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## 026 SC Division Reunion Recap held in Florence, SC on March 20-21

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

The South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans marked a historic milestone this year, hosting its first-ever joint Reunion with the Military Order of the Stars and Bars in Florence, South Carolina. The event brought together members from across the entire state for a memorable weekend of fellowship, business, and SCV traditions.



*Convention Chairman Ron York welcomes guests*

Special recognition goes to Reunion Chairman Ron York, Camp Commander Eddie Hales and the entire Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419 for their outstanding work in hosting the 2026 Reunion in Florence. It takes a tremendous amount of time, effort and planning to pull off a successful Division Reunion and Pee Dee Rifles executed flawlessly. They ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for all in attendance. Your efforts are deeply appreciated by the entire Division.

Held at the Staybridge Suites Florence, the weekend's activities were conveniently centralized, with both the Friday Night Social and Saturday's Reunion taking place under one roof. As is tradition, the South Carolina Division kicked off the events with an Executive Council meeting on Friday afternoon from 1 pm to 4 pm

prior to the Reunion where Division leadership convened to discuss upcoming business for the next quarter.

On Friday evening, the Division held a Social event starting at 6:00 pm at the hotel. A delicious meal of BBQ food was served to all the



guests attending. After the meal, the guests were free to talk and socialize and catch up with fellow compatriots from around the state.



*16<sup>th</sup> Regiment Honor Guard*

On Saturday morning, the Reunion began at 8:30 am in the Convention Hall of the hotel with registration and credentials. Upon check-in at the registration table, reunion attendees received a beautiful Reunion Medal and Reunion program.

The Reunion opened with a Memorial Service led by Division Chaplain Danny Blackwell, followed by the call to order from Division Commander Perry Smith.



*SC Division Chaplain Danny Blackwell*

After the presentation of colors and pledges, greetings were given to the attendees by honored guests and dignitaries including the Commander of Military Order of Stars and Bars, the President of the SC Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the President of Children of the Confederacy.



*United Daughters of the Confederacy South Carolina Division President Lisa Burt Cook gives greetings*

At about 10 am, the convention moved into its first business session where it approved the 2026-2027 SCV Division budget and discussed and approved three constitutional amendments this year including an official SC Division logo and creation of a standing committee for membership approval.



*SC Div. Patriarch Albert Jackson addresses the assembly*

A highlight of the day was keynote speaker Tim Lowry, whose wit and storytelling offered both humor and reflection on Southern life.



*Keynote Speaker: Author & Humorist Tim Lowry*

After dinner, the Reunion moved onto the SC Division Awards Presentation Ceremony. A complete summary of awards is on the next page. Congratulations to Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 who won top honors for Best Camp in the Division, and Charles Bray who received the prestigious John Alasa May Lifetime Achievement Award.



*2026 SCV Reunion Medal*

After the awards, the Reunion proceeded to the election of our new 2026-2028 Division officers. We want to congratulate to our new Division Commander, Dean Stevens and Division Lt. Commander Archie Herring. We are expecting great things from these two men as they lead us through the next two exciting years.

### **Your New SC Division SCV Officers**



*(L to R): Chief of Staff Brian Motts, SC Division Commander Dean Stevens, National SCV Lt. Commander Tony Griffin, SC Division Lt. Commander Archie Herring, and SC Division Adjutant Paul Tucker.*

# South Carolina Division Reunion Awards

## **2026 SCV CAMP AWARDS**

### **M.C. Butler Recruiting Award**

Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Star of the West Camp 1253

2nd Place – Palmetto Camp 22

Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Gen. States Rights Gist Camp 1451

2nd Place – John M. Kinard Camp 35

Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428

2nd Place (tie) – Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273

2nd Place (tie) – Fort Sumter Camp 1269

### **Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award - Electronic Editions**

Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp 1245

Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68

2nd Place – Litchfield Camp 132

Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428

### **Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award - Printed Editions**

Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Marlboro Camp 835

Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Secession Camp 4

### **Convention Attendance Award**

Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – General P.G.T. Beauregard Camp 1458

Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Gen. States Rights Gist Camp 1451

Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – 16th Regiment Camp 36

### **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 – Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428

2nd Place – 16th Regiment Camp 36

### **Stephen D. Lee Historical Project Award**

Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Col. E. T. Stackhouse Camp 1576

### **Southern Cross Graves Award**

1st Place – Col. E. T. Stackhouse Camp 1576

2nd Place – Gen. State Rights Gist Camp 1451

### **John Harris Heritage Defense Award**

Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp 1245

### **Gen. Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award**

Sandlapper Level (30 members or less)

1st Place – Palmetto Camp 22

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

Palmetto Level (31-65 members)

1st Place – Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68

2nd Place – Gen. State Rights Gist Camp 1451

Dixie Level (66 members or more)

1st Place – Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428

2nd Place – Secession Camp 4

### **Jefferson Davis Commanders Award**

Best Overall Camp in the South Carolina Division

Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68

## **2026 SCV BRIGADE AWARDS**

### **David Keller Brigade Cemetery Challenge**

1st Place (3-way tie) – First Brigade

1st Place (3-way tie) – Sixth Brigade

1st Place (3-way tie) – Seventh Brigade

## **2026 SCV INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

### **Outstanding Southern Citizen Award**

1. Mrs. Nancy Ridge, Nurse at Sam Davis Youth Camp

2. Susan Lee Hathaway of Virginia Flaggers

3. Billy Todd of Litchfield Camp 132

### **John Albert Broadus Chaplain Award**

Vernon Thompkins - Litchfield Camp 132

### **William L. Gallien Memorial Award**

#### **for Outstanding Members aged 25 or younger**

1. J.T. Bartlett – Rebels in Gray Camp 2027

2. Joseph Girsh – Star of the West Camp 1253

3. Joshua Crosby – Star of the West Camp 1253

### **Sgt. Richard Kirkland Award**

James Ridge - John M. Kinard Camp 35

### **C. Irvine Walker Adjutant Award**

Robert Fowler - Gen. States Rights Gist Camp 1451

### **Jack E. Marlar Memorial Recruiting Award**

1. Rob Astin - 16th Regiment Camp 36

2. Joseph Girsh - Star of the West Camp 1253

3. Elias Paver - Star of the West Camp 1253

4. Perry Southerland - Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428

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

1. Perry Southerland - Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428

2. Tony Vest - Major James Lide Coker Camp 146

3. Jamey Wentzky - Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428

### **Stonewall Jackson Individual Contribution Award**

1. Steven Earnhardt - Fort Sumter Camp 1269

2. Val May - Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419

3. Rossie Meadows - 16th Regiment Camp 36

### **The John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award**

Charles Bray - Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273

# A word from our NEW Division Commander

*By Dean Stevens, South Carolina Division Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans*

Dear Men of the South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

I'm grateful for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me as your Division Commander. It is a profound honor to serve this organization, and I look forward to working alongside each of you to further our SCV Charge and shared mission.

I would like to introduce two key members of our leadership team. Please join me in welcoming Brian Motts as our new SC Division Chief of Staff and Paul Tucker as our new Division Adjutant. I am confident that their dedication and expertise will be invaluable assets as we move forward together in creating a South Carolina Division ready to take on the future battles in protecting our great Southern History and Heritage.

I also want to congratulate Mr. Archie Herring on his willingness to serve this Division as our new Lt. Commander. I am excited to work with him on our goals of reaching new men and showing them that their history and lineage are vital to the survival of our Southern Culture.

I want to thank Mr. Cain Griffin for continuing to serve as the Division Treasurer, Mr. Danny Blackwell for serving as our Division Chaplain, and Mr. Robert Merting for serving as our Division Judge Advocate. These men sit on the Division Executive Council, and their work is essential to being effective in our operations.

I want to give a special thank you to men like Mr. Rossie Meadows, who has agreed to continue serving as Division Color Sergeant, Mr. Wes Reynolds serving as Division Palmetto Partisan Editor, Mr. Mike Thomas serving as Division Historian, Mr. Steven Schumpert serving as Division Inspector, and Mr. Brooks Harrelson serving as Division Quartermaster.

In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to all of our current Camp leadership to ensure that we are at every level working together and supporting the Camps in every aspect that they need the SC Division. Our organization's bedrock is the men who make up our Camps and the work that you do on a daily basis, and my job as Division Commander is to see that you are reinforced. As we begin this term, I will be looking for men who prefer to do the work of the SCV behind the scenes and without fanfare by conducting research and genealogy. We are going to make membership retention paramount and hone in on the recruiting aspect that we began

four years ago under Past Commander Perry Smith's directives. We have men from every place in the State of South Carolina who are Sons of a Confederate Veteran, and our duty is to see that history is connected, where they can experience the same pride that all of us have.

The SCV is 130 years old this year, and the next quarter of the Twenty-First Century is going to be our most challenging and our greatest success. I look forward to visiting with you at each of the Camps and being involved with your Memorial Services, dedications, workdays, and celebrations.

Thank you again for your trust and for your continued commitment to the South Carolina Division, and I look forward to seeing every one of you at the SC Division Confederate Memorial Day service at Elmwood Cemetery on the 2nd of May.

Deo Vindice, and May God Protect the South,

**Dean Stevens Sr.**

South Carolina Division Commander  
Sons of Confederate Veterans,  
Historical Honor Society

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# Chaplain's words of Encouragement

*By Danny Blackwell, South Carolina Division Chaplain*

The Bible says in Romans 13:7 “Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.” This verse reminds me of an encounter I had with one of Americas finest.

Just a few years ago I was in a local restaurant when I noticed an elderly gentleman enjoying supper with his wife. He was dressed in a plaid long sleeved shirt, blue jeans and suspenders. What caught my attention was the ball cap that he was wearing. It was black cap with “WW II Veteran” embroidered in gold above the brim, along with what appeared to be his service ribbons. I thought that it would be a privilege to buy his supper. I summoned the waitress and requested his bill.

I intended to pay for his meal covertly; however, the waitress had already given him his check. Therefore, my attempt at being discreet was foiled. She unceremoniously took the bill from the gentleman and handed it directly to me. The aged warrior seemed a little confused. As he stood, I could see time had exacted a toll on him. He was bent with age, and a walking cane helped him to balance.

I knew my cover was blown. He made a couple of steps in my direction, and I stood to meet him. Before he could question my motive or make any inquiry, I said “supper is on me. I just wanted to thank you for your service”.

My words seemed to restore a faded pride. He straightened and for a moment I thought he might snap to attention and salute. Instead, he extended his frail right hand. I clasped my hand in his and said, “On behalf of my family I want you to know we appreciate you”.

Tears welled up in the seasoned soldier’s eyes, and he said with a pride that seven decades had not diminished “I was one of Patton’s boys. I served in Europe” with that simple exchange I could see the reason they were called the “Greatest Generation”. He did not go to war to gain notoriety or wealth. He simply stood up to defend the Nation we love from her enemies.

We chatted briefly and he turned to go. As he walked away, I thought to myself I was trying to be an encouragement, but in fact I had received encouragement. I was reminded of the fact that when the enemy is at the gate there will be this kind of man who will arise to defend what he loves. We are still favored with the presents of

these men of valor. We are losing these diadems of honor and service.

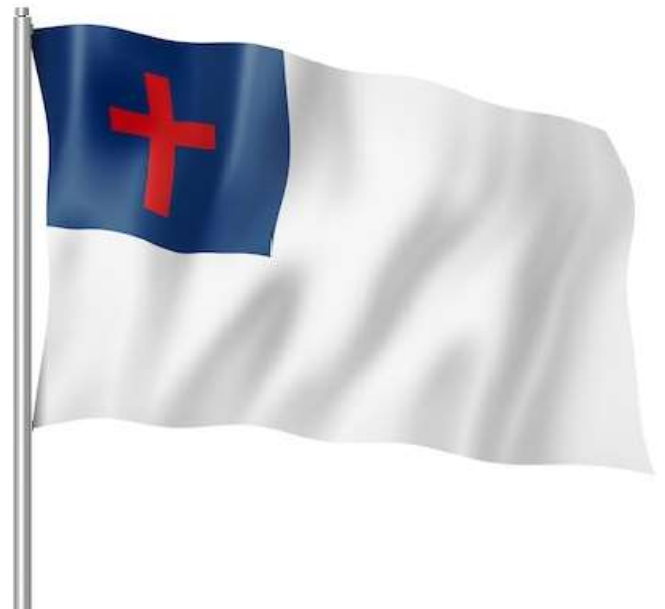
The youngest of them now are in their nineties. What a great debt of gratitude we owe them; and what an honor to meet them as our journeys of life converge. If you have the privilege of meeting one of these elder warriors, or even a younger one, take a moment and thank them. It pleases our LORD, and it will be a blessing to you.



Psalms 19:14 DEO VINDICE

**SC Division Chaplain Danny Blackwell**

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



## 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).

# South Carolina Division News / Announcements

## 2026 South Carolina Division Confederate Memorial Day in Columbia, SC on May 2, 2026

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

The South Carolina Division's Confederate Memorial Day Services are planned for Saturday May 2, 2026 at Elmwood Cemetery at 11:00 am.



This will be a joint service with the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), the Children of the Confederacy (CofC), Military Order of Stars and Bars (MOSB) and Order of Confederate Rose (OCR). All members of each of these groups are encouraged to attend.

Due to low turnout the past few years, the Prayer Service at the Confederate Monument on the State House grounds has been canceled this year. There will only be the Memorial Service at Elmwood Cemetery this year.

## Memorial Service Starts at 11:00 AM.

Address is:

**Elmwood Cemetery Confederate Section  
603 Elmwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29201**

*(Put this address in your GPS or Navigation Program)*

DO NOT park inside Cemetery OR block any roads. Free parking will be available at the Cemetery Office Parking Lot. We are guests of Elmwood Cemetery and must abide by their wishes. We must not block any funeral processions. You may drive in to drop off guests, but you must park at the office parking lot.

MAKE PLANS TODAY TO HAVE YOUR WHOLE CAMP ATTEND. We need your support for this very important SC SCV Division Event.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual H.L. Hunley Memorial Car, Truck, Tractor and Bike Show will be held on April 11, 2026 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

By Camp 143 Commander Joe Roy

The H.L. Hunley Camp 143 in Summerville, SC is sponsoring a Memorial Car, Truck, Tractor, and Bike Show Fundraiser on Saturday April 11, 2026. Registration begins at 9:00 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 11th ! All are welcome.



*Winners from 2025 H.L. Hunley Car Show*

# South Carolina Division News / Announcements

## SC Division Leadership Conference in January Was Canceled Due to Severe Winter Weather

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

The South Carolina Division's Leadership Conference, originally scheduled for Jan. 31, 2026, was canceled due to severe winter weather conditions affecting the state.

A rare arctic blast swept across South Carolina in the days leading up to the event, bringing freezing temperatures and wintry precipitation statewide. As forecasts continued to show hazardous travel conditions, Division Commander Perry Smith closely monitored the situation and announced the cancellation on Thursday prior to the conference.

The decision was made with the safety of members traveling to and from the event as the primary consideration.

Division leadership is exploring the possibility of rescheduling the conference for June or August, though a new date has not yet been finalized. Should the event be rescheduled, members will receive notification by email.

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## The Palmetto Partisan Newsletter will be coming to your Mailbox in July!

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

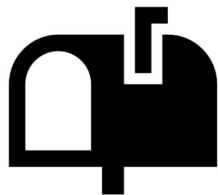
At the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee, the South Carolina Division SCV voted to approve funding to the next issue of the Palmetto Partisan Newsletter.

The printed issue will be an abbreviated 8-page version of the full-size online version in order to save on costs.

Due to the significant expense associated with printing and postage, it is not feasible to mail every issue.

The Division plans to distribute one printed issue as a means of reaching all members and promoting engagement. Many members remain unaware that the Palmetto Partisan is now distributed electronically and that they must subscribe to receive it by email.

Currently the Division plans print and mail one issue of the Palmetto Partisan each year and add a line item for this expense in their annual budget.



## SCV Legislative Day Rally in Columbia Held on March 4, 2026

By Legislative Committee Member Charlie Bray

The South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Legislative Day was held on Wednesday, March 4 at the South Carolina State House. The goal was to strengthen legal protections for all historical monuments across the state of South Carolina. To accomplish our goal, we must see that House Bill H-4260 and Senate Bill S-508 are passed.



Compatriots at Legislative Day at the State House on March 4

Today, without a doubt, was unbelievable. Out of all the Legislative days I have participated in, I have never seen as many school children and representatives from every fire department in the state and many more in attendance to add to the lack of parking.

Altogether I estimate that we had 25 SCV and 4 UDC in attendance. We did not get into the Senate balcony until 2:00 to 2:15. At that time our attendance was down to eight which is not an impressive number. Many of our members, the younger ones, had taken time off from work but as time dragged on had to go back to work.

I did have the opportunity to speak with Senator Verdin for about 15 minutes in his office this day and did not come away with confidence we would see S-508 passed this year.



# South Carolina Division News / Announcements



*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 the SC Division Website at [www.scscv.com](http://www.scscv.com), or email the South Carolina Division Guardian Chairman Archie Herring at [750ace@bellsouth.net](mailto:750ace@bellsouth.net) or [scdivguardian@gmail.com](mailto:scdivguardian@gmail.com).



**“New” South Carolina Guardian Pin  
Actual Size  
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- Birthday Parties
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\$40 each plus \$26 shipping; can get 3/box.  
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**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)

# ANV and National SCV News



## The Army of Northern Virginia News

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

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 seniors 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.”***

If you know a camp member with a male high school senior who could benefit from scholarship assistance for 2026, please make them aware of this scholarship.

Please contact ANV Councilman Randy Burbage at [capt10sc@comcast.net](mailto:capt10sc@comcast.net) OR ANV Commander Jamie Graham for complete information. His email is: [armynorthernvirginiacommander@gmail.com](mailto:armynorthernvirginiacommander@gmail.com)

### 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!

All proceeds go to support the ANV Scholarship fund and other ANV Projects. Contact ANV Councilman Randy Burbage [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)



ACTUAL SIZE  
is 1" W x 2" L

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

There is still time to register for the **2026 SCV National Reunion!** Reunion registration, which includes a medal, is \$110.00 for SCV members. If you have never attended a National Reunion, it is something you should experience firsthand. Register today at <https://131scv.org/>

**Featured Event:** The SCV Grand Ball Banquet and Debutante Presentation on Saturday July 18 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Cost is \$130 per person and includes dinner.



### 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

# Oakwood Cemetery Confederate Headstones



## Headstone Project for Confederate Soldiers from Union County, SC

By Dr. Christopher Rucker – States Rights Gist Camp #1451

There is no more important and gratifying way to honor our Confederate veterans than to provide headstones for their unmarked graves. The Gen. States Rights Gist Camp #1451 in Union Co. challenges other SC camps to follow its lead in Richmond's Oakwood Cemetery. The Gist camp has provided and personally installed headstones for twenty-three Union Co. Confederate soldiers in Oakwood graves, where the Veterans Administration does not provide headstones.

The Oakwood Restoration Committee directs the herculean effort to obtain headstones for soldiers from all southern states. It has provided us a database of four hundred and fifty SC soldiers at Oakwood. Our SC Division Commander Dean Stevens has improved the database by eliminating duplications and providing places of enlistment for the soldiers. It is available on the SC Div. SCV website, under the "Education" dropdown tab. The database is searchable by multiple filters and the columns can be sorted as desired. Following is how we proceeded in Union Co.

Enter "Union" in the "County of Origin" search box to see the soldiers our camp pledged to sponsor. As we ordered and installed their headstones, we notified Dean Stevens so that he could update the "Stone Status" column, which prevents camps from duplicating efforts on soldiers. Had we wished to search for the units we knew were raised in Union Co., we could have used the "Unit" and "Company" filters. One can also click on the "Unit" column title to show all soldiers in a given regiment. Note that you may have corrections to the database, which you

should send to Dean. The database provides an image of the title page for each soldier's file in the Combined Military Service Records (CMSR), available online at [fold3.com](http://fold3.com) and at many libraries.

Once your camp has decided whose headstones you would like to sponsor, there are options on how to proceed. We did our own research in the CMSR and genealogical sources, believing that our local knowledge of Union Co. would provide the most accurate information for engraving headstones. If your camp has no member with the required research skills, the Oakwood Restoration Committee can provide suggested headstone text, but it will be limited to their research in the CMSR. Those records often are inconsistent with the soldiers' names, ages, and death dates, so the Committee's choice of text may not be as complete as what your local knowledge can provide.

Jay Nolte of Southern Heritage Products ([southernheritageproducts@gmail.com](mailto:southernheritageproducts@gmail.com) or 804-512-1153) supplies VA-replica headstones to the Oakwood Restoration Committee (Rick Moomaw, chairman: [rmoomaw@shentel.net](mailto:rmoomaw@shentel.net) or 540-325-2616). You can contact either with your list of soldiers, and they will coordinate with one another. Our cost was \$380 for each stone, which included shipping to our SC address. We carried the stones to Richmond and installed them ourselves. The cost is higher if you wish to ship the stones to Oakwood and have Rick Moomaw's crew do the installations.

The States Rights Gist camp is happy to answer any questions and guide you in your project. Contact camp member Chris Rucker: [christopherrucker@msn.com](mailto:christopherrucker@msn.com) or 864-680-0897.



*Oakwood Cemetery is located in the city of Richmond, Va. The address is 1624 Oakwood Ave, Richmond, VA 23223.*

# How to order a VA Headstone

By Dr. Christopher Rucker of States Rights Gist Camp #1451

## How to Obtain a Veterans Administration Headstone for a Confederate Soldier

I have provided headstones for several hundred soldiers, mostly Confederates, and hope that my experience can guide those who are untutored in the process. Most of these headstones were manufactured under contracts with the Department of Veterans Affairs and its National Cemetery Administration, purchased with taxpayer funds. There is no cost to the applicant when the VA authorizes a headstone. If the VA refuses to approve a headstone for your soldier, you will have to purchase a marker on the private market, which is an article for another day.

### Are Confederate Soldiers Eligible for a VA Headstone?

Yes, soldiers from the War Between the States are included in a category the VA calls the "Old Boys." These soldiers served prior to 1917 and their headstones, and the VA's requirements of the headstone applicants, differ from veterans of the more modern era.

### Who can send an application for a VA headstone?

For an "Old Boy", anyone can apply. You don't have to be a descendant or a relative of the Confederate soldier to request his headstone.

### Which Confederate veterans are eligible?

If he was a slave, don't apply to the VA. They will not authorize a headstone. Don't waste your time. Buy him a stone. Any veteran will have to have a military record, and the VA will check. Use the Combined Military Service Record (CMSR). If he doesn't have a file in the CMSR, he won't get a headstone.

### Does the veteran already have a headstone on his grave?

If he does, the VA won't give him another one. You have to check the "NO" in Block 4. If Find-A-Grave.com has an old photo of what was once a legible stone, but your visit to the cemetery shows the stone is now illegible/badly damaged, take a photo and send it with the application. Include a cover letter to the VA explaining that since the stone is illegible, the grave is presently unmarked.

## VA FORM 40-1330, CLAIM FOR STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE OR MARKERS

Form Approved, OMB No. 2000-0222  
Regulation D.M.V., Sept. 16, 2002  
Replaces VA Form 40-1330-10

<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please read the General Information Sheet below completing this form. Type or print clearly all information except for a signature. If the printing could result in an error of headstone or marker to be placed, take as a sample, each block may vary in delayed processing. Blocks marked with a star (*) indicate special instructions. <b>PLEASE INCLUDE MILITARY BRANCH AND REGIMENT(S).</b>		<b>TYPE OF REQUEST</b> <input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL REQUEST (first time) <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT (through request in Block 33, Remarks)	<b>CHECK BOX IF REMARKS ARE NOT BUILT-UP AND EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED (initials and remarks accepted only)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> REMARKS NOT SUBMITTED
<b>3. NAME OF DECEASED (TO BE INSCRIBED ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER) (Use Nicknames or titles permitted)</b> FIRST (Last, first) MIDDLE (if desired) LAST		<b>4. IS GRAVE CURRENTLY MARKED WITH A PRIVATELY PURCHASED, PERSONAL, AND DURABLE MARKER?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>5. RACE OR ETHNICITY (Do not select more than one. Information will be used for statistical purposes only.)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN OR AS AN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> ALASKA NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NAIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NDI <input type="checkbox"/> HAWAIIAN <input type="checkbox"/> OR LATINO
<b>7. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO. AND/OR SERVICE NO.</b> SSN (999-99-9999) SVC. NO. (9999-9999)		<b>8. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State or Country)</b>	<b>9A. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)</b> MONTH DAY YEAR
<b>PERIODS OF ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY (Use additional space on Block 33)</b> <b>10A. DATE(S) ENTERED</b> MONTH DAY YEAR		<b>11. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED (Optional, but if included, this information must be provided)</b>	
<b>13. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Check applicable boxes) (Do not check more than one)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> AIR NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> SPACE FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEALTH SVC. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):		<b>14. VALOR OR PURPLE HEART AWARDS (Optional, but if included, this information must be provided)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY CROSS <input type="checkbox"/> DIST. FLYING CROSS <input type="checkbox"/> PURPLE HEART <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER STAR <input type="checkbox"/> AIR MEDAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):	
<b>15. TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER REQUESTED (If other service marker selection is permitted or selected, necessary (Check box))</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRICK <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL FLAT GRANITE <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT GRANITE		<b>16. PERIODS OF WAR (Optional, but if included, check all applicable boxes)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> WORLD WAR II <input type="checkbox"/> KOREA <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):	
<b>17. EMBLEM OF BELIEF (Optional)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> JEW <input type="checkbox"/> MUSLIM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):			
<b>18. ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS/TERMS OF ENDORSEMENT (Optional) (Space will vary according to type of marker)</b>			
<b>19A. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS (If applicable) (Last, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)</b>		<b>19B. DAYTIME OR CELL TELEPHONE NUMBER (If applicable) (Include Area Code)</b>	
<b>19C. E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>		<b>19D. FAX NO. (Optional)</b>	
<b>20. APPLICANT IS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY MEMBER (Specify relationship) <input type="checkbox"/> VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (Person responsible for decisions concerning burial of decedent; include written authorization)			
<b>21. IF REMAINS ARE UNCLAIMED, APPLICANT IS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FUNERAL HOME (has not been removed) <input type="checkbox"/> CEMETERY (where remains are located)		<b>22. PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE (Number the signature of the recipient President; the number goes against the number in year. It will cost one certificate if no quantity is indicated and "none" is not selected)</b> NUMBER REQUESTED NONE	

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<b>NAME OF DECEASED VETERAN</b>		<b>DECEASED VETERAN'S SSN OR SERVICE NUMBER</b> SSN (999-99-9999) SVC. NO. (99999999)	
<b>CERTIFICATION:</b> By signing below I certify the headstone or marker will be installed in the cemetery listed in block 29 as an expense to the Government and all information entered on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the decedent has never committed a serious crime, such as murder or other offense that could have resulted in imprisonment for life, has never been convicted of a serious crime, and has never been convicted of a second offense for which the veteran was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment or a period of 20 years or more. <b>PENALTY:</b> The law provides severe penalties, which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false or for the fraudulent acceptance of any benefit to which you are not entitled.			
<b>23. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</b>		<b>24. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATION:</b> By signing below I agree to accept prepaid delivery of the headstone or marker for placement on the grave for which it is requested, or if placement on the grave is impossible or impractical, as close to the grave as possible within the grounds of the private or local governmental cemetery where the grave is located.			
<b>25. NAME AND DELIVERY ADDRESS OF BUSINESS (CONSIGNEE) THAT WILL ACCEPT PREPAID DELIVERY (Last, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code. P.O. BOX IS NOT ACCEPTABLE; MUST SIGN IN BLOCK 27)</b>		<b>26. DAYTIME OR CELL PHONE NO. OF CONSIGNEE (Include Area Code)</b>	<b>27. PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON REPRESENTING BUSINESS (CONSIGNEE) (NAME IN BLOCK 25)</b>
<b>28. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		<b>29. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR FAMILY PLOT WHERE GRAVE IS LOCATED (Last, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code) MUST SIGN IN BLOCK 31</b>	
<b>30. DAYTIME PHONE NO. OF CEMETERY (Include Area Code)</b>		<b>31. PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF CEMETERY OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL</b>	
<b>32. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		<b>33. REMARKS</b>	
<b>34. STATION NO. (State/Tribal Cemetery Only)</b>		<b>35. SECTION/GRAVE NO. (State/Tribal Cemetery Only)</b>	

Click this Link to Download the Form  
<https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf>

# How to order a VA Headstone

By Dr. Christopher Rucker of States Rights Gist Camp #1451

## Form Needed To Apply for a VA Headstone:

To apply for a VA headstone for a Confederate veteran, you are going to use VA Form 40-1330, "Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker." This form is updated at times, and supposedly all but the present version "are obsolete" although I have never had an obsolete version refused. The form itself is two pages, and there are three additional pages of instructions.

Use your internet search engine and go to "VA Form 40-1330." Look in the upper right-hand corner of page 3 to be sure that the expiration date is Sept. 30, 2027 or click or type: <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf>

You will want to read all of the instructions out of interest, but some things you can ignore, and some you cannot. Print out pages three and four to follow along with my explanation. I will cover all the pertinent boxes to complete using step by step instructions.

## STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

**Block 1:** Most of my applications are for an initial request, if you are replacing a damaged VA stone, check the "Replacement" box and explain in Block 33, or use a cover letter as described below.

**Block 2:** I have never used Block 2.

**Block 3:** is how you want the soldier's name to appear on the headstone. If it is different from how it appears in the CMSR, you will have to explain to the VA why. If my soldier is listed with first and middle initials and surname in the CMSR, and my research in the 1850 and 1860 census shows his full name, I send a copy of the census and reference it in the cover letter. You have to convince the VA that the name listed on Form 40-1330 is the same man listed in the CMSR. Sometimes you will get an argument. The VA only allows nineteen characters/spaces for the name and any suffix. You may have to use initials or otherwise shorten a long name to allow it to fit on the headstone.

**Block 4:** Check "No". The VA will go to findagrave.com to see if there is a headstone for the veteran, so don't fib.

**Block 5:** You don't have to fill out Block 5.

**Block 6:** In Block 6, check the soldier's gender.

**Block 7:** You don't have to fill out Block 7.

**Block 8:** You don't have to fill out Block 8.

**Block 9:** I usually don't have a birthday, just a year. You get that from the census or the soldier's age listed in the CMSR. The VA won't engrave a birth year without a death year, but will engrave the death without the birth.

**Block 10:** You don't have to fill out Block 10.

**Block 11:** Check the CMSR carefully for the soldier's highest rank, entered in Block 11. The title card in the CMSR will show his entering and ending rank, but individual cards in his file may show that he was promoted, then demoted; that higher rank won't be shown on the title card, but can be engraved on the stone. The VA won't engrave the rank of "Private," only corporal or above. If a private, you can leave Block 11 blank.

**Block 12:** You don't have to fill out Block 12.

**Block 13:** You don't have to fill out Block 13.

**Block 14:** You don't have to fill out Block 14.

I leave Blocks 12, 13 and 14 blank. They are for modern veterans. The VA doesn't include POW on Confederate headstones.

**Block 15:** In Block 15, check your desired headstone. The cemetery may only allow a particular style. You can have upright or flat in granite or marble, but not bronze.

**Block 16:** This should be checked "Other" and specify "Civil War." Don't try to use what you feel is a more appropriate term. The VA uses "Civil War" so play by their rules.

**Block 17:** You don't have to complete Block 17. The VA will engrave the Southern Cross of Honor unless you specifically refuse it, another option courtesy of the Woke. In Block 33, I write "Civil War Confederate style with Southern Cross of Honor" so there is no question.

**Block 18:** Don't complete Block 18; the VA won't allow this for the Old Boys.

**Blocks 19 A – C:** This section is for your contact information. The present VA clerk always uses my email, never my phone.

**Block 20:** In Block 20, don't check a box; write "Service prior to 1917" on the line.

**Block 21:** You don't have to fill out Block 21.

**Block 22:** I never use Block 22, but once the VA sent me a Presidential Certificate with Barack Obama's signature. For a Confederate, you don't have to fill out Block 22.

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## **NEXT PAGE – PAGE 2:**

On page two of the application, put the name of the veteran as you entered it on Page One. You won't have Social Security Number (SSN) or a Military Service Number (SVC), so leave them blank.

**Block 23 & 24:** Sign and date the form in Blocks 23 and 24.

**Block 25:** This is the address where the headstone will be shipped.

**Block 26:** This is the phone number for the person at the address in Block 27.

**Block 27:** This is the contact person for someone at the address in Block 25. This must have a signature.

The shipping company needs to deliver to an address that can accommodate a large truck during regular business hours. My shipper knows that my house is inaccessible, so when they call me to arrange a delivery date, we agree to meet in the Wal Mart parking lot where I transfer the stone to my truck.

**Block 28:** Date signed by person in Block 27.

**Block 29:** This block is a stumbling block for many. You have to convince the VA that you know where the veteran is buried. An obituary, church record, family bible, or published cemetery survey will suffice. The VA won't accept Find-a-grave, nor a letter from a church attesting to the soldier's burial, nor your family lore. If the obituary says his funeral was preached at the church but doesn't say that he was buried there, your application will be denied. Your research skills are needed here.

**Block 30:** Phone Number for cemetery contact in Block 31.

**Block 31:** You must get permission from someone "in charge" at the cemetery to allow installation of the headstone, and that name and signature go in Block 31. If the cemetery is abandoned, I inform the VA in my cover letter and explain that I am signing as the cemetery representative. If not abandoned, do your best to find someone who cares for the graveyard and will sign off.

**Block 33:** Write "Civil War Confederate style with Southern Cross of Honor"

**Block 34:** You don't have to fill out Block 34.

**Block 35:** You don't have to fill out Block 35.

## **Additional Advice from My Experience:**

I find a cover letter invaluable. I type out how I expect the engraving to appear, so the VA can't argue that my handwriting on the form was illegible. I can explain anything in the application that from experience I feel might be problematic.

In the letter, I list the enclosures which will accompany the VA form. For my usual application, the enclosures will be:

1. VA Form 40-1330
2. Proof of the veteran's place of burial.
3. Census or other proof of his complete name if different from the CMSR
4. Copies of his title card in the CMSR and any other card which might be needed, like proof of his highest rank.

You can send the completed form by mail, email or FAX according to the instructions on page one. I have used all three, and now only submit them electronically via the Quick Submit option.

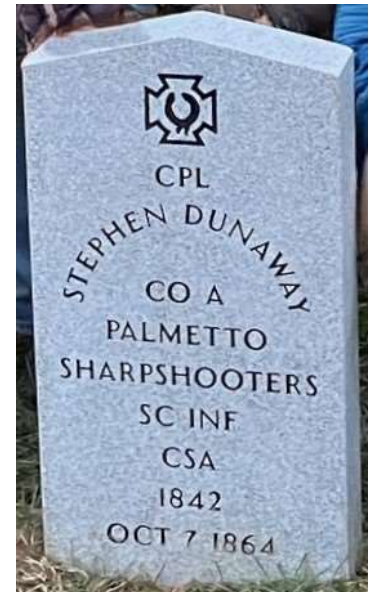
You will be notified in just over three months after the VA receives your application whether it is accepted or denied. If accepted, I get an email. If denied, I get a letter. Sometimes, the clerk has a question and will email me for clarification.

If you are denied, you can call the clerk to plead your case; if you have a good argument, he has been known to authorize a headstone. Don't get mad at him if you are refused because he doesn't make the

rules he has to follow. The VA's rules change and it seems that they are a moving target.

If your case is referred to a VA historian for review, you are not going to win. I've never seen a good argument from the VA historians, and they seem to exist in order to deny headstone applications. If you're denied, plan on purchasing a headstone for your veteran.

The States Rights Gist camp is happy to answer any questions and guide you in your project. Contact camp member Chris Rucker: christopherrucker@msn.com or 864-680-0897.



# South Carolina Confederate Museum

## Museum & Library of Confederate History in Greenville, South Carolina

By Rossie Meadows, Museum Board Member and SCV Camp 36 Member

The Museum & Library of Confederate History in Greenville, South Carolina is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and relies entirely on donations. Admission and parking are free for all visitors. Visitors are encouraged to view the many other artifacts preserved and displayed at the Museum and Library of Confederate History. Please come see us soon. Call ahead to schedule group tours so extra guides can be arranged. Tour inquiries: Rossie Meadows (864) 505-1735



New website: [www.confederatemuseum.org](http://www.confederatemuseum.org)

### Featured Artifact this Issue: The Griswold Revolver

The featured artifact this month is a Griswold Revolver, a .36 caliber handgun produced for the Confederate government during the War for Southern Independence. The revolver is a brass-framed copy of the Colt 1851 Navy revolver and was manufactured in Griswoldville, Georgia.

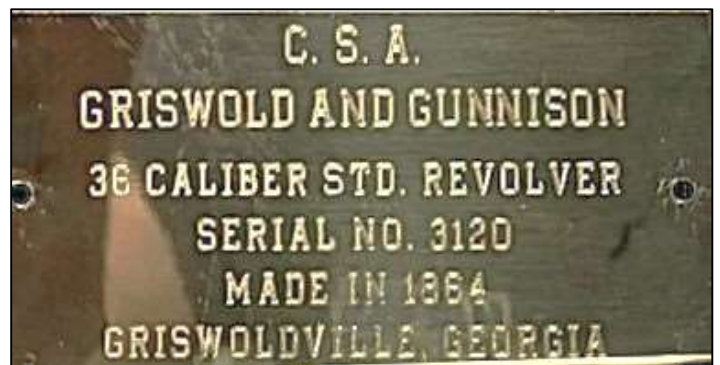
Samuel Griswold, originally a Connecticut Yankee, established a cotton gin factory in Georgia in 1830. Over time, a small village known as Griswoldville developed around the factory. During the War Between the States, the facility was converted to produce revolvers for the Confederacy. No other Confederate factory produced more revolvers during the war.

Because of shortages of steel in the South, these revolvers were manufactured with brass frames. Much of the brass used came from church bells donated by congregations in Augusta,

Georgia. In total, approximately 3,700 Griswold revolvers were produced.

During General William T. Sherman's arsonist's march through Georgia, Union forces burned the factory and the village of Griswoldville. Neither the factory nor the town was ever rebuilt.

Today, Griswold revolvers are highly sought after by collectors and are considered an important artifact of Confederate wartime manufacturing.



# South Carolina Confederate Museum

**Museum at Market Hall**  
**Home of the Confederate Museum**  
**in Charleston, South Carolina**

By Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds

Owned and operated by Charleston Chapter No. 4 United Daughters of the Confederacy® since 1899, the Museum at Market Hall is located at 188 Meeting Street in the distinctive yellow building, upstairs at the corner of Meeting and Market Streets atop the Historic City Market in Charleston, South Carolina.



The Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission is \$10.00 for adults. Free Admission for Military & Veterans, and Handicap Accessible.

Website: [www.museumatmarkethall.com](http://www.museumatmarkethall.com)

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

Phone: (843) 723-1541

## NEW Museum Friends Program

The Museum at Market Hall Friends Program is made up of four tiers that allow patrons to contribute to the Museum's mission of education and preservation of its artifacts.

Click or type this link for more information:

<https://www.museumatmarkethall.com/museum-friends.html>

To donate, send donation through PayPal to our email: [museumatmarkethallfriends@gmail.com](mailto:museumatmarkethallfriends@gmail.com)

OR mail your donation to:

The Museum at Market Hall  
P.O. Box 20997  
Charleston, S.C. 29413

Email us if you have any questions about Friends membership or how you can donate!



## **Featured Artifact this Issue:** **Captured Flag from the Union** **Gunboat *Isaac P. Smith***

This U.S. flag was captured on January 30, 1863, when Confederate forces concealed on both sides of the Stono River near Charleston ambushed the *Isaac P. Smith*, a Union gunboat which made regular forays up and down the river.

While the *Smith* was anchored off Grimball's plantation on James Island, Confederate artillery and rifle fire battered the gunboat in a crossfire, killing and wounding many of the crew and disabling the vessel's engine. First Lieutenant F. S. Conover surrendered the *Isaac P. Smith* to Lt. Colonel Joseph A. Yates and his Lt. Frank H. Harleston.

Lt. Conover turned over the vessel's flag to Lt. Harleston, who would be killed at Fort Sumter in November 1863. Two of his sisters, Mary Huger Harleston and Hannah Harleston, presented the flag to the Confederate Museum in 1909.

The *Isaac P. Smith* flag is hand-sewn and features seven red stripes, six white stripes, and 34 stars. In full it measures approximately 9.5 feet x 15.5 feet. It was conserved by Heritage Preservation, Virginia, with funding provided by the Order of the Society of the Southern Cross and put on display January 10, 2024.

The capture of the *Isaac P. Smith* is the only known instance in which a warship was overcome by land forces alone. The Union gunboat was taken to Charleston where it was refitted for Confederate naval service as the CSS Stono.



Captured ISAAC P. SMITH flag on display

# Confederate History

## The Confederate Coal Torpedo

By Palmetto Partisan Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds

What in the world is a coal torpedo? The coal torpedo was a covert sabotage weapon developed and deployed by the Confederate Secret Service during the War Between the States.

In January 1864, these torpedoes were made at the 7th Avenue Artillery shop in Richmond, Virginia across from Tredegar Iron Works. They were invented by Captain Thomas Edgeworth Courtenay and consisted of a hollow cast-iron shell filled with gunpowder. The process mirrored artillery shell production but used real coal pieces as patterns for iron castings. The resulting hollow cast-iron shell was filled with about 4 ounces of gunpowder, sealed with a threaded plug, coated in a mixture such as pitch, coal tar, or melted beeswax and then rolled in coal dust to mimic the appearance, weight, texture, and odor of an ordinary lump of coal used in boilers.



### COAL TORPEDO

*This specimen was crafted as a prototype, featuring a partial coating of coal dust and with the filling plug intentionally omitted. It was discovered in the office of Confederate President Jefferson Davis by Union Brigadier General Edward H. Ripley following the capture of Richmond by Union forces in April 1865.*

*Note: This image is in the public domain in the United State since it was first published prior to January 1, 1931.*

The finished product weighed about three pounds and measured approximately four inches across. The coal torpedo was designed to blend seamlessly into coal supplies. Confederate agents would covertly place the torpedoes in Union coal stockpiles, and they would eventually be shoveled unnoticed into the fireboxes of steam-powered ships, locomotives, or other boilers.

The intense heat of a boiler furnace would cause the explosive charge to detonate and would typically rupture the boiler. This could result in anything from severe damage that disabled the engines to a catastrophic explosion capable of killing or injuring crew and passengers or igniting a fire that could cause the vessel to sink.

The weapon targeted Union naval and logistical steam transportation and reflected the Confederacy's efforts to disrupt Northern supply lines and naval operations through unconventional warfare. Although records are incomplete due to the destruction of many Confederate Secret Service documents during the fall of Richmond in April 1865, the device has been linked to several boiler incidents, including explosions on vessels such as the USS Chenango and the steamer Greyhound. Whether every such incident can be definitively attributed to coal torpedoes remains debated among historians, but their psychological impact was undeniable.

Beyond their physical effects, coal torpedoes introduced an element of uncertainty and mistrust into Union operations. Fuel supplies once considered harmless became potential threats. This forced increased inspection and caution, slowing operations and diverting attention and resources. In this sense, the coal torpedo exemplified an early form of sabotage warfare aimed not only at destruction but also at disruption.

While the coal torpedoes results were effective, they did not alter the ultimate outcome of the War Between the States. However, they highlight Southern ingenuity and Confederacy's willingness to innovate under pressure and to exploit vulnerabilities in Union logistics. As a precursor to modern sabotage techniques, the coal torpedo stands as a compelling reminder that even in a war defined by massed armies, small and inventive tools could leave a lasting impression.

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

## **A NEW SC DIVISION CAMP!**

The South Carolina Division welcomes our newest camp, **Dixie Camp 2362**, in Charleston, SC. The camp was formed in January, and its Charter was issued by National Headquarters on February 19, 2026. South Carolina Division Commander Perry Smith formally presented the Charter to the camp during a special chartering meeting held on March 7, 2026. We anticipate outstanding accomplishments from this new camp in the years ahead. Currently, the camp has twelve members.



(L to R): Gregory Wade, Joe Melton, Frank Freeman, Commander Rick Little, Adjutant Wes Reynolds, George Durst. (L to R Kneeling): 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Rob Dillon and Wayne Hall. Other Camp members not pictured are Ron Corry, Louis Hayes, Michael O'Neale, and Tucker Little.

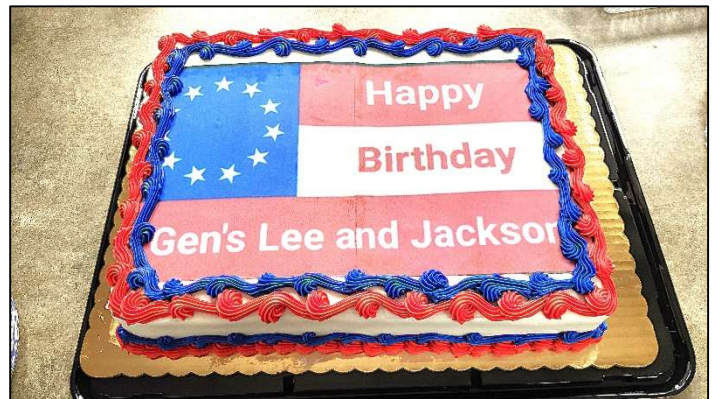
*Submitted by Camp 2362 Adjutant Wes Reynolds*

**Star of the West Camp 1253** in Charleston, SC The camp conducted their first meeting of the Second Semester on January 21, 2026. Camp membership is at record high numbers for at least the past decade.



From Star of the West Camp 1253 Facebook Page  
Follow them at  
[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064560827973](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064560827973)

**H.L. Hunley Camp 143** in Summerville, SC hosted the Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet at the Masonic Lodge in Summerville on February 7, 2026. During the banquet, Mike Large and Tim Hilton were nominated for the National SCV Distinguish Service and Meritorious Service Medals, C.J. Clark was presented the Camp's Captain Award and Cheryl Oliver was presented the "Gail Couch Special Recognition Award."



(Left): Cmdr. Joe Roy presents author Cheryl Oliver the camp's Gail Couch Award.  
(Right): Cmdr. Joe Roy presents 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. C.J. Clark with the camp's Captain's Award.

*Submitted by Camp 143 Commander Joe Roy*

## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68** in Spartanburg, SC. On November 20, 2025, the Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 had the pleasure of hosting UDC President General Julie Hardaway as their special guest speaker.



*(L to R): Commander Brian Motts and UDC President General Julie Hardaway.*

*Submitted by Camp Newsletter Editor Lauri Moitts*

**Fort Sumter Camp 1269** in Charleston, SC. The Fort Sumter Camp #1269 Officers, taken at the Commander's Reception in Honor of the 219th Birthday of General Robert Edward Lee, Confederate Home & College, Charleston, SC.



*(L to R): Chaplain Gerry McCord, Quartermaster Yale Huett, Commander Steven Earnhardt, Adjutant Johnny Lloyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Rob Varnado, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Tharin Walker. Not pictured is Treasurer Jim Holland and Color Sgt. Matthew Locke.*

*Submitted by Camp 1269 Commander Steven Earnhardt*

**Gen. Richard H. Anderson Camp #47** in Beaufort, SC held their Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 19, 2026 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Beaufort. Commander Gerald Wynn was presented with a ceremonial sword by his fellow compatriots for his excellent leadership as Camp Commander. Congratulations Gerald!



*Submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Dr. Arnold Huskins*

**Colonel Donald R. Barton Camp 121** in Branchville, SC held a special Valentine's dinner for special ladies at their February camp meeting on February 10, 2026 at Main Street BBQ in Branchville, SC. Division Commander Perry Smith was the guest speaker, and everyone enjoyed good food and had a great time.



*Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**1st Brigade** members in the Upcountry of SC participated in a Brigade Cemetery cleanup of the Easley Family Cemetery on February 7, 2026 and March 7, 2026. This cleanup was conducted over two visits with members from all camps from the 1st Brigade participating.



**1st CLEANUP ON FEBRUARY 7**

(L to R): Ken Creamer, Jack Bolt, Jamey Wentzky, Paul Tucker, Perry Sutherland (all from Camp 1428), (Back row L to R) Henery Richardson - Camp 45, Bill Smith & JT Bartlett - Camp 2027, and Doug Tinsley - Camp 7.



**2nd CLEANUP ON MARCH 7**

(L to R): Greg Williams - Camp 71, Craig Stephenson - Camp 45, JT Bartlett - Camp 2027, Jim Hopkins - Camp 7, Perry Sutherland - Camp 1428, Ken Creamer - Camp 1428, Doug Tinsley - Camp 71.

(L to R Back Row): Billy Smith - Camp 2027, Paul Tucker - Camp 1428, Mark Gambrell - Camp 43, Trent Harvin - Camp 7.

Submitted by 1st Brigade Commander Perry Sutherland

**WHAT? YOUR CAMP DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE PALMETTO PARTISAN??**  
**ANY CAMP MEMBER CAN SUBMIT DIRECT TO THE EDITOR.**  
**SEND PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION BY EMAIL TO THE FOLLOWING:**  
**[SCDivEditor@Gmail.com](mailto:SCDivEditor@Gmail.com)**

**Jefferson Davis Camp 7** in Easley, SC and **2nd S.C. Regiment 71** in Pickens held a joint Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 8, 2026 at American Legion Post in Pickens, SC. Former 1st Brigade Commander Ron Master was the speaker and gave a wonderful presentation on Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.



(L to R): Cmdr. Greg Williams, Ron Masters, Lt. Cmdr. Justin Arnold, Asst. Adj. Karl Enfinge, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Hunter Austin. Not pictured: Adj. David McElrath.



Ron Masters was the featured speaker.

Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

**Palmetto Camp 22** in Lexington, SC. On January 2026, Palmetto Camp 22 swore in five new members at their camp meeting held at Flight Deck Restaurant in Lexington, SC.



(L to R): Don Bundrick, Tim Sharpe, Gus Jennings, Don Beard, Commander Todd McGovern, Gamble Jones III and Lt. Commander Bob Haynes.

Submitted by Camp 22 Commander Todd McGovern

## Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Rivers Bridge Camp 1542** in Fairfax, SC recently recognized Adjutant Charles Lee Davis Carlson by bestowing on him the SCV Distinguished Service Medal at their January 20, 2026 Camp meeting. This medal is presented to SCV members for outstanding service in a position of responsibility. Great job, Charles!



*(L to R): Adjutant Carlson & Cmdr. Chris Sweatman*

**General Joseph Wheeler Camp 1245** in Aiken, SC held the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Carolina SCV Prayer Breakfast on January 17, 2026 at the Aiken County Historical Museum. Rev. Chris Sweatman gave an excellent presentation of Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson’s Christian faith.



*(L to R): 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Ken Temples, 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander & Guest Speaker Rev. Chris Sweatman, Chaplain Chad Hett, Commander Lee Duvall, and SC Division Adjutant Blake Moore.*

*Submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander John Martin*

**Colonel Joseph Norton Camp 45** in Seneca, SC. Compatriots Rick Smith and JT Bartlett received their SC SCV Guardian Pins for tending to a Confederate Soldiers grave at their January 6, 2026 camp meeting at Little Pigs BBQ in Seneca.



*Division Lt. Commander Henry Richardson pins Rick Smith (with Guardian Chaiman Archie Herring).*



*Division Lt. Commander Henry Richardson watches as JT Bartlett is given his certificate and congratulated by Guardian Chaiman Archie Herring.*

**H.L. Hunley Camp 143** in Summerville, SC inducted two new members during their Lee-Jackson Banquet at Masonic Hall in Summerville, SC on February 7, 2026.



*(L to R): 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. C.J. Clark, Cmdr. Joe Roy, Raymond Fowler and Brandon Hill.*

*Submitted by Camp 143 Commander Joe Roy*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Brig. Gen. Barnard E. Bee Camp 1575 and General Joseph Wheeler Camp 1245** in Aiken, SC hosted the Battle of Aiken on February 27 through March 1, 2026. Over 2,000 children visited free of charge to learn about history on School Field Trip Day on Friday. This is one of the most important ways the SCV can get our message out and educate the next generation on the true history of the South.



*Above: Joe Long, Director of Education of the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum demonstrates proper sword fighting techniques to the children.*

*From the March 2026 Wheeler Dispatch Newsletter*

**Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419** in Florence, SC inducted two new members at their February 24, 2026 monthly camp meeting. Welcome to the SCV!



*(L to R): Stewart Hucks, Wayne Matthews and Camp Commander Eddie Hales.*

*Submitted by 7th Brigade Commander Ron York*

**States Rights Gist Camp 1451** in West Springs, SC. On Monday, March 9, 2026, members of the General States Rights Gist Camp 1451, turned out to clean and restore Grace Chapel Cemetery along Grace Chapel Rd. in Spartanburg County, near Enoree. The camp cleared and burned brush and reset several headstones at his historic site, which was badly in need of attention. The results were phenomenal, and they left the cemetery significantly improved.



*(L to R Standing): Lamar Guest, Larry Walker, M C Martin, James Cannup, Ronnie Fowler, Brent Keer, and Marty Farwell, (L to R Kneeling): Jack Burnett, and our Camp 1451 Commander Mike Weathers.*

*Submitted by Camp Member Lamar Guest. Photos taken by friend of the SCV Teresa Guest*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Litchfield Camp 132** in Conway, SC. On February 21, 2026, the camp held an Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup on El-Bethel highway in Conway, SC. Camp members worked thru the rain and picked up 15 bags of trash.



*Participating members include Commander Ricky Todd, Frank Barnhill, Johnny Sessions, Wesley Sington, Paul Burdacki, Craig Thompson and Robi Matney.*

*From the March 2025 Litchfield Independent Newsletter*

**Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68** in Spartanburg, SC. Compatriots Richard and Randon Thomas recently located the unmarked graves of two Confederate Veterans. The grave site was in an old cemetery about 100 yards in the woods off of a small county road in Cherokee County. Randon cleared an access road to the burial site so that a Veterans Administration headstone could be installed on the grave.



*Submitted by Camp 68 Historian Jim Crocker*

**General Ellison Capers Camp 1212** in Moncks Corner, SC held their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 17, 2026 at Pineland Place in Moncks Corner, SC. About 50 guests came out to enjoy a delicious meal and listen to guest speaker Joe Long of the Confederate Relic Room.



*Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds*

**16<sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 36** in Greenville, SC inducted their 2026 Camp 36 Officers at their annual Lee - Jackson Banquet on Feb. 7, 2026.



*Pictured: Commander Rob Astin, 1st Lt. Commander Jeremiah Strickland, 2nd Lt. Commander Matt Horne, Assistant Adjutant Mark Poag, Chaplain Buck Hitt and Color Sgt. Chuck Barnes.*

*Submitted by Camp 36 Commander Rob Astin*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428** in Anderson, SC. Camp Cmdr. Perry Sutherland visited O'ahu cemetery in Hawaii on February 26, 2026 where both Federal and Confederate veterans are buried who came to Hawaii after the war. The headstones are marked with cannons.



*Perry Sutherland at O'ahu Cemetery in Hawaii.*

*Submitted by Camp 1428 Cmdr. Perry Sutherland*

**Seventh Brigade** held their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet at Shuler's BBQ in Sellers, SC on January 19, 2026. The guest speaker was United Daughters of the Confederacy President General Julie Hardaway who gave a wonderful presentation on the Nancy Hart Brigade, the only all-female Confederate militia during the War Between the States.



*34 SCV Members attended the banquet.*

*Submitted by 7th Brigade Commander Ron York*

**First in Secession Camp 1963** in Chesterfield, SC held their monthly camp meeting at the Olde Chesterfield Court House on March 14, 2025. The program was about Union General William T. Sherman's march and destruction of South Carolina in 1865.



*Submitted by 1st in Secession Camp Email*

**Rebels in Gray Camp 2027** in Westminster, SC. On March 7, 2025, Lt. Cmdr. JT Bartlett (L) and Commander Billy Smith (R) installed a SCV 1st. Brigade sign on the fence of Retreat Church. The graveyard contains the graves of eight Confederate Soldiers which the camp maintains.



*Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland*

# Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

**Gen. Martin W. Gray Camp 1532** in Edgefield, SC rediscovers a The Presley – Moss Confederate cemetery in Edgefield County, SC.



*The Presley-Moss Cemetery in Edgefield County*

I first learned of it over 30 years ago from longtime camp member Buck Carpenter, who provided directions that allowed me to locate it shortly after a timber clear-cut. Over the years, however, the land regrew in pines, and the cemetery's exact location became uncertain, especially following Hurricane Helene.

In January 2026, Mr. Carpenter and I successfully relocated the cemetery. I have since spoken with the property owner, who has given a verbal commitment allowing our camp to begin caring for the site. We remain dedicated to preserving the memory and legacy of our ancestors.

*Submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander John M. Martin*

**Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125** in Gaffney, SC. At the Camp's February 19, 2026 meeting at Central Baptist Church, they welcomed guest speaker Donna Faulkner Barron, the daughter of Roy Faulkner, the man who completed the carving of Stone Mountain.



*Donna Faulkner Barron*

*Submitted by Camp 125 Newsletter Editor Andi Parker*

**16<sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 36** in Greenville, SC Camp 36 Officers visited the Captain P.D. Gilreath Camp in February. Camp visits are a great way to build camaraderie with other SCV compatriots and exchange ideas.



*(L to R): Aide - de - camp Justin Greene, Color Sgt. Chuck Barnes, Commander Rob Astin, and Sgt. at Arms Melvin Alexander.*

*Submitted by Camp 36 Commander Rob Astin*

**Star of the West Camp 1253** in Charleston, SC The camp held a special muster on February 18, 2026 on campus at The Citadel's Mark Clark Hall to formally induct TEN new members into the SCV. Several guests were in attendance and supper was served. Camp leadership planned and executed the event with enthusiasm and precision that would make their forefathers proud.



*From Star of the West Camp 1253 Facebook Page*

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**Dixie Camp 2362** in Charleston, SC. The camp organized a visit for members, prospects and guests to the Confederate Museum in Charleston on February 28, 2026. Museum Director Jill Hunter gave the camp members an overview of the museum's history and a guided tour.



(L to R): Rob Dillon, Frank Freeman, Ron Corry, Jarred R., George Durst, Wes Reynolds, Roddy W., Rick Little, and Joe Melton.

*From the March 2025 Dixie Dispatch Newsletter*

**Mechanized Cavalry, 3rd Battalion, Co. A** held a meeting on Jan. 17, 2026 at the Confederate Relic Room in Columbia, SC. Three new members were inducted into their ranks. If you are interested in joining or info on the SC Mech. Cav., please contact Fred Cota at [warcota1@aol.com](mailto:warcota1@aol.com).



*New members are David Finley, Lamar Guest & James Byrd*



(L to R): Lamar Guest, Nelson Bishop, Bryan Manges, Danny Brown, Lee Fogle, David Fogle, Fred Cota, James Byrd, Jessie Reardon, Joe Nates, Powell Gregory, David Finley. (R to L kneeling): Mark Poag & Russell Smith

*Submitted by Mech. Cav. Member Lamar Guest*

**Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125** in Gaffney, SC. On February 19, 2026, Lt. Commander Joe Briggs and Mr. Jack Burnette of States Rights Gist Camp 1451 received their SC Guardian pins from SC Guardian Chairman Archie Herring at the February Camp meeting held at Central Baptist Church.



(L to R): Guardian Chairman Archie Herring, Lt. Cmdr. Joe Briggs, Jack Burnette, and Adj. Robert Little.

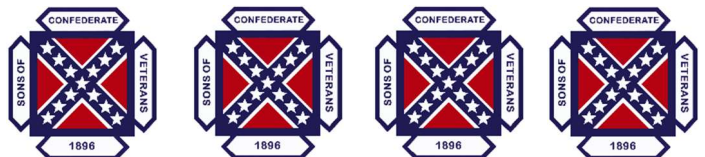
*From March Rebel Yell Newsletter*

**Litchfield Camp 132** in Conway, SC. Compatriot Brandon Johnson, joined by his daughter Reiley, recently flagged Confederate soldiers' graves at Socastee United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach, SC. Brandon has volunteered to assume grave flagging duties from camp member "Big Larry" Fultz, who is no longer able to continue due to health reasons.



(L to R): Reiley Johnson and father Brandon Johnson.

*From the March 2026 Litchfield Independent Newsletter*



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**Jefferson Davis Camp 7** in Easley, SC conducted a Highway cleanup on February 28, 2026 and picked up multiple bags of trash and a auto muffler and tailpipe!



*(L to R): 2nd Lt Cmdr. Hunter Austin, Chaplain Doug Tinsley, Matthew Brooks, Asst. Adj. Karl Enslinger, Travis Arnold, Chad Brooks, 1st Lt Cmdr. Justin Arnold, Adj. David McElrath, Future Cadet Chris Arnold, and Commander Greg Williams.*

*Submitted by Camp 71 Commander Greg Williams*

**Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125** in Gaffney, SC. On March 12, 2026, Moses Wood compatriots demonstrated their support for the Moses Wood Chapter #469 UDC, by attending the chapter's Service Awards Luncheon. The event, hosted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, honored three U.S. military veterans by presenting them with the organization's Military Service Medals in recognition of their service.



*(L to R): Dennis Tate, George Moss, Phil Waters, Matt Doty, and Robert Little.*

*Submitted by Camp 125 Adjutant Robert Little*

**Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard Camp 1458** in the Independent Republic of Sumter held their camp meeting at Second Mill Restaurant in Sumter, SC on Feb. 19, 2026. The Commander briefed the Camp on some exciting news on the plan to upgrade the Dingle's Mill Battlefield.



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

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**Secession Camp 4** in Charleston, SC had six camp members show up for a highway cleanup of Glen McConnell Blvd. in Charleston SC on February 7, 2026 and picked up 28 bags of trash.



*(L to R): Commander Michael Dixon, Russ Mallette, Walter Carr, Loren O'Donnell, Benny Slay, and David Forbes.*

*From the March 2026 Sentinel Newsletter*

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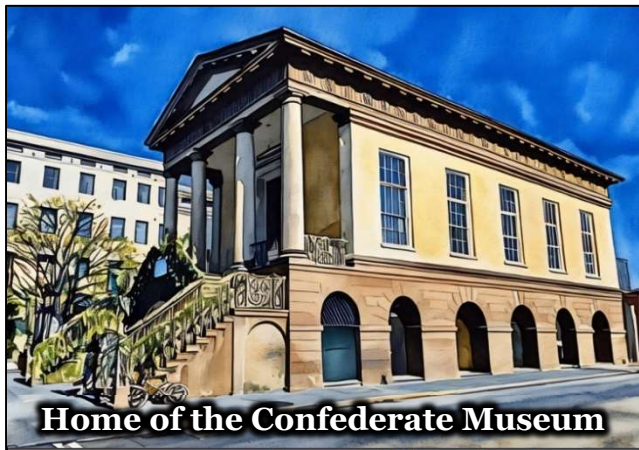
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