston than from where it was removed. Lee will also be protected by an historical preservation easement much stronger than the purported protections of the Heritage Act. These are significant victories for the People of the Palmetto State and mark a turning point in the battle for not only South Carolina's but also America's historical inheritance. Unfortunately, this process also revealed that the Heritage Act is not only ineffective at protecting all of our monuments but shockingly, is not even being enforced by the State when it is clearly applicable. How could a deep red state aid the advance of wokeism by forfeiting the battle over historical monuments? Why did citizens have to raise money to bring lawsuits to try and enforce state law?

In 2000, the Heritage Act became law in South



Calhoun Monument in storage in Charleston, SC

Carolina to protect our many historical monuments but completely failed to stop the woke assault launched in 2020. Since 2020, the Christopher Columbus statue in Columbia has been removed. In Charleston, the granite base of the grand monument of U.S. Vice-President John C. Calhoun was jack hammered by the city and the statue removed, Memminger Auditorium was renamed "Festival Hall", and the Robert E. Lee Memorial was removed from the School of Math and Science. Both the renaming of Memminger Auditorium

and the removal of the Robert E. Lee Memorial were both flagrant violations of the Heritage Act and yet State Attorney General Alan Wilson failed to enforce the Heritage Act in both cases even though he stated in the Post and Courier that the removal of Lee violated the law. This repeated lack of enforcement has essentially nullified the Heritage Act in South Carolina. None of our monuments are safe.

Additionally, the John C. Calhoun monument was protected by a Charitable Trust agreement which required the City of Charleston to care for it "in sacred trust" as a "priceless treasure". In the lawsuit organized by the American Heritage Association, the city did not dispute the existence of a trust agreement nor that it was violated. They did argue that **only the Attorney General** could enforce a Charitable Trust agreement. Charleston Judge Jennifer McCoy agreed with the city and thus dismissed the lawsuit. It is certainly arguable, and we think likely, that if Wilson had acted to enforce the trust agreement right away in June of 2020, the Calhoun monument would have never been removed from Marion Square.

After Judge McCoy's ruling the Plaintiffs, which included members of the Calhoun family, filed an appeal. This appeal ultimately allowed for a settlement agreement to be negotiated with the city to turn Calhoun over to a non-profit entity created by the Plaintiffs and the American Heritage Association for re-erection outside city limits. It is important to note that in Judge McCoy's ruling in the Calhoun case she also made it clear that only the Attorney General can enforce the Heritage Act. If the lawsuit against the Charleston County School Board for the removal of the Lee monument had gone to trial, we would have lost since the case was also assigned to Judge McCoy but by bringing the lawsuit we were able to get possession of the monument and secure a better alternate location which will be disclosed at a later time. This victory, which will result in the first monument to be re-erected in the city from which it was removed since the late unpleasantness of the early 2020's, could not have been possible without the moral courage of the Charleston Chapter 4, United Daughters of the Confederacy which served as the Plaintiffs.

The people have won two significant battles, but our monuments remain unprotected in the State of South Carolina. Senator Danny Verdin and State Representative Bill Taylor have introduced Senate Bill 508 and House Bill 4260 which will reinvigorate the Heritage Act by expanding its protections to all monuments on public property, making it clear that heritage groups can enforce the law in court and that left-wing editorial plaques masquerading as history falls under the current prohibition of altering a monument. 85 percent of Republican Senators are co-sponsors of the legislation, including the Senate President, Majority Leader, and Finance Chairman Harvey Peeler, but only about 1/3 of House members. Will the legislature restore our monument protections or forfeit the battle against wokeism? We shall get our answer in 2026. The American Heritage Association remains resolute and continues to lean into the fight. This is our window to retake lost ground. It is time to be heard in Columbia.

To learn more about the American Heritage Association, a South Carolina non-profit, please visit [www.americanheritageassociation.org](http://www.americanheritageassociation.org)

# Robert E. Lee Highway Marker will Be Re-installed *An Article by UDC Charleston Chapter 4*

## **We Got It Back & It's Going Back Up!**

In 1948, Charleston Chapter 4, United Daughters of the Confederacy erected the Robert E. Lee Memorial Highway Marker at Rivers High School on King Street in Charleston, which is now the School of Math and Science. This marker was part of a statewide UDC project marking the Robert E. Lee Memorial Highway from U. S. Highway 52 in Charleston to State Highway 31 to State Highway 2 in Columbia to Greenville.

In 2021, in the wake of the disgusting nationwide assault on monuments, particularly those dedicated to Southern veterans, the Charleston County School Board had the Lee Memorial removed. In the fall of 2021, at the urging of voters, over 30 members of the South Carolina legislature wrote to Attorney General Alan Wilson demanding he enforce the Heritage Act in order to have Lee re-erected. In a February 2022 article in the Post and Courier, Wilson stated that the removal violated the Heritage Act and that he would take action in court if necessary.

The UDC waited for almost three years for Wilson to act. When the statute of limitations was about to expire, the American Heritage Association approached Charleston Chapter 4 UDC about filing a lawsuit against the school board and with their financial backing moved forward. Since a new "conservative" school board had recently been elected, it was thought they would agree to put the memorial back up as soon as the lawsuit was filed. However, the alleged "conservative" school board Chairman, Keith Grybowski, was determined to fight in court. Fortunately, through this process, Charleston Chapter 4 UDC was able to obtain possession of the Lee Memorial from the City of Charleston which had been storing it.

A new location for its re-erection has been determined in a much more prominent location in downtown Charleston, to be revealed at a later date. While the Attorney General and the school board failed us, through grit and determination we blazed a trail to total victory. The lesson in all of this is that winning the war on monuments cannot depend on others, it depends on us and while we will not win every battle, we must fight every battle. Never forfeit the fight!

This will be the first Confederate monument to be re-erected in the city from which it was removed since the assault on our monuments was launched in 2020!



*Chapter 4 President Dena Wall (L) and Confederate Museum Director Jill Hunter (R) stand next to the monument which is now in the UDC's possession.*

## **Can you help us with the costs to re-erect the Robert E. Lee Memorial Highway Marker?**

Donations can be made at our website:

<https://www.museumatmarkethall.com>

Or you can mail checks to:

Confederate Museum  
P.O. Box 20997  
Charleston, SC 29413

Thank you so much for your donations! If you have any questions, please contact us at:

Email: [museumatmarkethall@gmail.com](mailto:museumatmarkethall@gmail.com)

Scan with your phone to Donate



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## Have you heard of the Children of the Confederacy?

The Children of the Confederacy is an auxiliary of the United Daughters of the Confederacy consisting of young people who are descendants of men or women who honorably served the Confederate States of America in the Army, Navy or Civil capacity or gave Material Aid to the Cause. Their goals are:

- To honor and perpetuate the memory and deeds of high principles of the men and women of the Confederacy.
- To observe properly all Confederate Memorial Days.
- To strengthen the ties of friendship among members of the Organization.
- To serve society through civic affairs and to perpetuate National patriotism as our ancestors once defended their beliefs.

They are accepting applications for new members at this time. Please click to type this link to download an application form:

CofC Application: [www.bit.ly/45ZHdgT](http://www.bit.ly/45ZHdgT)

If you have any questions about the CofC or the application, please contact Ms. Darlene Dowdy at [irishgrey1964@gmail.com](mailto:irishgrey1964@gmail.com) or visit the website:

<https://hqudc.org/children-of-the-confederacy/>  
The South Carolina Division of the Children of the Confederacy

## Attention All SCV Members: Sign up your child, grandchild, or your Great-grandchild today for SC Division Children of the Confederacy

The Children of the Confederacy is seeking new members! Do you have a child or grandchild or great-grandchild under age 18? If so, they are eligible to join the Children of the Confederacy with the ancestry information you already have!

The Children of the Confederacy is for children birth to 18 years of age who have Confederate lineage. There are many wonderful CofC Chapters around the state of South Carolina. They meet from September through May of each year. These Chapters do benevolent projects and teach the true history of the South through activities that interest children.

CofC Application: [www.bit.ly/45ZHdgT](http://www.bit.ly/45ZHdgT)

## Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp Report

By Compatriot Carlton Payne

The 2025 Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp was June 22-28. We had a great week of learning and fellowship. There were 42 campers who attended the youth camp this year. Most of the campers were from SC and VA with some from NC. There were even two from CA and one from Washington State.



We had several great speakers this year. In addition to the counselors who gave programs, we had several guest speakers. The guest included interpreters from Shades of our Past (an organization that does first person interpretations and historical presentations), and they did presentations on an Indian Trader, John and Abigail Adams, the Faith of our Founding Fathers and Mothers, they also did activities like Revolutionary War Drill and Tomahawk throwing. Also, we had Gordon and Pat Bailey who did presentations on Jesse James, Flags, Religion as one of the factors of the War Between the States, and Doctors in Gray.

Another guest, Joey Young (who is a missionary to War Between the States reenactors), led one of the devotions and did a presentation on Confederate Chaplains. We also had Dr. Sam Smith, the chair of the history department at Liberty University, speak on the Confederate Battle Flag. The final guest speaker that we had to address the campers was Dr. Carey Roberts, the Associate Dean of the Arts and Sciences at Liberty University. Dr. Roberts spoke to the campers on "Remembering Who We Are." We had activities like swimming, canoeing, archery, musket shooting, casting bullets, as well as 18th and 19th century ballroom dancing.

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## Lt. Commander's Report

Gentlemen,

I am trying to work through some medical issues. I have got good results on my cancer. The problem is the effects of chemo and colon cancer.

The Legislative Committee is working on our next Legislative session. We are already planning a Legislative Day for 2026. We will have more info in the next few weeks. Please continue to contact your Senators and House members. We need to get this bill passed. We have a very good chance this year.

I hope y'all have been able to retain all your members this year.

We are still sending out prospective new members. I have been in contact with several in the last two months that are ready to join. If I can help you please let me know.



The Heritage for Youth has sent nine youth and three councilors this year. We need y'all to donate to the Heritage for Youth committee so we can continue to do this next year. Thanks to all the camps that sent youth this year.

The 1st Brigade is donating a new \$600 flag to SCV Camp 68 to fly on their flagpole along I-85 in Spartanburg SC. I challenge all SC SCV Brigades to do the same.



I-85 Confederate Flag in Spartanburg, SC

If y'all need anything, please let me know. It is an honor to serve as your Lt. Commander.

**Henry B. Richardson**

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

## 2026 SC SCV Division Reunion

By SC Division Convention Chairman Ron York

The date has been set for the next South Carolina Division Reunion and Convention for March 20-21, 2026 in Florence, South Carolina. Our host hotel for the Friday night social and Saturday Convention is all in one location. The host hotel is:

**Staybridge Suites - Florence**  
**150 Westpark Drive**  
**Florence, South Carolina 29501**

NASCAR has announced the race at Darlington this same weekend so area hotel rooms will be scarce. Once this reserved block of rooms is booked, there will not be any more available at this low rate, **SO RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW!**

Each reservation requires a one-night deposit at booking. This deposit can be refunded if the reservation is cancelled at least 3 days before the first night of the reservation. These rooms will be available until February 20, 2026, so please ensure you book as soon as possible to guarantee the discounted group rate.

**CONFIRMED** - Susan Lee of the Virginia Flaggers will join us at the 2026 SC Division Reunion in Florence. Come meet Susan and her team and buy some of her merchandise to support the VA Flaggers.

**Get your registration form in now!**

TYPE OR CLICK this link for complete information:

<https://scscv.com/2026-division-convention/>

There are both Online or Mail-in Payment Options, so **register now!** OR printed out the form on **last page** of newsletter.

Have Questions? Email [peedeerifles@gmail.com](mailto:peedeerifles@gmail.com)



2026 SC Division Reunion Medal



SUSAN LEE

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*The Confederate soldier won the admiration of the world ...*

## South Carolina Guardian Program

There is no greater honor than becoming a Guardian of a Confederate Soldier's final resting place.

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.

An application fee of \$10 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).



**South  
Carolina  
Guardian  
Pin  
Actual Size  
is 1" x 1"**

**BECOME A SOUTH CAROLINA GUARDIAN TODAY!**

## Calling All Candidates

South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans elections will take place our annual SC Division Reunion in Florence, SC on March 21, 2026 in accordance with the terms of the Constitution of the SC Division of SCV.

The South Carolina Division will hold elections for the following offices for the next two-year term from 2026 to 2028:

1. Division Commander
2. Division Lieutenant Commander

All current SCV members in good standing that wish to announce their candidacy for either position will be given an opportunity to publish an announcement with a campaign advertisement up to one full page in size at no cost in the First Quarter Issue 2026 of Palmetto Partisan to be published Jan. 1, 2026. Deadline for submissions is DECEMBER 20, 2025.

Candidates must submit their advertisement in Word, PDF, JPG, or PNG formats by email to [SCDivEditor@gmail.com](mailto:SCDivEditor@gmail.com) no later than December 20, 2025. Submissions received after the cut-off date will not be included in this issue. This is a service provided by the SC Division to assist our membership in making informed decisions at our next election, however, it is not requirement that candidates publish an announcement to be elected to office.

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## Featured SCV Monthly Camp Meeting in South Carolina: Aiken, SC

**Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp 1245** in Aiken, SC meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM with no camp meeting in January, February or July. The camp meeting in September is on the second Monday due to Labor Day. The Prayer Breakfast replaces our regular camp meeting in January and February. The General Joe Wheeler Camp is named after Major General Joseph Wheeler of Augusta, Ga.

**MEETS AT:** Aiken County Historical Museum, 433 Newberry St. SW, Aiken, SC 29801

For more information, please contact: [scscv1245@gmail.com](mailto:scscv1245@gmail.com)



## Donation Made by the South Carolina Division to the SCV National Confederate Museum Fund

By SC Division Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds

At the March meeting of the South Carolina Division Executive Committee, the committee voted unanimously to approve a very generous donation to the SCV National Confederate Museum Fund in Elm Springs, TN in the amount of \$12,000.

This money will go toward paying off the remaining Museum debts and construction of the new Forrest Plaza at Elms Springs.

The National SCV recognized and thanked the South Carolina Division with a letter of appreciation in June.



## Do you have a REAL Grandson in your Camp?

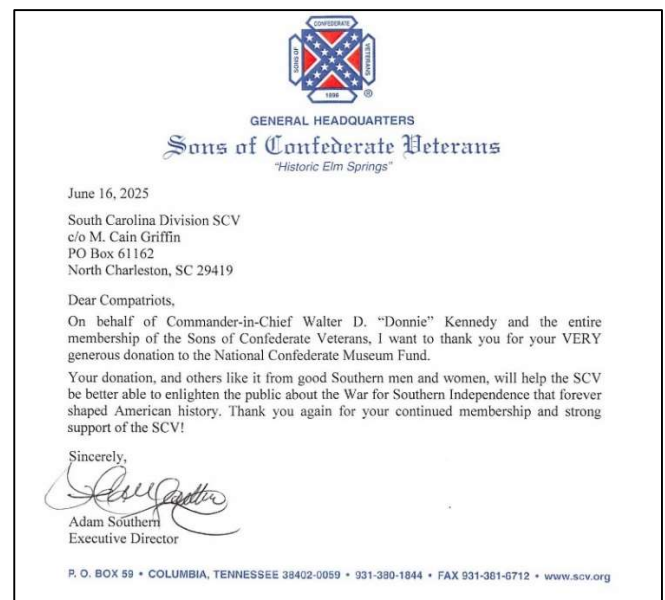
If so, you need to recognize them with REAL GRANDSON medal and certificate!

Requests for this medal should contain the full name and address of the recipient, a family tree or lineage chart showing the relationship to the veteran, the name, rank, and organization of the recipient's grandfather.

Submit the information to the SC Division Commander Perry Smith at:

[scdivcommander@gmail.com](mailto:scdivcommander@gmail.com)

You need to apply today to have them recognized!



*Above: Thank you letter from National SCV to South Carolina Division for their donation.*

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**Reminder - SCV License Plates are still available in South Carolina!**

Past Division Commander Charles Earl Barnett of Camp 36 in Greenville, SC was one of the first SCV members to purchase a SC SCV Specialty license plate. So when he recently purchased a new truck, naturally, he ordered another SCV Plate for the new vehicle. Our SCV specialty license plates are a great way to increase the visibility of the SCV in our state, and the cost is only \$30 additional to the regular registration cost every two years.



*ABOVE: Charles's two vehicles with #18 and #3013!*

You must be current SCV Member in good standing to order. You must download form and mail to SC DMV in Columbia to order, LINK:

<https://scdmvonline.com/-/media/Forms/MV-95.ashx>

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*South Carolina DMV Specialty Plate for the SCV*

**The Charge as given to us by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee of South Carolina**



“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee  
Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

# South Carolina Division News / Announcements

## Donations Now Made Easier on the SC Division SCV Website

Do you know that the South Carolina Division has made it even easier to support these important Confederate funds with online payments via debit or credit cards. This is the same donation list on your MRS (membership renewal statement) forms, but now you can make one-time donations, monthly donations or yearly donations online with a few clicks!

If you can't afford a large yearly or one-time donation, please consider setting up a small monthly donation of \$5 or \$10 for one or more of these funds instead. If you spend \$5 a month on soda or coffee, surely you can afford a \$5 monthly donation to one of these six funds. Over 12 months, your donations will really add up for us.

To get started today, click on this link:  
<https://scscv.com/donations/>

1. SC Soldiers Buried in Oakwood, VA
2. Heritage Land & Memorial Fund
3. Sam Davis Christian Youth Fund
4. Rally to the Colors
5. Division Heritage Defense Fund
6. Flags Across South Carolina

*Above: Screenshot of the South Carolina Division online donation form.*

We need your support, and the SC Division thanks you in advance for your donations!

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No corrections were submitted to the editor for the 3rd Quarter 2025 issue of the Palmetto Partisan, Vol. XXV, ISSUE III.

If you have any upcoming camp events, dedications, memorials, ceremonies, fundraisers, or camp achievements you would like to announce or promote to members of the SC Division, please email to me at the following address: [SCDivEditor@gmail.com](mailto:SCDivEditor@gmail.com) and include pictures, date & time, location, address, ticket price and an email contact info to include with your article.

**Deadline for Submission** for First Quarter 2026 issue is Dec. 20, 2025 to be published on or around Jan. 1, 2026.

## Open Invitation to Promote Your Book in the Next Issue of the Palmetto Partisan!

If you are a member of the SC Division SCV and a published book author, or author who has given presentations to SC SCV Camps and would like your Confederate 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). I did not receive any requests this issue, so I am looking for some for next issue.



# Army of Northern Virginia News



## The Army of Northern Virginia Awards \$1000 Scholarship Check to Eli Paver

On September 16, 2025, ANV Councilman Randy Burbage presented a \$ 1,000 scholarship check to Citadel Cadet Eli Paver of Charlie Company at the Secession Camp 4 monthly meeting in Charleston, SC. Mr. Paver is also the Chaplain of the Star of West Camp #1253 which is the only SCV Camp in America that is on a college campus. Congratulations Eli, well done!



ANV Councilman Randy Burbage (L) and Cadet Eli Paver (R)

IF you know a camp member that has a male high school senior that could use some scholarship money for 2026, please let them know about this scholarship. Contact ANV Commander Jamie Graham or ANV Councilman Randy Burbage for more information.

## ANV Lapel Pins are Available

The ANV Commander and ANV Councilman are now offering new ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA lapel pin for **ONLY \$15**. Show your pride in being a part of Robert E. Lee's great Army of Northern Virginia!



ACTUAL SIZE is 1" W x 2" L

All proceeds go to support the ANV Scholarship fund and other ANV Projects. Contact ANV Councilman Randy Burbage at [capt10sc@comcast.net](mailto:capt10sc@comcast.net) OR ANV Commander Jamie Graham to purchase yours today. His email is:

[armynorthernvirginiacommander@gmail.com](mailto:armynorthernvirginiacommander@gmail.com)

ANV Commander Jamie Graham recently attended the Maryland Division Reunion on April 26, 2025 in Edgewater, Maryland and met up with some interesting characters.



Eddie Roberts (L) is portraying his ancestor, Brigadier General William Paul Roberts of Gates County, North Carolina. Michael Sipes (R) is portraying Confederate General Jubal Early.

## The Army of North Virginia is Seeking Applicants for the 2026 Russell Darden 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.

Applicants must be current high school senior and have Confederate ancestry. The application must include a letter of intent, a statement of applicants' future career plans.

A three-page essay is also required. The 2026 Essay subject is "What is the significance of the naval battle between the Hunley and the USS Housatonic."

# National Sons of Confederate Veterans News



## Join The Confederate Legion

What is the Confederate Legion? The SCV Confederate Legion is an action arm of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to take back the historical narrative. Each week they release exciting new content on a variety of current topics through the SCV Chat program. They also have a quarterly newsletter that is free to subscribe. You can visit their website at:

<https://scvconfederatelegion.com/>

In the summer of 2018, Paul Gramling became Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans largely due to his campaign promise to “change the narrative” throughout America from “anti-Confederate” to “pro-Confederate”. He wanted to shift public opinion toward our opinion. The SCV’s Heritage Operations Committee was charged with the task, and Walter D. “Donnie” Kennedy became the chairman.

Donnie staffed his committee and launched the Southern Victory Campaign™ in October 2018— from scratch. Other founding staff members included James R. “Ron” Kennedy, Brian McClure, and Raymond H. Shores.

The SCV had never before attempted such a grand campaign. “Make Dixie Great Again” became the slogan, and a website bearing that name was launched. It’s now the tactical headquarters and supply base of the campaign, funded by Confederate Legion membership dues and donations and by ad revenue.

Dues are \$50 per year donation and 100% of this money goes to fund the Confederate Legion campaigns. To join, click this link:

<https://scvconfederatelegion.com/join/>

## 131st SCV National SCV Reunion for 2026 to be held in Lexington, Kentucky on July 15 – 19, 2026

It’s never too early to register for the **2026 SCV National Reunion!** Reunion Registration including medal is \$110.00 for SCV Members. Secure your spot today! <https://131scv.org/>

**Featured Tour:** Kentucky Military History Museum & Bourbon Tour on Thursday July 16 from 1:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost is \$85 per person.

Thurs. 07-16-26



### Host Hotel & Convention Center

Marriott Lexington Griffin Gate Golf Resort & Spa  
1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511  
SCV Rate: \$ 231 / night including all fees & taxes and there are many other hotels available nearby.  
Reserve a room: <https://131scv.org/hotels.html>



**Start making your plans to attend today**

**Planning to drive? Here are the approx. drive times from SC to Lexington, KY:**

- 5.5-hour drive from Greenville, SC
- 7.5-hour drive from Aiken, SC
- 8.0-hour drive from Florence, SC
- 8.5-hour drive from Charleston, SC
- 9.5-hour drive from Myrtle Beach, SC

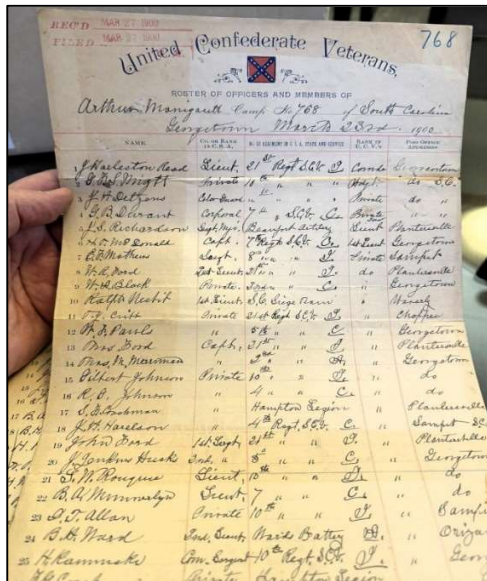
# United Confederate Veterans History Project

## Your **HELP** is needed for a Project on the United Confederate Veterans of South Carolina!

Mathew Locke and Cliff Roberts are active members of Fort Sumter Camp No. 1269 in Charleston and the co-authors of the 2024 book *Holding Charleston by the Bridle: Castle Pinckney and the Civil War*. They are currently putting together a two-volume book on the U.C.V. in the Palmetto State that will include histories of the various camps, transcribed muster rolls, photographs, and biographies of their prominent members. This is an important genealogical and historical project for the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

If you have or know of individuals who hold any of the following U.C.V. items, please contact Cliff at [cliff874@gmail.com](mailto:cliff874@gmail.com) or Mathew at [Britishdragoon2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Britishdragoon2000@yahoo.co.uk).

1. SC U.C.V. minute books
2. SC U.C.V. muster rolls
3. Any photographs from these U.C.V. camps or Survivors' Associations

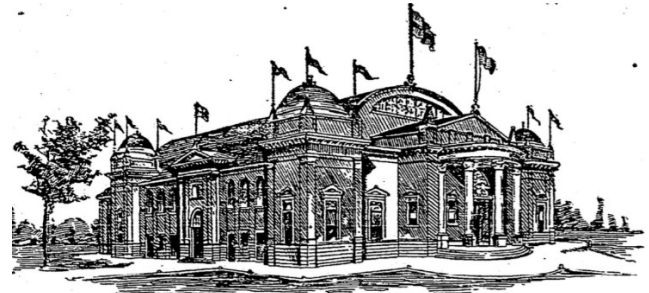


Example of an official United Confederate Veterans Muster Roll, Arthur Manigault Camp, No. 768 of Georgetown SC.

## The U.C.V. in South Carolina

In the first week of May 1899, delegates and members of the United Confederate Veterans from across the South gathered at the Thomson Auditorium on Rutledge Street in Charleston for their 9th annual general reunion. General John B.

Gordon of Georgia, the 67-year-old commander of the U.C.V. was met with a “storm of applause” as he was introduced to the 7,000 veterans in the hall. It was several minutes before the cheers, flag waving, and music from various bands subsided. Gordon spoke of the importance of South Carolina as “the nursery of heroes,” both statesmen, and patriots. The old general praised the various ancestors that had created South Carolina – English Cavaliers, “resolute men who protested against the immoralities and grinding exactions of the Stuarts;” Highlanders of Scotland; “Sturdy democratic Presbyterians of Ireland;” and “high souled Huguenots of France.” It was the “Swamp Fox” with his ragged brigade that “roasted their rations of sweet potatoes in her forests at night, and by their sudden sallies, and now from the mountains and now from the marshes, amazed and bewildered the British invaders.” With some two thousand veterans from South Carolina in the hall, Gordon had touched a chord to the past, especially when he closed by speaking of the “lofty characteristics and unchallenged patriotism of her people.”



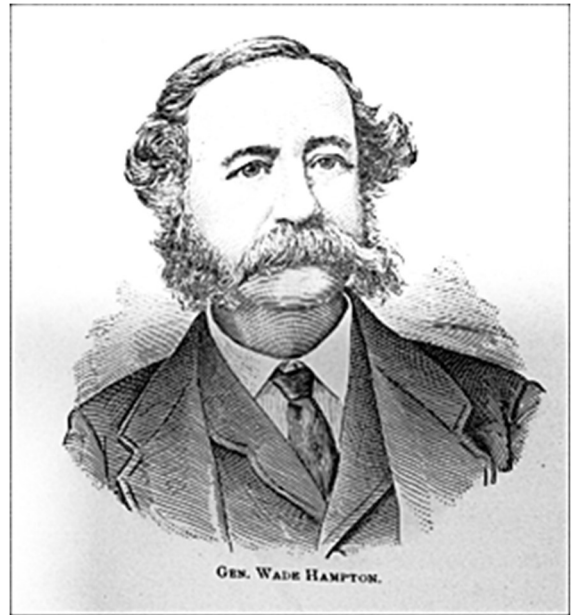
THOMSON AUDITORIUM, CHARLESTON, WHERE CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILL MEET.

1899 sketch of the Thomson Auditorium covered in Confederate flags and bunting (Charleston Post & Courier)

Created in New Orleans in 1889, the U.C.V. took on a life of its own in the 1890s when most Confederate veterans were in their fifties and sixties and still vigorously involved in their local communities. By 1899, there were 1,180 active camps across the South, with South Carolina being one of the most active divisions in this fraternal organization, and able to boast of having at least one U.C.V. Camp in every county of the state. Charleston County had six camps at the turn of the century. Fort Sumter Camp No. 250, perhaps the most distinguished of the U.C.V. camps in the state, had hundreds of members and could trace its roots to the Confederate Survivors' Association of the Charleston District, which first met in 1866.

# United Confederate Veterans History Project

Most U.C.V. camps across South Carolina gathered in their respective county courthouses about four times a year. There was a Confederate Memorial service and parade on May 10th and usually a summer outdoor picnic. Many activities were done in conjunction with the local chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Camps worked to erect local monuments, secure Confederate pensions from the state legislature, and ensure that the history of the war was properly presented and remembered. Members looked forward to attending the state and general reunions that were held every year. Many camps had special uniforms to wear for the reunions. The U.C.V. was also a potent political force in South Carolina as members had been instrumental in the political rise of their beloved Lieutenant General Wade Hampton. Many veterans had been proud leaders and members of the Red Shirt clubs that had marched in favor of Hampton in the hotly contested gubernatorial race of 1876.



*Sketch of General Wade Hampton from 1901 Division Reunion program (Caroliniana Room, U.S.C.)*



*J. Orin Lea of the Fort Sumter Camp No. 250 in his U.C.V. reunion uniform (S.C. Historical Society)*

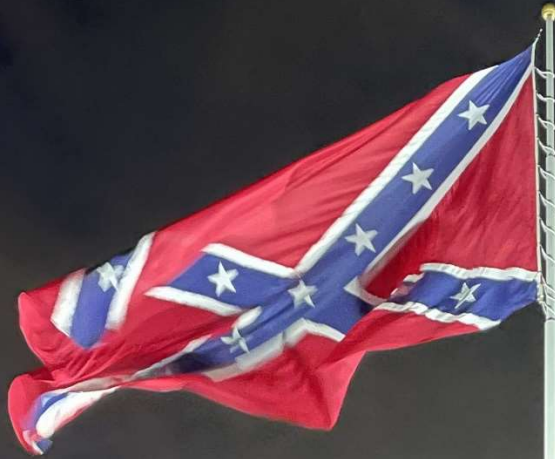


*Confederate veterans from the 3rd S.C. Infantry (Confederate Museum, Charleston)*



*Flag of Catawba Camp No. 278 in Rock Hill (Pettus Archive, Winthrop University)*

# Still Proudly Flying in the Up Country!



**The I-85 Flagpole  
in Spartanburg, SC  
Dedicated by Sgt. Adam  
Washington Ballenger Camp 68  
on October 22, 2022.**

**Photo Credit: Chris Garrett**

# Upcoming Events in the SC Division !!

**General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245** in Aiken, SC. will host the 8th Annual Wreaths Across America Service in Bethany Cemetery honoring all Veterans, especially Confederate Veterans.



When: Saturday Dec. 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm  
Where: Bethany Cemetery at the corner of NW Hampton Ave / Laurens St NW, Aiken, SC 29801

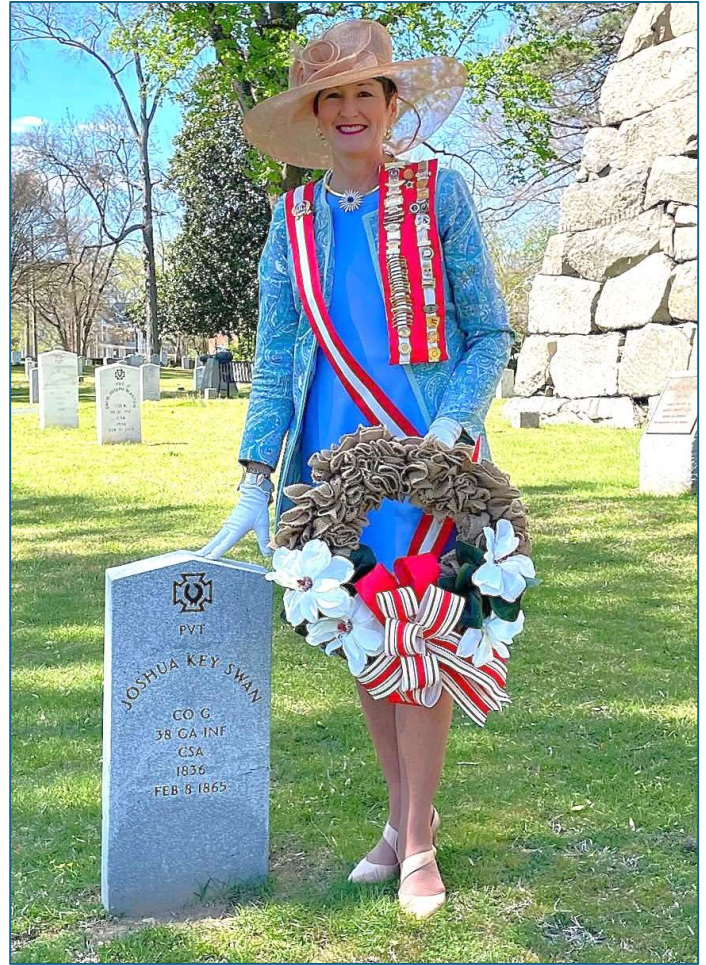
*From Wheeler Dispatch Newsletter, Aug. 2025*

**Micah Jenkins Camp 1569** in Rock Hill, SC will have a float in the annual 2025 Lowrys Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025 in the Town of Lowrys, SC (just north of Chester, SC.) If you wish to participate or want more info, contact [scscv1569@gmail.com](mailto:scscv1569@gmail.com).



SCV at Lowry's Christmas Parade on Dec. 20 at 1:00 pm

**Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419** in Florence, SC will host the 2026 7th Brigade Lee/Jackson Banquet at Shulers BBQ in Latta, SC on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 11:30am. Tickets will be \$22 per person. Contact [peedeerifles@gmail.com](mailto:peedeerifles@gmail.com) for more information. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Julie Hardaway, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



UDC President General Julie Hardaway



**South Carolina Division Executive Committee** will hold their next meeting on Sat. Oct. 4, 2025, 10 AM at the SC Confederate Relic Room at 301 Gervais Street, Suite B, Columbia, SC 29201.

All SC SCV members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend. A lunch will served at noon for a cost \$20 if you order in advance. Click on this link and sign up before Saturday if you plan to attend and want lunch: <https://bit.ly/4nH9Q84>

**PROMOTE** your camp or brigade LEE-JACKSON BANQUETS in the next issue of the Palmetto Partisan.

Send me date, time, address, ticket price, menu, contact info, etc. to [SCDivEditor@gmail.com](mailto:SCDivEditor@gmail.com).

**LIST TO BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT ISSUE COMING OUT JAN 1, 2026.**

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

On June 20, 2025, SCV Compatriots and friends Perry Sutherland, Jamey Wentzky, and Charlie Ketron of the **Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428** in Anderson, SC and Bryan Pittman, Mark Mills, Christopher Mills of **Wade Hampton Camp 273** in Columbia, SC visited the SCV National Headquarters and the SCV National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs, TN.



(L to R) Bryan Pittman, Mark Mills, Christopher Mills, Jamey Wentzky, and Perry Sutherland represent SC during a recent visit to the SCV National Headquarters in Elm Springs, TN. Photo taken by Charlie Ketron.



(L to R) Perry Sutherland, Jamey Wentzky, and Charlie Ketron hold up the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Flag by the Grave of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest at Elm Springs.

**Col. E.T. Stackhouse Camp 1576** in Latta, SC hosted the 7th Brigade Prayer Breakfast at Commander Harrelson's home in Hamer, SC on Saturday, July 12, 2025. A delicious breakfast was served, and souls were ministered.



Pastor Vernon Thompkins, who is Chaplain of the Litchfield Camp 132, was the guest speaker.



Compatriots gather for good food and fellowship.



(L to R) Stackhouse Camp 1576 Commander Brooks Harrelson, Lamar Guest of Camp 125, and 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Ron York display the Col E. T. Stackhouse camp flag.

Photos submitted by Lamar Guest.

**YOUR CAMP DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE PALMETTO PARTISAN??**

**ANY CAMP MEMBER CAN SUBMIT DIRECT TO THE EDITOR.**

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**WE NEED YOUR SUBMISSIONS!**

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Prospect 10th Regiment Camp 1749** in Hemingway, SC. Members of this camp place flags on Confederate graves in over fifty cemeteries in Williamsburg and southern Florence County twice a year on Confederate Memorial Day and Veterans Day.



*ABOVE: Commander Joe Mims at Calder Wilderness Cemetery between Olanta & Cowards.*



*ABOVE: Julius Duke at the McClary Cemetery south of Cedar Swamp.*



*Above: Dr. Louis Drucker at Williamsburg Presbyterian Cemetery in Kingstree, SC.*



*ABOVE: Adjutant Hal Eaddy at the Gaskins Cemetery east of Lake City.*



*Above: Quartermaster Billy J. Tanner at the Lake Chapel Cemetery.*



*Above: Tony De Vault at Old Aimwell Cemetery on the Old River Road south east of Pamphico.*

*Submitted by Camp 1749 Adjutant Hal Eaddy*

**Litchfield Camp 132** in Conway, SC held a Cow Bingo fundraiser on June 14, 2025. When the cow splats, the owner of the first square receives a prize. The proceeds go towards Southern Crosses of Honor and grave flags for the camp. This is a creative way to raise funds for your camp, so consider holding your own Cow Bingo!



*Camp Quartermaster Curtis Cannady (R) presents the first-place prize to Adjutant Dennis Fulmer (L)*

*From the July 2025 Litchfield Independent Newsletter*



**H.L. Hunley Camp 143** in Summerville, SC. On July 26-27, 2025, Camp member Al Couch with Braxton Spivey took the H.L. Hunley Traveling Exhibit to Fort Tribute in Madrid, New York. The New York crowds viewed the submarine & heard the true story of when the first combat submarine sank the U.S.S. Housatonic on Feb. 17, 1864. Braxton Spivey, portraying General Robert E. Lee, made his first appearance at this venue and was widely welcomed by all.



*Submitted by Camp 143 Commander Joe Roy*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68** in Spartanburg, SC. Compatriot Sumter Chumley is carrying on a Southern tradition of car racing in the Crown Vic class at the dirt tracks of Laurens and Traveler's Rest. His #15 car proudly displays the Confederate Battle Flag across the rear deck which was hand painted by his father and camp member, Rob Chumley.



*From the July 2025 Confederate Yell Newsletter*

**Captain Moses Woods Camp 125** in Gaffney, SC welcomes their newest camp member, Mr. Billy Briggs at their July Camp meeting at House of Pizza in Gaffney, SC on July 17, 2025.



*ABOVE (L to R): Mason Briggs, Lt. Commander Joe Briggs, Mr. Billy Briggs (new member), and Adjutant Robert Little.*

**General States Rights Gist Camp 1451** in West Springs, SC swore in two new members at their June 1, 2025 camp meeting at the West Springs Community Center. New members are the lifeblood of a camp, so we welcome our new SCV brothers.



*(L to R): Gist Camp Commander Mike Weathers, and new members Al Greer and Brad Weaver.*

*From the July 2025 Gist Gazette Newsletter*

**Walker-Gaston Camp 86** in Chester, SC held their monthly meeting at Sweet Caroline's in McConnells, SC on July 17, 2025. 3rd Brigade Commander Marty Farwell was their guest speaker, and his program was "The Debacle at Ball's Bluff". Several members of the Gist Camp 1451 also attended.



*(L to R Sitting): Ms. Robin Farwell, Ms. Joan Stevens, and Ms. Teala Weathers. (L to R Standing): Camp 86 Commander Donnie Raborn, Brigade Commander Marty Farwell, Camp 31 Commander Jimmy Larkin, and Gist Camp Commander Mike Weathers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Jack Burnett.*

*From the August 2025 Gist Gazette Newsletter*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Jefferson Davis Camp 7** in Easley, SC and **2nd SC Regiment Camp 71** in Pickens, SC held their joint camp meeting at the American Legion Post in Pickens, SC on August 8, 2025. SC Division Commander Perry Smith gave his new presentation “Messages of Gratitude”. Several other local camps visited this meeting to hear Commander Smith speak.



Above: Camp 7 Commander Jim Hopkins receives his Ten-Year Service Pin from SC Division Commander Smith.

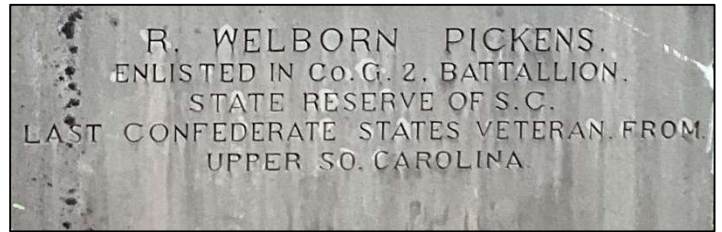
*Submitted by SC Division Editor*

**Litchfield Camp 132** in Conway set up a sales and recruitment tent at the 45th annual Aynor Harvest Hoe-Down Festival on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in Aynor, SC. This event features a parade, live music, food vendors, and family-friendly activities.



Picture from Litchfield Camp 132 Facebook Page

**Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428** in Anderson, SC flagged the grave of Captain Robert Welborn Pickens, the last Confederate soldier from the upstate at Pickens Cemetery in Easley, SC on July 28, 2025. This cemetery contains the graves of twenty-three Revolutionary War veterans, eight War of 1812 veterans, one Seminole War veteran, seven Confederate veterans, and many other veterans of other wars.



ABOVE: Perry Sutherland (L) and Jamey Wentzky (R) at Pickens Cemetery in Easley, SC.

*Submitted by Cmdr. Perry Sutherland*

**P.G.T. Beauregard Camp 1458** in the Independent Republic of Sumter, SC welcomed their newest member, Jeff Bruton at their camp meeting on September 18, 2025. Recruiting new members is essential for our camps to grow! Congrats and welcome, Compatriot Bruton.



From P.G.T. Beauregard Camp 1458 Facebook Page

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Litchfield Camp 132** in the Independent Republic of Conway, SC conducted a highway clean-up on August 23, 2025 of El Bethel Road, which extends from Hwy. 378 to Hwy. 501, in Conway, SC. Though the grass was tall from recent rains, this did not deter their efforts, and they collected 14 bags of trash. Thank you to these faithful compatriots who gave their time to help take care of their community.



*Pictures From Litchfield Camp 132 Facebook Page*

**Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428** in Anderson who are also members of McQueen's Artillery, participated in the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky on August 22, 2025.



*L to R: Carson Ammons, Color Sgt. Jamey Wentzky, Cmdr. Perry Sutherland, and Lt. Cmdr. Jack Bolt.*

*Submitted by Cmdr. Perry Sutherland.*

**General Ellison Capers Camp 1212** in Moncks Corner, SC welcomed Susan Lee of the Virginia Flaggers to speak at the monthly camp meeting on August 21, 2025. Susan gave a very inspirational talk about the history of the Virginia Flaggers, how they got started, and the projects they are working on now.



*ABOVE: SC Division Commander Perry Smith displays the SC Division Flag with Susan Lee.*

*Article & Pictures submitted by SC Division Editor*

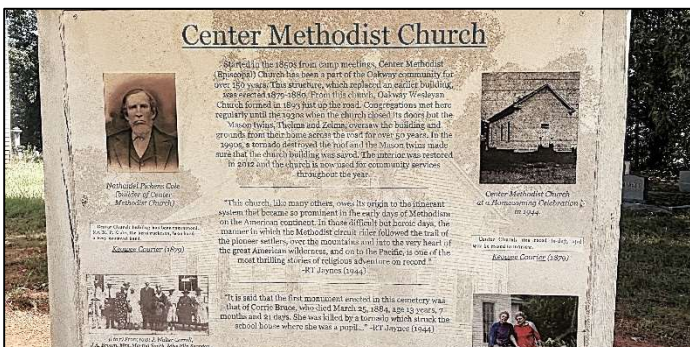
# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Secession Camp 4** in Charleston, SC held their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Confederate Heritage Motorcycle Ride on Sept. 20, 2025. Riders traveled from Low Country Harley Davidson in North Charleston to Broxton Bridge Plantation in Ehrhardt, SC to learn about Confederate History and raise money for Confederate Charities. About 100 riders participated this year in this event.



*Submitted by SC Division Editor*

**1<sup>st</sup> Brigade** in the Upcountry of SC held their First Brigade Cemetery Clean-up on September 6, 2025 at Center Methodist Church in Oakway, SC. They had 10 members show up from 3 different camps and got the job done!



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



*(L To R): 1<sup>st</sup> row, Erick Lowe of Camp 45, Perry Sutherland of Camp 1428, TJ Bartlett of Camp 2027, Ken Creamer of Camp 1428. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: James Kay of Camp 2027, Billy Smith of Camp 2027, Sam McGee of Camp 1428. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Craig Stephenson of Camp 43, Jack Bolt of Camp 1428, and Jamey Wentzky of Camp 1428.*

**Litchfield Camp 132** in Conway, SC presented camp members with their National SCV Awards at their August 19, 2025 meeting.



*(L to R): Jamie Graham presents John Fisher, Frank Barnhill, Curtis Canady, and Dennis Fulmer with SCV Distinguished Service Medal.*



*(L to R): Jamie Graham presents Ricky Todd, Paul Flanagan, Robbie Matney, Dennis Fulmer and Johnny Sessions with SCV Meritorious Service Medal.*

*From the August 2025 Litchfield Independent Newsletter*

**MEMORIAL SEALS AND CROSSES**  
**Sold by Gen. States Rights Gist Camp #1451**  
**(West Springs, South Carolina)**



**SEAL**  
**(13" X 1/2" thick)**  
**Aluminum alloy**



**CROSS**  
**(11" X 19" X 1" thick)**  
**Aluminum alloy**



Made of aluminum alloy.

**\$35 each plus \$20 Shipping, can get 2/box.**  
**Cross is staked in front of marker. Made of aluminum alloy.**  
**\$40 each plus \$26 shipping; can get 3/box.**  
**Power coated, add \$15.**

**Contact Henry Dobey for more information:**

Email: [hdobey@windstream.net](mailto:hdobey@windstream.net)  
 Phone: (864) 457-3246 (leave message)  
 Or make check payable to: Gist Camp #1451  
 Mail to: Gist Camp #1451, c/o Henry Dobey  
 300 Mountain View Rd., Landrum, SC 29356

*(All proceeds Support The Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp)*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**1<sup>st</sup> Brigade** members working with the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the Upcountry of SC installed seven Confederate Crosses of Honor on soldier's graves at the Old Stone Church in Clemson, SC on September 13, 2025.



(L to R): Cmdr. Billy Smith of Camp 2027 assists Ken Creamer of Camp 1428 installing a Cross of Honor, with Adj. Craig Stephenson of Camp 43.



(L to R): JT Bartlett of Camp 2027, Commander Billy Smith of Camp 2027, Lt. Commander Mark Gambrell, Ken Creamer of Camp 1428, Adj. Craig Stephenson of Camp 43, Commander Jim Hopkins of Camp 7, Past UDC President Darlene Dowdy, Honorary President of SC Division Marion Whitehurst UDC, Mattie Jain of the UDC, and 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Commander Perry Sutherland.



1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland, Past UDC President Darlene Dowdy, Adj. Craig Stephenson - Camp 43, Lt. Cmdr. Mark Gambrell - Camp 43, Cmdr. Jim Hopkins - Camp 7, Cmdr. Bill Smith - Camp 2027, JT Bartlett - Camp 2027, and Ken Creamer - Camp 1428.

Submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Commander Perry Sutherland

**Secession Camp 4** in Charleston, SC members performed a Highway Clean-up along a 2.5 mile stretch of Glenn McConnell Blvd. in West Ashley area of Charleston on Sept. 13, 2025. They picked up 21 bags of trash, a tire, and a car bumper.



(L to R): Loren O'Donnell, Commander Michael Dixon, Bobby Compton, David Forbes, Walter Carr, Wes Reynolds, and Rick Little.



(L to R): Compatriots Wes Reynolds and Rick Little finish up at the end of Glenn McConnell Parkway.

Submitted by SC Division Newsletter Editor

**General States Rights Gist Camp 1451** in West Springs, Compatriots M. C. Martin and Dr. Chris Rucker installed ten new Confederate headstones in the Confederate Cemetery at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville on August 26 & 27, 2025.



M. C. Martin (L) and Dr. Chris Rucker (R)

From the August 2025 Gist Gazette Newsletter

# UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!

**HALLOWEEN**  
October 31, 2025



**THANKSGIVING**  
November 27, 2025



**CHRISTMAS**  
December 25, 2025



## **VISIT AND SUPPORT OUR SOUTH CAROLINA CONFEDERATE MUSEUMS**

### **Museum & Library of Confederate History**



15 Boyce Ave, Greenville, SC 29601  
Mon 10 am - 3 pm, Wed. 10 am - 3 pm, Fri. 1 pm - 5 pm, Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 1 pm - 5 pm.

[www.confederatemuseum.org](http://www.confederatemuseum.org)  
FREE ADMISSION! Operated by members of Greenville SCV 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment - Camp 36

### **Museum at Market Hall in Charleston**



188 Meeting St, Charleston, SC 29401  
Open on Thursday - Sunday from 11-4.

When the flag is out, we're open!  
Admission \$10.00 per person  
[www.museumatmarkethall.com](http://www.museumatmarkethall.com)  
Operated by Charleston UDC Chapter 4



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**CONFEDERATE RELIC ROOM &**  
**MILITARY MUSEUM**

301 Gervais Street, Suite B  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
1st Sunday of the Month 1 pm - 5 pm

Adults 18 - 61, \$6.00  
Seniors 62 and over, \$5.00  
[www.crr.sc.gov/](http://www.crr.sc.gov/)  
Operated by the State of South Carolina

# Register Early for the Next SC Division Reunion!



Sons of Confederate Veterans  
South Carolina Division Convention  
March 20-21, 2026 – Florence, SC  
Hosted by Pee Dee Rifles, Camp 1419



## Registration Form

Make Checks Payable to: **Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419**

Mail this form and check to:

Ron York 1455 Marion Green Rd, Florence, SC 29506

Or pay online with credit/debit card: **pee-dee-rifles-camp-1419.square.site**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone :(     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor Memorial's Name/Rank/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Convention: (Members Only) All early and standard registrations include Awards Luncheon, Registration Packet, Convention Medal and Program.

Early Registration until 1/31/26	\$75	\$ _____
Standard Registration (2/1/26 – 3/14/26)	\$85	\$ _____
Late Registration (3/15/26 – 3/21/26)	\$95	\$ _____
Friday Night Social / BBQ Dinner	\$25	\$ _____
Guest Registration (Saturday Luncheon)	\$30	\$ _____
Extra Convention Medal (available at the door)	\$20	\$ _____
Ancestor Memorial ( <i>Deadline 01/31/26</i> )	\$10 (\$5 ea. addt'l)	\$ _____
Vendor Display Space (one six-foot table)	\$25	\$ _____
	Total Enclosed	\$ _____

SC OCR attending Friday Night Social or Saturday Luncheon without an attending SCV member must use this form as a guest and pay in advance. Attendees whose forms arrive late may be asked to register at the door. Reimbursements will be mailed after the convention.

Please contact Ron York for more information 843-250-6637 / [peedeerifles@gmail.com](mailto:peedeerifles@gmail.com)