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HISTORIC VICTORY FOR SC! South Carolina's Monument Protection Bill S-508 Becomes Law

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

After eight years of hard work and multiple attempts by South Carolina Lawmakers, the SCV, the AHA, and various other like-minded heritage groups, a second Heritage Act has been signed into law. This is the most comprehensive monument protection law in the nation. State Senator and former SCV Division President Danny Verdin deserves a great deal of credit for guiding the bill through committees and getting it to the floor for a vote. On behalf of the South Carolina Sons of Confederate Veterans, we thank all those involved for your efforts to protect not only our state's numerous Confederate Monuments, but all of our South Carolina historic properties.

The new Heritage Act specifically states that that “No colonial war, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, any armed conflict involving South Carolinians, Native American, African-American History, or other historic monuments or memorials erected on public property of the State or any of its political subdivisions may be relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered. No street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, installation, nameplate, or other public area of the State or any of its political subdivisions dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure, historic group of people, historic event, or commemorated event may be renamed or rededicated. No person may prevent the public body responsible for the monument or memorial from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation,

and care of these monuments, memorials, or nameplates.”

The new law also prohibits “disturbing or altering a monument or memorial contained in this section includes affixing to or placing on or near a monument or memorial, or the public property upon which the monument or memorial is located, plaques, markers, anything that facilitates the transmission of messages through digital or electronic means, or other messages or message delivery devices or platforms that are related to the monument or memorial but are not original to the monument or memorial.”

The bill was ratified on May 15, 2026, by the South Carolina Legislature and sent to SC Governor Henry McMaster, who signed it into law, effective immediately on May 20, 2026.



The Robert E. Lee Highway Memorial Marker that was removed in 2020 and re-installed in 2025 in Charleston.

A word from our SC Division Commander

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

Happy 4th of July!

I first want to give my thanks to all of the men of the South Carolina Division for your confidence in me to be elected the South Carolina Division Commander. This first quarter has been a nonstop, packed few months of local and Division Confederate Memorial Day Services, where I have had the privilege of joining many of you in remembering and honoring our Southern soldiers. Our soldiers possessed the same revolutionary spirit and devotion to principle that inspired their forefathers only 84 years earlier when fighting for their freedom from tyranny and the Southern citizens' right to self-determination.

We are in a very special time during the sestercentennial, where we remember and celebrate the triumphs and hardships of both of those generations. Many of the same battles in South Carolina and Virginia were fought in the exact locations and during the 1860s as in the American Revolution. Our soldiers demonstrated equal conviction and unyielding resolve and sought to see that the Southern people were protected from the same deliberate and systematic patterns of abuses that led Southerners to fight the British Empire.

Those same forces still lurk and are more emboldened as each year passes, as generations of Americans are propagandized with false presentism in every facet of life in the twenty-first century. That is what our great leaders knew one hundred and sixty-five years ago was to be the fate of our people today, and their intuition has unfolded greater than I think they could have ever feared. This is why our charge is more important than ever before. We continue to do the important work of locating and keeping our heroes' final resting places, preserving the artifacts, battle flags, and historical records from those five pivotal years. We visit and hold memorial services at the monuments to the men who gave everything that they were in the defense of this great state, and its people, and we will continue with those important works, but we have to expand our efforts and integrate more preventative efforts for our future generations, starting today.

For the past eight years, the South Carolina Division, in concert with other historical honor societies, has worked diligently on efforts to strengthen the South Carolina Heritage Act that was passed in 2000. With the passage of the

“Heritage Act 2.0,” the law now gives Universal Protection, so that the law protects all public monuments, statues, and memorials, extending coverage to “any dead person who played a significant role in past developments” rather than just specific war or cultural figures. The legislation also prevents local governments from independently altering monuments or adding contextual materials—including digital features such as QR codes—without authorization through a formal joint resolution of the General Assembly. Most significantly, the revised law grants qualified historical preservation organizations legal standing to challenge violations in court and seek recovery of attorney’s fees.



*SC Division Commander
Dean Stevens Sr.*

This is where our work expands. Working with the Heritage Operations Chairman, the South Carolina Division will begin cataloging all Confederate Monuments, and working with other organizations, will begin to maintain and adopt the seldom-visited and cared-for places that were erected to honor our heroes. We have the list. I envision this work to be similar to our ongoing work with the South Carolina Confederate Soldier Grave Registration program, with individuals and camps adopting the monuments, roadways, and parks. Some may ask why this is important, and it is as simple as this. The lawsuit provisions in the law give “Affinity Organizations” the ability to sue if the organization meets specific legal definitions and alignment criteria to establish standing and sue a city, school district, or local entity. This is our work. Our foremost priority is to preserve these monuments and memorials, so they remain available for future generations to study and appreciate. But below the surface, by doing this work, we as the Sons of Confederate Veterans are creating that standing. We are the caretakers of that history because our ancestors told us it was our duty. We take this responsibility willingly and proudly. When you read this Partisan, these works will have begun, and I look forward to working with every camp and member who is moved to take on this effort.

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Commander's Report (Continued)

On to other work in the Division, I want to announce that we have a new appointment for the position of the SC Division Genealogist, Mr. Frankie Altman. A member of the John M. Kinard Camp 35 in Newberry, he has graciously accepted a call to serve doing work that he loves, researching the family trees for others, to identify and educate those who have Confederate Heritage. Frankie will assist prospective members by researching family histories and identifying Confederate ancestors for those seeking membership, but who are uncertain of their ancestors' military service. Thank you, Frankie, for taking on this important work.

With the month of May behind us, and having celebrated with so many at your local events and at the South Carolina Division Confederate Memorial Day service in Columbia, with the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Military Order of Stars and Bars, the Division is in need of someone who is willing to fill the position of Confederate Memorial Day Committee Chairman. If you have an interest in serving at the Division level and have experience with or an interest in organizing events, please reach out to me with your interest.

Thank you again for your dedication to our mission. I wish each of you a safe and productive summer as you continue honoring our Confederate ancestors through the work of your camps and communities.

Dean Stevens Sr.

Commander

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Become a Guardian!



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 highly worthwhile program to honor our ancestors and to protect, care for, and maintain their final resting places.

An application fee of \$10 is due with the application to cover the cost of the GUARDIAN pin and certificate, which will be awarded upon successful completion of the candidacy period.

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, or email the South Carolina Division Guardian Chairman Archie Herring at 750ace@bellsouth.net or scdivguardian@gmail.com.



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BECOME A SOUTH CAROLINA GUARDIAN TODAY!

Chaplain's words of Encouragement

By Danny Blackwell, South Carolina Division Chaplain



What is Your Life? (James 4:13-14)

The book of James in Chapter 4, verses 13-14 says, "Go to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and the vanisheth away." (KJV 1611).

I have given this question a great deal of consideration, and I would like to share just three very short thoughts. First, after many years of ministry, I believe life is indeed a time to prepare. It is a dressing room of sorts, a place to prepare. Prepare for what you might ask? Preparing for eternity would be my answer. Brethren, we will all face the LORD one day. I am not advocating that you can be "Good" enough or have "Great deeds" enough to merit your place in Heaven, a thousand times no. What I am saying is that while you have breath, accept our Heavenly Father as your personal LORD and Savior. No amount of good deeds, no amount of alms to the poor, no regular attendance at a Fraternal Club, and no membership of a Church will satisfy our LORD's command in John, Chapter 3 "Ye must be born again". Please make preparations.

Secondly, I believe life is a treasure. You should enjoy it. Don't be so busy that life passes you by. Stop and smell the roses as the old saying goes. Spend some time with your loved ones. Make some memories. Pour your life into someone else. I have found a great deal of enjoyment in passing down to younger people some of the lessons life has taught me.

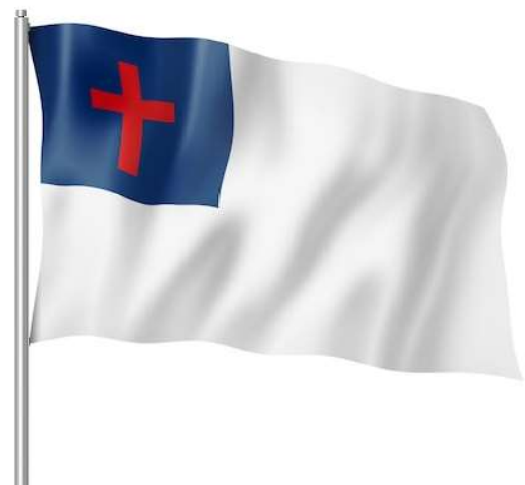
Don't be that person that spends their life making money, and then when they retire you

spend all of their money trying to get their life back. Make some good friends. Enjoy an adventure. To borrow an old car guy's saying, "I want to wear out, not rust out."

Last but definitely not least, life is temporary. Yes, we only have a certain amount of time. No one knows how much time that is. Life will not stop for you or me. I had a conversation with a Pastor friend of mine a few weeks ago. I said, "Do you know at my age if I live a normal life span my life is two thirds past." That was a sobering thought. As I look back over the last fifty plus years, I realize more and more that time passes quickly. When we consider how fast time has passed, consider these questions. What have you done that will last? What have you passed to the next generation? How will you be remembered?

Psalms 19:14 DEO VINDICE

**SC Division Chaplain
Danny Blackwell**
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Calling All Chaplains!

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

South Carolina Division News / Announcements

The New SC Division SCV Members Portal is Here!

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

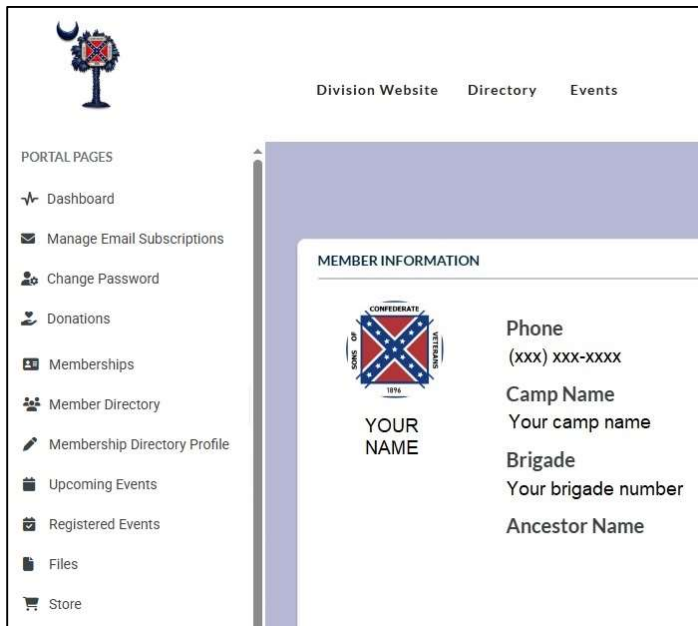
A new Division Members portal is coming to the South Carolina Division. The new member portal will replace the existing members area on www.scscv.com that you are currently using.

You must sign up to access the new site. Click or type this link and follow the instructions on this page.

<https://scscv.app.neoncrm.com/login>

Enter your current member's email address you have on file, and a link will be sent to that email with login instructions. If this is your first time accessing the new system and you are unsure what email you have set with the SC Division, please email scdivscv@gmail.com for assistance with logging on. Please include your Full Name and Member Number in the email.

Preview of the new members page below:



Once you log in, you will be able to renew your Membership Dues, set email preferences, update your personal information, find contact information for other SC SCV members, register for SC Division events, set up donations for SC SCV project, and shop for SCV merchandise.

The South Carolina Division is very excited to present this new members' portal as we move our organization into the 21st Century.

SC Division Leadership Conference Rescheduled for Sept. 19, 2026

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 on that date. The Conference has now been rescheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2026.

The conference will be held at a new venue this year: the Lexington Municipal Conference Center, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC 29072.



The Lexington Municipal Conference Center Building

The Leadership Conference welcomes all current SC Division members in good standing, regardless of whether they hold a camp leadership position. There is no cost to participate, and attendees will be treated to a complimentary hot meal; however, advance registration is required to attend. (Note: SCV members only)

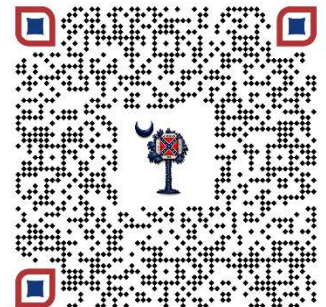
Registration Deadline is September 1st

To register for this free event, just click or type this link. You must FIRST register on new members portal to sign up.

<https://bit.ly/44aOkRw>

OR

Scan this QR Code →



The conference is scheduled to begin with registration opening at 8:30 am, and business will start at 9:00 am. Dinner will be served at noon. Training sessions will conclude before 4 pm.

The SC Division encourages ALL current SCV members to attend, but especially current camp leaders should register. Any SCV member interested in learning more about camp operations should attend this conference. The conference provides an excellent opportunity to network with fellow SCV members from across the Division, forge new connections, and enjoy a day of fellowship. We hope to see you there!

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2026 South Carolina Division Confederate Memorial Day Service Held on May 2, 2026

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

The South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, together with the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), Children of the Confederacy (CofC), and Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB), held a joint Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Confederate Section of Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia, South Carolina, on May 2, 2026. Despite rain throughout the night and much of the morning, a respectable crowd attended. The rain ended just as the service began at 11:00 a.m.



President General of the UDC Julie Hardaway gave a heartfelt keynote address.



SC Division SCV Commander Dean Stevens addresses the assembly.



The 16th SC Color Guard of Honor posted the colors.

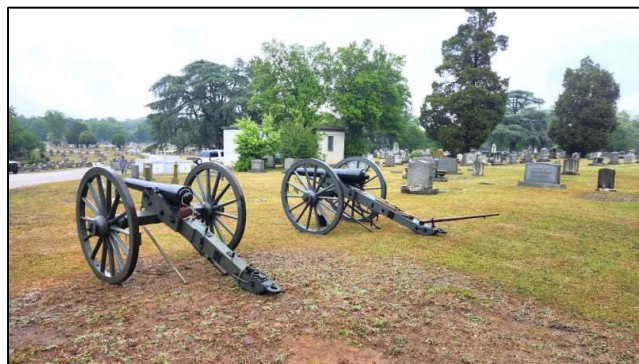
South Carolina UDC Division President Lisa Burt Cook opened the program, welcomed attendees, and delivered greetings on behalf of the Division. South Carolina Division SCV Commander Dean Stevens led the pledges to the flags. Representatives of the Children of the Confederacy, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and the Palmetto Guard offered additional greetings. Bluegrass Remedy provided musical selections.



The graves of Confederate Soldiers were marked with Confederate Battle Flags.

The keynote address was delivered by Mrs. Julie Hardaway, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, followed by the placement of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The service concluded with rifle salutes by the 2nd South Carolina Infantry and the Palmetto Battalion, artillery salutes by Santee Light Artillery and Hart's Battery, and the retirement of the Colors by the 16th South Carolina Color Guard of Honor.



Cannon salutes were given by Santee Light Artillery and Hart's Battery.

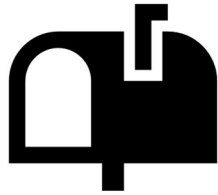
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The Palmetto Partisan Newsletter will be coming to your Mailbox in July!

By SC Division Editor Wes Reynolds

At the January 11th meeting of the Executive Committee, the South Carolina Division SCV voted to approve funding for this issue of the Palmetto Partisan Newsletter to be printed. The printed issue will be an abbreviated 8-page version of the full-size online edition 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 to reach all members and promote engagement. Many members remain unaware that the Palmetto Partisan is now distributed electronically and that they must subscribe to receive it by email.



Army of Northern Virginia News

ANV Lapel Pins are Available

The ANV Commander and ANV Councilman are offering Army of Northern Virginia lapel pins 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 OR ANV Commander Jamie Graham to purchase yours today. His email is:

armynorthernvirginiacommander@gmail.com



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Camp Facebook Pages

Does your camp have a Facebook Page? If not, perhaps you should consider starting one. Social media has become one of the most effective tools available for promoting the work of our Camps and preserving Southern history. A Facebook page allows your Camp to share meeting announcements, community service projects, historical programs, monument preservation efforts, award presentations, and special events with both members and the general public. It also serves as a permanent record of your Camp's accomplishments and helps attract prospective members who may never have heard of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Even a simple page with one or two posts each week can significantly increase your Camp's visibility within your local community.

The SC Division currently has eight active Facebook pages representing the Division and individual Camps. Every Camp is encouraged to create its own page and follow these existing pages. By liking, sharing, and commenting on each other's posts, we can greatly expand the reach of our message through Facebook's algorithms. A post shared by multiple Camps can reach thousands of people across the state, strengthening the visibility of the SCV and showcasing the outstanding work being done throughout South Carolina. Together, our Camps can build a stronger online presence and ensure that our heritage, history, and service are seen by a much larger audience.

Follow, Like & Comment on these SC Camp pages

Secession Camp 4 – Charleston, SC

<https://www.facebook.com/SCVcamp4>

Palmetto Camp 22 – Cayce, SC

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16th SC Regiment Camp 36 – Greenville, SC

<https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp36>

John Thomas Ashley Camp 43 – Honea Path, SC

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Star of the West Camp 1253 – The Citadel, SC

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PeeDee Rifles Camp 1419 – Florence, SC

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PGT Beauregard 1458 – Sumter, SC

<https://www.facebook.com/pgtbeauregard1458>

Dixie Camp 2362 – Charleston, SC

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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 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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

Featured Artifact this Issue: John Hunt Morgan's Cavalry Sword



The South Carolina Museum and Library of Confederate History is honored to feature in this issue of the Palmetto Partisan a very special sword. This sword belonged to General John Hunt Morgan of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. The sword was ordered in 1857 by his uncle, John Hunt, of Huntsville, Alabama, as a gift to his nephew. At the time, John Hunt Morgan was a

Captain in the Kentucky State Militia Infantry. The Foot Officer Sword was made in London, England by the Wilkinson Sword Company. It is etched with "John Hunt Morgan" on the blade, and the grip is covered with shark skin.



When the War for Southern Independence started, John Hunt Morgan joined the cavalry and was made General of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. The sword is in excellent condition because General Morgan ordered his men to leave their swords at home because he felt that they made too much noise. He told them that if they wanted to carry an extra five pounds, they should get another pistol. He considered the pistol better suited to gorilla-style tactics.



The Board of Directors is excited to announce that we have recently acquired three great artifacts to add to our exquisite collection. Please drop by the Museum and see the new additions that we are excited about.



*Note in the picture there is a bugle below the sword in the Kentucky Orphan Brigade display. This bugle was on the "Great Raid" that went up into Indiana and Ohio.

Deo Vindice ~ Rossie Meadows

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

Email: museumatmarkethall@gmail.com

Phone: (843) 723-1541

NEW Museum Friends Program

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

Click or type this link for more information:

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

To donate, donate through PayPal to our email: 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: Palmetto Guard Artillery Siege Train Flag

After more than 35 years, this historic flag has finally returned to its rightful place at the Museum at Market Hall. The flag was returned to the museum on May 19, 2026. It had been stolen from the museum's collection in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo in 1989, when the building sustained significant damage. In the years that followed, the flag passed through the hands of several dealers and private collectors. We extend our sincere gratitude to collector Clayton Hunt for his generosity in returning the flag to the museum.



*Siege Train Flag Front Side: Palmetto Guard Artillery
Back Side: Rifle Battery Siege Train*

The Palmetto Siege Train, officially designated the 18th South Carolina Artillery Battalion, was a Confederate heavy artillery command that played a vital role in the defense of Charleston during the War Between the States.

Unlike traditional field artillery units that moved with the armies, the Palmetto Siege Train specialized in heavy garrison and siege operations. Its men served massive cannons, columbiads, and siege mortars strategically positioned to protect Charleston Harbor and the South Carolina coast from Union naval and land attacks.

COME VISIT our museum soon to see this and many other wonderful artifacts of the War Between the States!

Hollywood Cemetery Confederate Headstones

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



How to Order VA Headstones for Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, VA

Until the 2008 publication of author Chris L. Ferguson's Southerners at Rest: Confederate Dead at Hollywood Cemetery, there was no reliable list of southern soldiers buried in Hollywood. Ferguson's work lists over thirteen thousand graves, of which 1,112 belong to South Carolinians. Most of these are unmarked and are eligible for headstones from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. The States Rights Gist Camp #1451 would like to share our experience at Hollywood, having applied for headstones to mark the graves of our Union County, SC soldiers.

Mr. Ferguson kindly sent me a spreadsheet of the South Carolina soldiers in Hollywood. I have researched each of the soldiers and constructed a database that will assist anyone who wishes to sponsor headstones for these veterans. At present, I will share this database information on request; my hope is that the database will one day be available on the SC Division website as a searchable document, similar to what is available there for SC soldiers at Oakwood Cemetery.

There are some differences in the procedures to obtain headstones in Oakwood and Hollywood. The Apr/May/June 2026 edition of The Palmetto Partisan, vol. XXVI, Issue #2, has two pertinent articles: one details the procedures to obtain headstones at Oakwood (page 10) and the other explains how to complete the VA form

necessary to apply for a government headstone (pages 11 – 13). This form is required in Hollywood. Since the VA provides headstones in Hollywood, there is no cost to the applicant for the headstone. Hollywood Cemetery charges a headstone installation fee of \$200, payable in advance, and does not allow anyone but its staff to perform the installation. If you apply for any additional headstones within thirty days of the initial application, the charge increases to \$400 for each stone. This reflects their effort to limit the time spent by their employees on the installation of government stones. Unless your camp has unlimited funds and wishes to provide headstones for “your” soldiers quickly, you will want to order one headstone a month until your project is completed.

Hollywood insists that your applications be sent via the US Postal Service. The point of contact at Hollywood is Cheryl Snyder. Her phone number is (804) 648-8501. Her email is csnyder@hollywoodcemetery.org. The address is Hollywood Cemetery, 412 South Cherry St, Richmond, VA 23220. At minimum, an application should include VA Form 40-1330, proof of the soldier's burial in Hollywood, payment of the installation fee, and a copy of the title page from the soldier's Combined Military Service Record (CSR). See ee the Palmetto Partisan issue of April/May/June 2026 for details for details on how to complete the VA form. At Hollywood, you must not complete the second page of the form beyond your signature as the applicant. Hollywood will complete the remainder of the second page. Proof of the soldier's burial at Hollywood comes from a copy of the title page of Ferguson's book and the page listing your soldier. I have a copy of his book, which is out of print. I found my copy second-hand online. Your library may have a copy. I will send you the pertinent pages if you are unable to access the book: christopherrucker@msn.com.



Hollywood Cemetery Confederate Headstones

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



The Dept. of Veterans Affairs will not authorize a headstone at Hollywood if Ferguson's book says his grave site is "unknown." I was advised this by Cheryl Snyder, and it has been confirmed by the VA. For these soldiers, a headstone will have to be privately purchased, taken to Hollywood, and installed by them. This is, of course, an expensive effort. VA replica stones can be obtained from Southern Heritage Products, as described in the Oakwood article in The Palmetto Partisan.

My database of SC soldiers at Hollywood includes whether a soldier already has a headstone. This information came from a search of the cemetery on Find A Grave. Not every soldier with a headstone has a photo of his stone on Find A Grave, so before expending research time, you should contact Cheryl Snyder for confirmation that the grave is still unmarked. The database also has the soldiers' Find A Grave memorial numbers to make it easy to look for headstones.

The other database information, which is crucial to your camp's effort to mark the graves of soldiers from your area, is their place of residence in 1860. This comes from a study of each soldier's military records and the censuses of 1850 and 1860. Occasionally, the place of residence is a "best guess" based upon where his company was raised, according to online information at carolana.com. You are likely to know more about your area than I do, so do not take my research as gospel if you question it. Use whatever resources you have to confirm a soldier's place of residence until you are comfortable that he is "yours" to sponsor his stone.

If your camp wishes to begin sponsoring headstones for the men from your area, I will send your camp's representative the portion of the database corresponding to your county. This will get you started, and when the entire database becomes available online, your camp can look for additional soldiers whose location I may have misidentified.



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Email: 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

Proceeds go to SDCYC and VA graves headstone project

Confederate History

Confederate Quaker Guns

By Palmetto Partisan Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds

What in the world is a Quaker Gun? A Quaker gun is a clever deception tactic that uses a painted wooden log to mimic a real cannon. Named for the pacifist Quaker religion, these "guns" were effective because they saved lives by discouraging attacks through psychological trickery rather than actual violence.



Confederate General John B. Magruder turned illusion into his strongest weapon. Facing George B. McClellan's massive Union force of 121,000 with only 12,000 men, he refused to yield without a fight. Along the Warwick River, he transformed 14 miles of defenses into a stage where perception became as powerful as artillery. The fortifications stood, but the soldiers to hold them were far too few.

His solution was as unconventional as it was effective. Among his defensive preparations at Yorktown was the deployment of "Quaker guns". Positioned behind earthworks and fortifications, these dummy cannons gave the illusion of a heavily fortified line bristling with firepower.

Magruder's genius lay in the theater. Drums thundered in the empty woods, cheers

rose from scattered camps, and the same soldiers marched into view again and again, vanishing only to reappear as if new regiments had arrived. Each maneuver deepened the illusion of numbers, convincing McClellan that he faced an army far larger than the truth allowed.



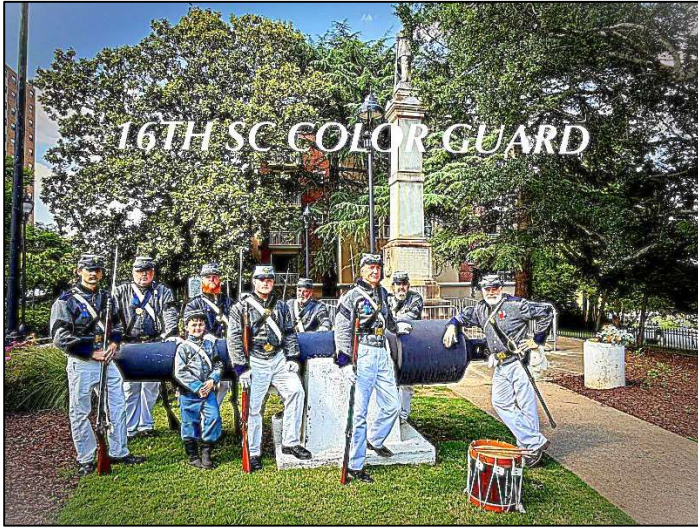
McClellan, already known for his cautious approach, took the bait. Believing he was confronting a well-defended and numerically superior Confederate force, he chose to halt his advance and begin formal siege operations at Yorktown rather than risk a direct assault. This decision proved critical. The delay allowed Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston to bring reinforcements to the peninsula, ultimately forcing McClellan into a prolonged and costly campaign.

His deceptions delayed the Union advance, buying critical time for the Confederacy. Without a decisive battle, he held the line with nothing more than showmanship and nerve. On the Virginia Peninsula, Magruder proved that warfare was fought not only with rifles and cannons but also with fear, imagination, and doubt. His theatrics reshaped the campaign, reminding history that the sharpest victories sometimes come from the mind rather than the sword.

Though both sides used Quaker guns during the war, Magruder's employment of them during the Peninsula Campaign remains one of the most notable examples. His combination of deception, timing, and theatrical execution stands as a case study in military misdirection, in which painted logs helped stall an army of over 100,000 men.

In the end, Magruder's performance on the Virginia Peninsula reflects the enduring principle that in war, as in theater, what the audience believes can matter more than what is real.

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division



The 16th Color Guard of Honour in Greenville, SC, is made up entirely of members of the SCV. The Color Guard's goal is to represent South Carolina and our Confederate ancestors with honor everywhere they go and attend as many events as possible.

The Color Guard had a busy month of May. We were honored to participate in Confederate Memorial services in Columbia, Laurens, Pickens, and Greenville. All of these events took place in historic places like Elmwood Cemetery, the Hagood/Mauldin House, the 1843 Courthouse in Laurens, and Springwood Cemetery. All of these events were well attended by the public.

Deo Vindice

Sergeant Major Rossie Meadows



Confederate Memorial Day Services at the Laurens County Courthouse on May 9, 2026.



Confederate Memorial Day Services at the Springwood Cemetery in Greenville, SC, on May 17, 2026.



Confederate Memorial Day services at the Hagood-Mauldin House in Pickens County, SC, on May 16, 2026.



Confederate Memorial Day Services at the Springwood Cemetery in Greenville, SC, on May 17, 2026.

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

1st Brigade in the Upcountry of SC has created a Brigade Challenge Flag for the camps in their brigade. Camps compete by visiting other camps in the brigade during their monthly meeting, and the visiting camp with the most members present “capture the flag” and gets to take it back to their camp and start the process over.



*New Two Sided - 1st Brigade Flag
(L to R on 1st National Flag picture): Kevin Adams – Camp 45, Jamey Wentzky – Camp 1428, and 1st Brigade Commander Perry Southerland.*

Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

16th Regiment Camp 36 in Greenville, SC, held Confederate Memorial Day Services at the Confederate Section in Springwood Cemetery in downtown Greenville on Sunday, May 17, 2026.



Springwood Cemetery – Greenville, SC

John Thomas Ashley Camp 43 in Honea Path, SC, inducted two new members at their April 29, 2026, camp meeting. Welcome to the SCV!



*(L to R): Michael Scott and Kevan Donnelly
Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland*

Rebels in Gray Camp 2027 in Westminster, SC. On April 20, 2026, Brigade Commander Perry Sutherland presented the David Keller Cemetery certificate to the camp at Toxaway Baptist.



(L to R): Perry Sutherland & Camp Cmdr. Bill Smith.

JT Bartlett also received the William L. Gallien Memorial Award at the camp meeting.



(L to R): 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland, JT Bartlett, and Camp 2027 Commander Billy Smith.

Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

1st Brigade in the Upcountry of SC conducted a cleanup on April 11, 2026, of the Easley Family cemetery in Greenville, SC.



(L to R): Perry Sutherland – Camp 1428, Jack Bolt – Camp 1428, Trent Harvin – Camp 7, J.T. Bartlett – Camp 2027, Kevin Adams, Henry Richardson - Camp 45, Craig Stephenson – Camp 1428, Mark Gambrell – Camp 43, Phillips Waters – Camp 45, Ken Creamer – Camp 1428, and Billy Smith – Camp 2027.

John Thomas Ashley Camp 43 in Honea Path, SC, was presented with their 1st-Place David Keller Award and Streamer by 1st. Brigade Commander Perry Sutherland at their March 24, 2026 camp meeting.



(L to R): Dustin Reid, Adj. Craig Stephenson, 1st. Brigade Commander Perry Sutherland, Commander Keith Lawton, and Lt. Commander Mark Gambrell.

Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

Brig. Gen Samuel McGowan Camp 40 in Laurens, SC, held their camp Confederate Memorial Day Services at the Confederate Monument in front of the Laurens County Courthouse on May 9, 2026.



Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

States Rights Gist Camp 1451 in West Springs, SC, held their annual Confederate Memorial Day on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the Union County Monument in Jonesville, SC.



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



SC Division Lt. Commander Archie Herring addresses the assembly for Confederate Memorial Day.

From 16th Regiment Camp 36 Facebook Page

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

Dixie Camp 2362 in Charleston, SC held its First Annual "Toast to Stephen Dill Lee" on April 25, 2026. Camp members and prospective members gathered to commemorate the anniversary of Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee's historic delivery of the SCV Charge on April 25, 1906. Participants raised a glass in tribute to General Lee and reflected on his enduring legacy and vision for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



(Sitting L to R:) Rob Dillon & Jen (Standing L to R:) Wes Reynolds, Rick Little, Joshua Ward, Ron Corry, Ty Sudano and David M.

From the May 2025 Dixie Dispatch Newsletter

2nd S.C. Regiment 71 in Pickens, SC. On May 16, 2026, the camp held its Confederate Memorial Day services at the Hagood-Mauldin House in Pickens County, SC, which is significant for its architecture and for its association with James Earle Hagood and Judge Thomas J. Mauldin in Pickens. Mrs. Mauldin would host an annual picnic for Confederate Veterans.



(L to R): SC Division Commander Dean Stevens Sr. addresses the assembly from the porch with 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland.

Source: Greenville Camp 36 Facebook Page

Colonel Joseph Norton Camp 45 in Seneca, SC. On May 9, 2026, camp members gathered for a Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Confederate Monument in Walhalla, SC, which was erected in 1911 for \$1,072.24. The camp continued the tradition started at that time of teachers and schoolchildren laying flowers at the foot of the monument. Submitted by Steve Smith.



Ladies of the camp placed roses at the foot of the monument.



2nd SC Company K Honor Guard at the monument.



Cmdr. Lee Keese & Luther Lyle



Justin Arnold and Son

Submitted by Rick Smith of Norton Camp 45

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

Fort Sumter Camp 1269 in Charleston, SC held muster on May 9, 2026, at the Defenders of Charleston Monument, White Point Garden, Charleston, SC in honor of Confederate Memorial Day. Members in turn spoke the name of an ancestor, their unit, and a personal detail. The service included a prayer and a proud singing of Dixie at the monument before reassembly for refreshments nearby.



Submitted by Camp 1269 Commander Steven Earnhardt

Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428 and **Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273** camp members put out 19 flags on the unknown Confederate soldiers' graves at Quaker Cemetery in Camden, SC, on May 2, 2026.



Camp 1428: Perry Sutherland, Jack Bolt, Jamey Wentzky and Camp 273: Billy and Bryan Pittman



(L to R) Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428 Members Jack Bolt, Jamey Wentzky, and Perry Sutherland.



Sgt. Richard Kirkland's grave at Quaker Cemetery. (L to R): Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428 Members Jamey Wentzky, Perry Sutherland, and Jack Bolt.

Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard Camp 1458 in the Independent Republic of Sumter held their annual Confederate Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at the Confederate Dead Monument in Sumter Cemetery in Sumter, SC.



Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds

Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428 put about 200 flags on the graves at Old Silverbrook Cemetery in Anderson on May 9 with members from other 1st Brigade camps, plus a few other people who are not in a camp or the SCV.



From the May 2026 Palmetto Sharpshooter Newsletter

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp 273 in Columbia, SC. Several camp members attended the headstone dedication for black Confederate William N. Rose at the Randolph Cemetery in Columbia, SC on May 2, 2026.



(L to R): Bryan Pittman and Billy Pittman

Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

Star of the West Camp 1253 in Charleston, SC, held an induction ceremony for new members at their February 17, 2026, camp meeting. Members of the Fort Sumter Camp, Secession Camp, and UDC were also in attendance.



Submitted Michele Ruth of UDC Chapter 190



General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245 in Aiken, SC, participated in the rededication of the Jefferson Davis Bridge (5th Street Bridge) connecting Georgia and South Carolina. The bridge was converted from a vehicle thoroughfare

to a pedestrian-only bridge by the City of Augusta, GA. After the project's completion, the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), joined by the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), held a rededication ceremony on April 4, 2026.



SCV Members in attendance at the Jefferson Davis Bridge Re-dedication Ceremony in Aiken, SC



SC SCV Commander Dean Stevens and wife Ashley



President General of the UDC Julie Hardaway

Submitted by Blake Moore of Camp 1245

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

Star of the West Camp 1253 in Charleston, SC Three camp members attended the SC Division Reunion in Florence, SC on March 21, 2026. The camp won the M.C. Butler Recruiting Award in the Sandlapper Level, and several camp members won individual awards.



Camp members show camp award ribbon and pose with Theron Walker of Camp 1269 (far left) and SC Division Cmdr. Dean Stevens (Middle).

From Star of the West Camp 1253 Facebook Page
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General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245 in Aiken, SC, won several awards at the SC Division Reunion in Florence, SC, on March 21, 2026, including the Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award, 1st Place in Sandlapper Level, and the prestigious John Harris Heritage Defense Award, 1st Place in Sandlapper Level.



(L to R): Lee Duvall, Ken Temples, Nathan Oxner and Blake Moore showing the two awards.

From the April 2026 Wheeler Dispatch Newsletter

States Rights Gist Camp 1451 in West Springs, SC had several members attend the SC Division Reunion in Florence, SC, on March 21, 2026. The camp won several awards at the Palmetto level, including 1st Place in the M.C. Butler Recruiting Award, 1st Place in the Convention Attendance Award, 1st Place in the Southern Cross Graves Award, and 2nd Place in the Gen. Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award. Adj. Robert Fowler won the C. Irvine Walker Adjutant Award. Congratulations Men!



(L to R): Brig. Cmdr. Marty Farwell, Lamar Guest, Dr. Christopher Rucker, Henry Dobey, M.C. Martin, Robert Fowler, and Cmdr. Mike Weathers.

From the April 2026 Gist Gazette Newsletter

Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125 in Gaffney, SC, swore in their newest member, Carl Free, at their camp meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the American Legion Building in Gaffney, SC. Compatriot Free received his membership pin, membership card, and SCV certificate.



(L to R): Cmdr. Jordan Dill, Compatriot Carl Free and Chaplain Steve Parker.

From the April 2026 Rebel Yell Newsletter

16th Regiment Camp 36 in Greenville, SC. Camp members braved the rain on May 23, 2026, to place over 400 Confederate Flags on the graves at Springwood Cemetery in downtown Greenville.



From 16th Regiment Camp 36 Facebook Page

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

H.L. Hunley Camp 143, General Ellison Capers Camp 1212, and Dixie Camp 2362 held a joint Confederate Memorial Day Service on May 9, 2026, at Boone Hill Cemetery in Summerville, SC, along with Summerville UDC Chapter 190. Joint Services, with a few smaller camps coming together, is a great way to increase attendance at your Camp's Confederate Memorial Day Service.



UDC Chapter 190 President Carolyn Arnold introduces the speakers.



(L to R): Camp 1212 Cmdr. Perry Smith, UDC Chapter 190 Pres. Carolyn Arnold, Camp 143 Cmdr. Joe Roy and Camp 2362 Cmdr. Rick Little.

Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds

Colonel Joseph Norton Camp 45 in Seneca, SC, inducted a new member, John Lee, during their June 2, 2026, meeting at Little Pigs BBQ.



(L to R): Camp 45 Cmdr. Lee Keese and John Lee

John Thomas Ashley Camp 43 in Honea Path, SC, welcomed Jamey Wentzky of Camp 1428, who gave his Confederate Flag program at the camp's March 24, 2026, camp meeting at Centre Masonic Lodge in Honea Path.



(L to R): Cmdr. Keith Lawton and Jamey Wyntzky

Submitted by 1st Brigade Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419 in Florence, SC, held their annual Confederate Memorial Day Services at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Florence, SC on May 9, 2026. Many members of other Seventh Brigade camps also attended.



Members of the PeeDee Rifles Camp in attendance



Rifle Salute at the end of the service.

From PeeDee Rifles Facebook Page

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

16th Regiment Camp 36 in Greenville, SC, has started an “Adopt-A-Veteran Program.” For a \$100 contribution, the camp will install a Southern Cross of Honor on a Confederate soldier’s grave, and the remainder of the proceeds go to support the camp’s ongoing efforts to locate additional graves, purchase more crosses, and expand the Guardian Program.



2nd Lieutenant Commander Matthew Horne

From The 16th Regiment April 2026 Newsletter

Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125 in Gaffney, SC. At the April meeting, Lt. Commander Joe Briggs welcomed guest speakers, Mrs. Julie Clarke and Mr. Rick Clarke. Their presentation focused on Mr. Clarke’s ancestor, Mrs. Pauline D’Alvigny Campbell, who served as a nurse in Atlanta during the War Between the States alongside her father, Dr. Peter Paul Noel D’Alvigny. Mrs. Clarke also discussed her book on the subject and noted that Dr. D’Alvigny is believed to have inspired the character Dr. Meade in *Gone with the Wind*.



(L to R): Lt. Cmdr. Joe Briggs, Julie Clark and Rick Clark

Submitted by Camp 125 Newsletter Editor Andi Parker

Dixie Camp 2362 in Charleston, SC, with help from UDC Chapter 190, cleaned up Mudlake Cemetery in Bonneau, SC on June 7, 2026. The small cemetery, which is located next to the dike for Lake Moultrie, contains two Confederate Soldiers and one War of 1812 veteran.



Commander Rick Little operates a walk-behind bushhog.



(L to R:) Nina, Ty Sudano, Gregory Wade, Wes Reynolds, Cindy Reynolds, Robert Gregory, Brandy Gregory, Silas, Johnathan, Perry Smith & Cmdr. Rick Little.

From the June Dixie Dispatch Newsletter

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

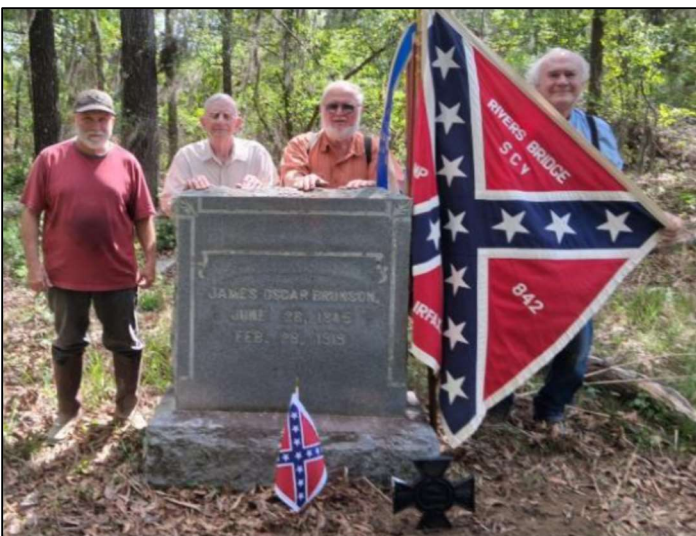
Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428 in Anderson, SC pays respect at the tomb of Confederate William Wirt Humphrey on May 10, 2026. It is said that the Confederate Monument on the square in Anderson is based on Humphrey.



(L to R): Perry Sutherland, Jamey Wentzky, Mark Gambrell, Craig Stephenson, and Keith Lawton.

Submitted by Camp 1428 Cmdr. Perry Sutherland

Rivers Bridge Camp 842 in Fairfax, SC, placed a Southern Cross of Honor on the grave of Private James Oscar Brunson, Company F, 3rd SC Cavalry, on Saturday, April 4, 2026. The grave is located in the remote, wooded, and unmaintained Smart Cemetery south of the Historic Smyrna Baptist Church. Private Brunson is the ancestor of Compatriot Hugh Gray.



(L to R) Compatriots Joe Begue, Hugh Gray, Buzz Braxton, and Coleman Loadholt, with Charles Carlson (photographer),

From April 2026 The Bridge Newsletter

Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger Camp 68 in Spartanburg, SC. On Sunday, April 12, 2026, camp members participated in the installation of a headstone for Private Robert M. Williams in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, Pauline, SC.



(L to R): Jim Crocker, Wendell Smith, Roger Snow.

From May 2026 Confederate Yell Newsletter

States Rights Gist Camp 1451 in West Springs, SC, held its April Camp meeting on April 11, 2026, at the West Springs Community Center. Below, Commander Mike Weathers (left) and Color Sergeant Henry Dobey (right) add new streamers to the Camp Colors staff.



From May 2026 Gist Gazette Newsletter

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

3rd Brigade camps met for a Brigade cemetery cleanup on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Young Cemetery in Union County near Rose Hill Plantation. Members of Moses Wood Camp, States Rights Gist Camp, Brig. Gen. Micah Jenkins Camp, Pvt. Thomas E. Caldwell Camp and Walker/Gaston Camp all participated.



General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245 in Aiken, SC, inducted their newest member, Fred Sanders, at their May Camp meeting and picnic at the Battle of Aiken site in Aiken, SC, on May 4, 2026.



(L to R): Cmdr. Lee Duvall and 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Oxner administer the SCV oath to Fred Sanders.

From the May 2026 Wheeler Dispatch Newsletter

Dixie Camp 2362 in Charleston, SC inducted Ty Sudano, the camp's first new member at their June 7, 2026 camp meeting. Welcome to the SCV!



From June 2026 Dixie Dispatch Newsletter

Battery White Camp 1568 in Georgetown, SC, captured the 7th Brigade Camp flag at the April 21st meeting of Litchfield Camp 132 in Conway, SC, with five of their members visiting the camp.



From May 2026 Litchfield Independent Newsletter

Lithfield Camp 132 in Conway, SC. Six camp members participated in the roadside cleanup of El Bethel Hwy in Conway, SC on June 6, 2026.



From June 2026 Litchfield Independent Newsletter

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

States Rights Gist Camp 1451 in West Springs, SC, held a headstone dedication ceremony for black confederate William Rose at Randolph Cemetery in Columbia, SC, on May 2, 2026. This ceremony took place after the SC Division Memorial Day Service at Elmwood Cemetery.



(L to R): Cmdr. Mike Weathers, Dr. Christopher Rucker, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Charles " Hawke" Hawkins, SC Division Color Sergeant Rossie Meadows, Lamar Guest, Brig. Cmdr. Marty Farwell and Joe Long of the SC Confederate Relic Room.

From the June 2026 Gist Gazette Newsletter

Gen. Ellison Capers Camp 1212 in Moncks Corner, SC. Cmdr. Perry Smith traveled 4-1/2 hours to give a presentation to the **Pine Barrens Camp 2039** in Hawkinsville, GA, on May 28, 2026. The camp will be assisting Cmdr. Smith with setting three Confederate headstones at a nearby Georgia cemetery later this year.



Pine Barrows Camp 2039 Meeting on May 28, 2026

Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds

South Carolina 17th Regiment Camp 2069 in Hilda, SC, held their Camp Confederate Memorial Day Service on Saturday, May 16, 2026, next to the Barnwell County Confederate Monument in Calhoun Park in Barnwell, SC. South Carolina UDC Division Historian Cindy Reynolds delivered the keynote address.



S.C. Division UDC Historian Cindy Reynolds



Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds

General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245 in Aiken, SC, held their 29th Annual Aiken County Confederate Memorial Day Services on May 17, 2026, at Bethany Cemetery in Aiken, SC.



(L to R): Cmdr. Lee Duvall, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Oxner, and Color Sgt. Danny Brown.

From the May 2026 Wheeler Dispatch Newsletter



Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

Star of the West Camp 1253 in Charleston, SC, proudly congratulates our Citadel Class of 2026 graduates. We are the one and only active collegiate camp in the SCV. We are active and growing, and encourage all young men who are attending the Citadel to join while here!

Cadet Pvt. (Adjutant) Joshua Crosby (Joining Richland County Sheriff's Department), Cadet Pvt. Robert Adam (Enlisting US Coast Guard), Cadet Maj. Carson Chinn (Commissioned US Army), Cadet Pvt. (Cmdr.) Joseph Girsh (Commissioned SC Army National Guard), Cadet Cpt. Boone Morgan (Commissioned US Army), and Cadet Pvt. & 2026 Class President. Chase Collins (Commissioned SC Army National Guard).

These young men proudly serve the nation, state, and Sons of Confederate Veterans through their persistence, devotion to duty, and love of their native Southern lands. May they meet all the success in their upcoming careers."

As these young men graduate, the camp extends a heartfelt invitation to all members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. If you have a son, grandson, nephew, or other family member who is planning to attend or is currently attending The Citadel in Charleston, SC, we strongly encourage them to join our camp. Since 1963, the Star of the West Camp has been led by cadets who are dedicated to inspiring and building up the next generation of patriotic Americans who will fight for and honor their ancestors. If you have any questions, email us at sotw1253@gmail.com about joining the Star of the West Camp.



Cadet Pvt. Chase Collin (L to R) Cadets Joshua Crosby, Robert Adam, Carson Chinn, and Joseph Girsh Cadet Cpt. Boone Morgan

Submitted by Past Commander Joseph Girsh

Capt. Moses Wood Camp 125 in Gaffney, SC held the annual Camp Confederate Memorial Day Service on May 9, 2026 at Oakland Cemetery in Gaffney, SC.



SCV Moses Wood Camp & UDC Moses Wood Chapter



Camp members gather graveside at their camp's namesake, Capt. Moses Wood.

Submitted by Camp 125 Newsletter Editor Andi Parker



Members of States Rights Gist Camp 1451 who attended the Moses Woods Confederate Memorial Day Service in Gaffney, SC.

From June 2026 Gist Gazette

Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

7th Brigade representing the Pee Dee region, held its annual Prayer Breakfast in Hamer, South Carolina, on Saturday, June 28, 2026. The gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for compatriots from across the brigade to enjoy fellowship, share a meal, and receive spiritual encouragement together. Special thanks to Colonel E. T. Stackhouse Camp Commander Brooks Harrelson for once again hosting this meaningful annual event.



Members of Marion Camp 24, Litchfield Camp 132, Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419, Battery White Camp 1568, and Col. E.T. Stackhouse Camp 1576 were all in attendance.

From PeeDee Rifles Camp 1419 Facebook Page



Rivers Bridge Camp 842 in Fairfax, SC, held its annual Confederate Banquet on May 25, 2026, at the Rivers Bridge Meeting Hall. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal and an evening of fellowship. Camp 842 Commander Chris Sweatman delivered the keynote address.



Compatriots Coleman Loadholt (L) & Donnie Ayers (R) Were Co-Compatriots on the Year for Camp 842.

Submitted by Palmetto Partisan Editor Wes Reynolds

Secession Camp 4 in Charleston, SC. held a highway cleanup of Glenn McConnell Blvd. on May 16, 2026. Six members came out and picked up 21 bags of trash as well as two blown out semi-truck tires and a long piece of solid round metal off of a trailer. All trash was taken to the local landfill for disposal.

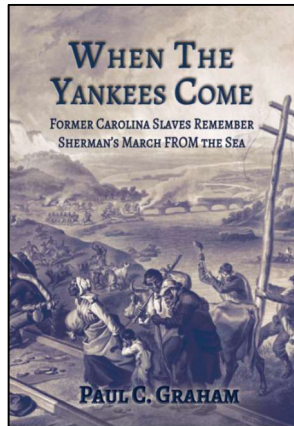


(L to R) Bobby Compton, Commander Michael Dixon, Don Pace, Paul Murray, Russ Mallette, and Bobby Gorman.

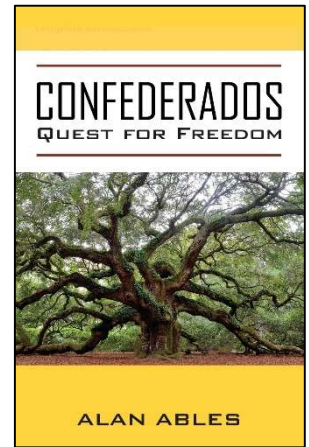
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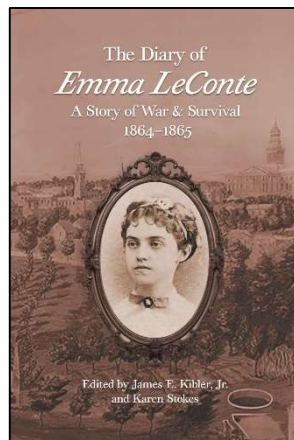
WHEN THE YANKEES COME by Paul C. Graham of Shotwell Publishing in Columbia, SC, and also the former SCV SC Division Editor, the author notes that this is not a history book, but rather a book of personal accounts by those who witnessed history. Its intent is not to interpret the events it portrays, but to let those who were there speak for themselves; to let their voices, as it were, speak to us from the dust—from beyond the grave and through the many, many years that separate us from one another. ISBN: 978-1-947660-43-4, 139 pages. Free download available when you sign up for Shotwell Publishing's new release email list at <https://shotwellpublishing.com/>



CONFEDERADOS: QUEST FOR FREEDOM by Alan Ables of Fort Sumter Camp 1269. Long before Fort Sumter, Unionist Jayhawkers and Confederate Bushwhackers killed with religious fervor along the Missouri-Kansas frontier and deep in the isolated Arkansas hills. Atrocities cloaked in partisan allegiance had made enemies of family and friends in a place like none other in the young nation. At war's end, the wounds were deep. The blood-soaked ground was seeded with hate. Some 20,000, known as Confederados, fled Reconstruction's excesses all the way to Brazil. A new war had begun, fought until the dawn of the 20th Century by Northern victors, Southern patriots. From the Missouri Ozarks, across the American West to the jungles of Brazil, both hunted once and forever enemies to their graves. This is a story of that conflict. ISBN : 978-1977260192, 272 Pages, available on Amazon.com. MSRP: \$25.95



The Diary of Emma LeConte, A Story of War & Survival 1864-1865, edited by Dr. James E. Kibler and Karen Stokes. Emma LeConte was a young South Carolina woman who witnessed the end of her world as the army of General Sherman blazed a path of desolation across the Palmetto State in 1865. A resident of the capital city of Columbia, she was only seventeen when it was sacked and burned by Federal troops in February of that year. She and her family lived on the campus of South Carolina College, an area that was largely spared the torch, but her vivid, passionate reports of all that was going on around her paint an unforgettable picture of destruction, horror, and tragedy. Emma's diary is a powerful and moving account of one of the darkest hours in the history of South Carolina, and a reminder of how much of its culture, both tangible and intangible, was destroyed and lost forever. The book is available for sale at ShotwellPublishing.com, Amazon & other book sellers. ISBN: 978-1-963506-53-2, Softcover 182 pages, MSRP \$18.95. If you would like Karen Stokes to speak at your camp meeting about one of her many books, please get in touch with her at kstokes386@gmail.com.



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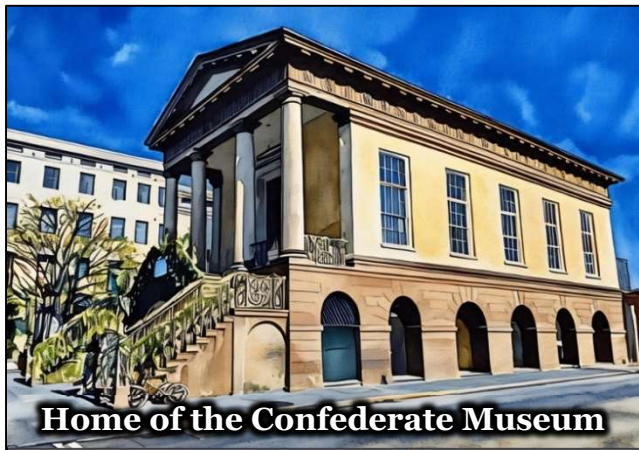
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One correction was submitted to the editor for the 2nd Quarter 2026 issue of the Palmetto Partisan, Vol. XXVI, ISSUE II. See the bottom of this page.

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 me at the following address: SCDivEditor@gmail.com and include pictures, date & time, location, address, ticket price, and an email contact info to include with your article.

The deadline for Submissions for the October-November-December 2026 issue is Sept. 20, 2026, with publication on or around Oct. 1, 2026.

CORRECTION

In the 2nd Quarter 2026 edition of the Palmetto Partisan, the winners of the Southern Cross Graves Award at the South Carolina Division Reunion were incorrectly listed on page 3. Here is the corrected list for this award:

Southern Cross Graves Award Sandlapper Level:
1st Place – Col. E. T. Stackhouse Camp 1576

Southern Cross Graves Award Palmetto Level:
1st Place – Gen. State Rights Gist Camp 1451



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