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LEE-JACKSON BANQUET JANUARY 24TH, 2009

By Rob Nance

The annual Lee/Jackson Banquet will be held on January 24th, 2009, 7 PM at the Washington Light Infantry Armory, 287 Meeting St., Downtown Charleston. Tickets for the event are still available for \$30 per person. Please contact Lt. Commander John Genes (747-4439) for tickets info. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, please do so soon as we were near capacity at last years event. This banquet is important for all members and especially new members who want to learn more about Secession Camp. Last years event was well attended despite the cold, rainy weather that we all endured in arriving there. The catering is always exceptional and this event enables the Camp to have a great meal and fellowship, as well as celebrate and honor other Compatriots. The Lee-Jackson Banquet kicks off the new year for the Camp but also gives us a venue for recognizing the contributions made by so many in our Camp from the previous year. At this event, new Camp officers are sworn in and awards are given out to Compatriots that have shown exemplary service to the Camp during the previous year. There are also many door prizes that help make the evening a fun and energetic event for everyone in attendance. This event is a celebration of the birthdays of two of the most prominent Confederate leaders, that being Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Secession Camp, like many other SCV Camps, take this time of year to honor the service, leadership and valor of these great Confederate men. The WLI has graciously offered this hall for our banquet and Secession Camp is honored. There will be guided tours of the WLI Relic Room before our banquet dinner as a part of the celebration. We all look forward to seeing you at our annual banquet and to recognize the new year with honor for your Confederate heritage.

The Charge

To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Lt. General Stephen D. Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans New Orleans,



SECESSION CAMP CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 16TH

Secession Camp will hold its annual Christmas Party on December 16th, the usual third Tuesday of the month. Our Christmas party will start off with Camp business, and then continue with great holiday food and fellowship. All Compatriots are encouraged to attend as this is the last meeting of the year and the best! Our ranks have grown tremendously in the last year and we all hope to see the old familiar faces there, as well as the new ones. All Compatriots should bring a covered dish and/or dessert to the Christmas Party as well. Secession Camp's Don Pace and Crew will be preparing and serving Roast Pork as the main entrée. Past years' events have seen Compatriots and their families bring ample amounts of delicious food for all to enjoy and I anticipate this years Christmas party/meeting to be no different. Our annual Christmas Party is also a family event, so plan to bring your Southern Belles and children as well. This is a great opportunity to let your family know where and why you go to those Tuesday meetings every month- to honor your Confederate ancestor, participate in the activities of the Camp and to be a valued Compatriot. Plan to bring your loved ones with you for this great occasion and make it an event to remember. This meeting is the culmination of our calendar year and a great time to think about how you, as a Compatriot, can contribute to the Camp in the upcoming year. There are several Committee Chairmanships open and await those Compatriots willing to lead in those departments. So if you are new to the Camp, we need your expertise and time to fill these openings. Everyone in the Camp should find a niche where their love for Confederate heritage can flourish. We are members in one of the finest Camps in the whole SCV! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1968 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT 7:00 PM.

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FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

I hope that all of our Compatriots had a good Thanksgiving. Unfortunately this Thanksgiving was not so good for our camp Chaplin **Sy Mabie**. Sy was hospitalized over the holiday due to problems with muscle control and nausea. I am happy to report however, that Sy is currently recovering well and should be back with us by the time our next meeting rolls around.

As for our next meeting, it will be our annual camp Christmas party. At this meeting we invite Compatriots to bring there wives, family, and friends with them to the meeting. We will keep business to a minimum and our speaker will be a bit



briefer than usual. Mess Corporal **Don Pace** will prepare the main coarse of pork and Compatriots are asked to bring side dishes and deserts to complete the meal. It should be a grand evening for all. Also, I have been in contact with both recipients of our new Honorary Membership award and they will be at our Christmas meeting to receive their memberships.

Our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet is just around the corner now and since we got a late start selling the tickets there won't be much time to get them before the banquet on the 24th of January, so get them soon. As always this will be a great evening featuring a good speaker, good food and drink, and good fellowship. This is the biggest social event of the year for our camp and all Compatriots should try to attend and bring your better half.

I'd like to thank all those Compatriots who volunteered to help with the many projects that the camp was involved in last month. The Battle of Secessionville, the Highway Clean-up, and the Graves Registration program. All these projects require volunteers to be successful and the Compatriots of Secession Camp helped make them a success. We will once again need volunteers for the David Keller Cemetery Project on December 6th at 9AM. This is a Brigade clean-up project of the old Walnut Grove cemetery in Awendaw and Lt. Cmdr. John Genes will be heading up our presence there. Please try and give John a hand on the 6th. On December 13th, from 10AM to 5PM the Battlefield Preservation Trust will be having an "1860s Days Living History" event at Fort Lamar on James Island. Secession Camp has been asked to help with parking cars, so if you can attend this event please let me know. And don't forget to fly your Secession Flag on Secession Day, December 20th.

The camps Challenge Coins are now being distributed and I am happy to report that sales have been very good. We are already in the black in terms of cost and I am turning the remaining 94 coins over to Quartermaster **David Rentz**. He'll have them for sale in the Quartermaster store.

As the year draws to an end I want to wish all Compatriots and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you at the December Christmas party on the 16th and remember if you have any ideas or suggestions for the camp, I'm ready to listen.

Your Compatriot in Southern Heritage, Bill Norris, Commander

SECESSION CAMP ELECTS FIRST HONORARY MEMBERS

Secession Camp elected its' first two Honorary Members at the October 21st meeting. The new Honorary Members are Dr. Jonathan Leader and local Pro-Confederate radio personality Radio Free Rocky D. Both men are expected to be in attendance at the December meeting/Christmas Party. Rocky D was the guest speaker at our September Camp meeting and his colorful persona spoke volumes to the Camp members in attendance. We hope to have Dr. Leader as guest speaker in the very near future. Secession Camp will nominate and vote on prospective Honorary Members once a year. Nominations for the 2009 vote can be made at any time but must be in writing and delivered to the Camp Commander prior to the vote. The Sentinel will notify of upcoming votes for future honorary candidates.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

At the time this newsletter was being published Chaplin **Sy Mabie** was in the hospital in North Charleston receiving extensive testing for problems with nausea and muscle control. Although the testing was not complete as this column was being written, Sy was already recovering and should be out of the hospital in time for our annual Christmas party. I visited Sy in the hospital and I'm glad to report that he was his old self and although he was having problems walking, he seem to be doing well otherwise. Let's all please remember Sy in our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.



Sy requested that I let everyone know that Compatriot **Herb Antley**, who had been hospitalized for tests, has gotten a clean bill of health and is back to his normal routine now. Sy also asked me to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and he hopes to see us all at our upcoming Christmas party.

Reporting for the Chaplin, Bill Norris, Commander

SECESSION CAMP WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Secession Camp announces and welcomes two new members that were sworn in at the November meeting. The Camp welcomes new Compatriots Sam Owens and Brian Joyner. At the ceremony, Brian was presented with his SCV pin by his father, Williard Joyner. It is always good to see the legacy of Confederate heritage passed down to the next generation. New members are the lifeblood of any organization and Secession Camp has had a great year of Recruiting and bringing in new members. Our ranks are growing and this is an exciting time for our Camp. Our Chairman of Recruiting and Retention as well as Geneology, Andy Langdale, is doing an exceptional job in finding new members. Please be sure to introduce yourself to these new members as we want them to always feel welcome and share in the fellowship of our Confederate heritage. So remember to wear those name tags and welcome these new Compatriots! (Photos of new members to appear in the January 2009 issue of the Sentinel– the Editor)

In Memory of My Confederate Ancestor

Honor the memory of your Confederate Ancestor in the Sentinel. Future issues will feature this space for memorials to these brave men. For a donation of \$1 to the camp, we will print your ancestors Name, rank, regiment and other info including birth and death date, killed in action, died as POW or missing.

At every meeting, just give me the info on your ancestor or email it to me robnance@ Knology.netthanks!

CAMP SUPPER

The scrambled eggs, grits and sausage really hit the spot at the November meeting. Once again it was an awesome Camp supper! Dinner was prepared by Mess Corporal Don Pace and his crew. Last month Compatriots Don Petty, Bill Helms, Perry Patrick, and Bob Dandridge gave Don a hand. Just as usual these folks came in long before the meeting to cook for us (and clean-up) and we owe them our thanks for another fine meal. Remember without volunteers like these we wouldn't be able to enjoy a good supper together at camp meetings so please let them know how much we appreciate what they do for us and think about volunteering to help Don's crew sometime. At the December Christmas Party/meeting Don and the Crew will be cooking the main entrée of Roast Pork. So come join us for the Christmas Party and don't forget to bring your side dishes and/or desserts! Great Southern food, great Southern company!!

MICKEY DAVIS REQUEST

The following two request for funding through the Mickey Davis Fund were recently submitted to fund Chairman Woody Weatherford. They will be voted on at our December meeting.

Motion # 1

I, Wayne Dukes, move to send \$2,000 to the South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans – Flag Restoration Fund.

Reasoning: Once these flags are gone; they are gone. I can not think of a better way to perpetuate the memory of our Confederate ancestors, than to preserve the flags that they fought, bled, and died under. At the present time, the State gives matching amounts to this fund. Our \$2000 will become \$4,000 in the Preservation Fund. This practice will not last much longer.

Submitted by Compatriot Wayne Dukes

Recommendation of Chairman Weatherford and the Executive Committee: Approval in the amount of \$1000.00

Motion # 2

I move that the Mickey Davis Fund be used to contribute \$75.00 to the Confederate Museum, \$75.00 to the SCV's William D. McCain Fund, and \$75.00 to the SCV's Stand Watie Scholarship Fund. (Total \$225.00)

The Museum of the Confederacy, located in Richmond, VA, houses one of the largest and most valuable collections of Confederate artifacts in the world. Donations will be used to help preserve this important collection. The Stand Watie Scholarship Fund is a scholarship for college students sponsored by the National SCV. It is given to students who belong to the SCV, the UDC, or the Children of the Confederacy. The William D. McCain Fund is a special fund used to maintain the house and grounds of Elm Springs, the National Headquarters of the SCV. All of the funds meet with the guidelines set forth in our SCV charge by helping to preserve our Confederate heritage and donating to these funds will help Secession Camp qualify for the annual Camp of the Year award.

Submitted by Compatriot Bill Norris

Recommendation of the Chairman Weatherford and the Executive Committee: Approval

RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE ABOLITIONISTS

By Jack Bledsoe, Contributed by John Whatley

Concern over racial justice played a minor role in abolition politics. Blacks, slave or free, were not welcome in any Northern state, and abolitionists had no apparent interest in helping freed slaves or in attacking slavery where it existed elsewhere in the hemisphere. Their self-described primary function was to influence Northern public opinion against the "evil and haughty Southern slaveholders". Strong assurances that freed slaves would be kept in the South were a standard part of appeals for support. Even the radicals had not forgotten that the proposal to abolish slavery offered voters in the election of 1844 was defeated by a margin of 96% to 4%, and that this near-unanimous rejection was widely attributed to the prospect of large numbers of ex-slaves migrating to the North and West.

-How Early Americans Saw Slavery, by Col. J. O. Bledsoe, St. Brendan Press, 1993, p. 15

Contributor John Whatley is an accomplished author and speaker. He has been guest speaker twice in 2008 and is the author of the Typical Georgia Confederate, as well as the Typical SC Confederate (to be published soon.)

CONFEDERATE ROAD WARRIORS ATTEND FINAL HIGHWAY CLEANUP OF 2009



The final Highway Clean-Up of the year was held on November 15th and was well attended. Special thanks goes out to all Compatriots that helped throughout the year. Compatriot Michael Dixon has done a great job in his first year as Highway Clean-Up Chairman after replacing Jimmy Wheeler who also did a exemplary job. These men get out in all kinds of weather on their Saturday mornings so that our stretch of the Glenn McConnell Highway is clean and a model for other adopted portions of highway. Pictured in the photo, from left to right are: Bobby Compton, Will Joyner, Michael Dixon, Bill Norris, Lucas Pinson, Sam Antley, Dan Pinson, Joey Dixon, Don Pace, Ben Pittman, John Evans. Also helping but not pictured was Penny Dixon. Great work Compatriots!

PAST CAMP COMMANDER ED MOON GOES ON AFRICAN SAFARI



Former Camp Commander Ed Moon went on a African Safari in Mozambique this past November. While there, Ed hunted Cape Buffalo and was able to shoot one of these prized beasts. We all wish Ed well and hope he will return to our Camp soon with stories and pictures of his great Safari.

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant Elmore Marlow

Yes
Appropriate Flag Displayed X
SCV Charge Read X

Invocation X Program Petersburg
Presentation of Colors X

Presentation of Colors X
Reading and Approval of Minutes Speaker Don Gordon

No

Reading and Approval of Financial Report

Remarks: 69 members and 15 guests for a total of 84 in attendance.

- SCV Charge was given by Commander Bill Norris
- Invocation given by Chaplain Sy Mabie
- Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. Loren O'Donnell.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Head chef Don Pace was assisted by Perry Patrick, Robert Dandridge, Don Petty, and Bill Helms.
- Introduction of guest which included members from the Moultrie Camp, Ellison Capers Camp, and the Wade Hampton Camp of Columbia.

Commander Norris introduced our speaker, Don Gordon who is a past Commander of the Wade Hampton Camp and current Lt. Commander of the S. C. Division. Don spoke of the events on April 2nd, 1865 at Petersburg, Va. The Confederate lines in the trenches, which numbered around 18,000 were being persued by a force of over 68,000. The Confederate lines began to give way. A Mississippi Unit of 214 men was ordered to occupy Fort Wentworth, which was between the Union forces and bridge to Petersburg. The Mississippi men held their position. By the time Union forces reached the fort, only 30 men were left alive to hold them back the pursuing army. The heroic deeds of the unit and the Immortal 30, allowed the Confederate Army to cross the bridge to the safety of Petersburg.

- Don Gordon, presented Palmetto patches for recruiting to three Secession Camp members. Charlie
 Hiers, Michael Burbage, and Andy Langdale received the awards for recruiting two new members during the
 past year..
- Treasurers report was given by the Buck Perry. The beginning balance was \$16,446.60 with deposits of \$7,799.00. Checks were written for \$2,903.92 less \$35.00 for a NSF check which was given at the Heritage Ride, left an ending balance of \$21,306.68.
- Mickey Davis Fund Report: Woody Weatherford reported a deposit of \$200.00 from the October meal.
 Balance as of the November meeting was \$2,059.08. There is one pending request which will be presented to executive council at the December meeting.
- Chaplains Report: Sy Mabie reported that Gary Stone, who was a recipient of the War Service Medal for his service in Korea, has passed away. Gary was also a member of the Washington Light Infantry and he will be missed. Joe Davis, who lives in North Carolina, continues to improve after his cancer treatments. Highway Cleanup: Michael Dixon reported that the highway cleanup went well. Twelve camp members collected twenty six bags of trash, a tire and a battery in two hours. The next cleanup will be next year on February 7.
- Confederate graves: John Evans reported that work began on Saturday, November 15th at 1 p.m. Ten camp members identified the names of the Confederates buried on five rows on the soldiers ground, at Mag nolia Cemetery. Information and location of each soldier will be entered into a data base. This is a continuing project which will take several years to complete. Volunteers are asked to contact John to help on this project.
- Cemetery Project for the 10th Brigade: Jeff Antley reported that the Walnut Grove graveyard in Awendaw which has the graves of fourteen Confederate soldiers been chosen for the project. The cleaning project will take place at 9 a.m. on December 6th. The cemetery is located on Awendaw Creek Road. Volunteers will meet at the Sewee Restaurant on Highway 17 North at Awendaw.

Old Business: The Challenge Coin arrived and were sold at the meeting for \$10.00 each. One hundred coins were ordered but we received 199. See November Minutes Cont. on p. 8......

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2008 CALENDER OF EVENTS

December

- 12-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 12-6 Brigade Cemetery CleanUp Project
- 12-13 1860's Living History at Ft. Lamar
- 12-16 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
- 12-20 Secession Day

January

1-17 Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet *

Meeting Dates for Camps of the 10th Brigade

Secession Camp #4, Charleston Moultrie Camp #27, Mt. Pleasant Gen. Capers Camp#1212, Moncks Corner Pvt. John S. BirdCamp#38, N. Chas. Star of the West Camp#1253, The Citadel Ft. Sumter Camp #1269, Charleston 3rd Tuesday of the month 3rd Tuesday of the month 3rd Thursday of the month 2nd Tuesday of the month (irregular) 2nd Thursday (irregular)

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The executive council voted to pay for the additional coins at a discounted price. Dr. Jonathan Leader, who was nominated to be a Honorary Member of Secession Camp, will be at the December, Christmas meeting to be presented the award George Naumann reported that the reinactment of the Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation was a success and thanked everyone for helping. School Day was held on Friday and over 800 school children attended the first time event.

- New Business: One new candidate was voted on. Paul Lord, who is Michael Burbages stepson was approved for membership. Two candidates were inducted: Sam Owens and Brian Joyner. Brian was given his SCV pin by his dad, Willard Joyner.
- David Rentz replaced Gene Patrick as representative to the Confederate Heritage Trust from Secession Camp, to serve until June 6th, when representatives will be voted on..
- A living history will take place at Fort Lamar on December 13th between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. sponsored by the S. C.Battlefield Preservation Trust.

Commander Bill Norris reminded everyone that the December 16th meeting is our annual Christmas Party. Members are encouraged to bring family and guest.

- Mess Sqt. Don Pace will prepare roast pork and members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.
- The camp needs articles, pictures, etc. for the camp scrapbook which presented each year for competition at the S. C. Division Convention and the National Convention. John Genes is collecting items and Louie Warmoth is designing a cover for the scrapbook.
- Rick Hatcher attended a meeting of the Civil War Roundtable in Chicago, where the Confederate Battle Flag is displayed at each meeting. Rick also brought to light that the first Thanksgiving did not take place in Plymouth, Mass. as recorded by northerners, but took place two years earlier on a Virgina plantation
- Barry Barrineau from the Ellison Capers Camp invited members join them on their float to participate in the Hanahan Christmas on December 6th and the Moncks Corner parade on December 7th. Moultrie Camp will be in the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade on December 14th.
- A motion made to adjourn and seconded.

The benediction was made by Sy Mabie followed by the singing of Dixie.

^{*} dates not yet confirmed

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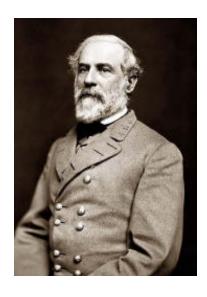
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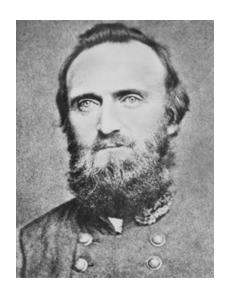
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THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 16TH





ANNUAL LEE/JACKSON BANQUET

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