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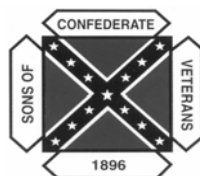
LEE-JACKSON BANQUET JANUARY 24TH, 2009

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,*



Chaplain Sy Mabie Passes

By Rob Nance

It is with a heavy heart that I regret to inform Camp members who may not already know that valued Compatriot and Camp Chaplain Sy Mabie passed away on Tuesday, January 13th, after a courageous fight against cancer. Sy will be greatly missed by Secession Camp and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and all those that knew and loved this great man. In the short few years that I have known Sy, he always displayed the kind of dedication to our Camp that is exemplary. And though he was fighting his own health battles, he selflessly looked to help other Camp members in crisis first. His work in ministering to Compatriots in need and their families was an invaluable service to many and an inspiration to us all. Sy received recognition for his hard work as Camp Chaplain by being honored as the Chaplain of the Year for 2008. Chaplain Mabie was a WWII U. S. Naval Sub Veteran. He also was a member of the Confederate Heritage Trust; Friends of the Hunley, The Holland Society; a Lifetime member of Lincoln Park Masonic Lodge; VFW and The Huguenot Society. He is survived by his wife, Constance Mabie of Summerville, SC; daughter, Suzanne Graham and her husband, Bruce, of Bowman, SC; son, Sylvester Dave Mabie of Summerville, SC; five granddaughters: Andrea Hobday, Kimberly Murray, Shannon Keller, Jeanine Lantz, April Voglesang; 15 great-grandchildren; and Buddy Boy. Sy's funeral will be at the French Huguenot Church, 44 Church St. at 1 PM and then laid to rest at the French Huguenot Churchyard thereafter. All Camp members are urged to attend and sit together as a group. Thank you.

"Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees."- Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson

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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH 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.

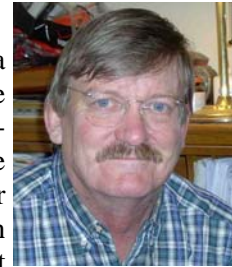
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FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

First, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that you will all have a very prosperous and healthy new year. Can you believe that the year has come and gone already? As I complete my first year as Commander I can say that Seccession Camp had a good 2008. Although our membership dropped slightly, we continued to bring in new members almost every month and we continue to hear from delinquent members as well. We started the year off with our Lee-Jackson Banquet as usual and since we don't try to make money on this event, it ended at close to break even financially, just the way it should. We had our first annual Camp Yard Sale which due to the contributions of many camp members was very successful bringing in extra money for camp funds. The yard sale helped with the purchase of an enclosed trailer for the camp Quartermaster, making his job much more manageable. Our annual Heritage Bike Ride was the most successful ever financially, even though we had a lot of competition on that weekend. Again bringing in extra money for camp funds. We also inaugurated our first Honorary Membership Awards making presentations to radio talk show host Rock D and State Archeologist Dr. Jonathan Leader. The camp also continued to meet our commitment to the Glenn McConnell Parkway Clean-up Program and camp Compatriots were involved in many other heritage projects during the year. We closed the year with our usual great Christmas Party in December.



In the coming year we plan to finalize our bylaw changes and get that squared away, hold another yard sale, participate in another Confederate Memorial Day, run another Heritage Ride, continue our commitment to the Glenn McConnell Parkway Clean-up Project, and participate in other local heritage projects. Again to manage all these things we will need the continued commitment of all our fine Compatriots.

Our Chaplain **Sy Mable** was able to return home for the Christmas holiday but unfortunately he continues to have cancer related problems and at this writing, is back in Trident Medical Center hospital. Hopefully his stay there will be brief. Compatriot **Dave Mable** reports that he expects Sy will be able to get around with the aid of a walker and a wheel chair when he's feeling better. Please keep Sy in your prayers.

Our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet is coming up on the 24th of January. As always this will be a great evening featuring a good speaker, Dr. Eric Emerson, good food and drink, and good fellowship. It will be held at the WLI armory on Meeting Street again this year. This is the biggest social event of the year for our camp, so all Compatriots should try to attend and bring your better half. Tickets are available from Lt. Commander **John Genes**. He'll have them at our January 20th meeting or you can call him at 843-296-7067 to make sure you get them.

I hope to see you all at our January meeting and the Lee-Jackson Banquet this month. Remember if you have any ideas or suggestions for the camp, I'm ready to listen.

Your Compatriot in Southern Heritage,
Bill Norris, Commander

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

At the time this newsletter was being published Chaplain **Sy Mabie** was again in Trident Medical Center hospital in North Charleston receiving treatment for cancer. He is expected to be there for a few days, until he is feeling well enough to return home. Although he continues to suffer from nausea and weakness he is expected to be up and around again soon. Compatriot **Dave Mabie** tells me that although Sy will continue to have problems with his legs he should be able to use a walker and a wheel chair when he's feeling better. As usual Sy is concerned about his duties as Chaplain and asked me to submit his report for him again this month. Let's all please remember Sy in our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.



Sy requested that I let everyone know that Compatriot **Louie Warmoth's** father passed away on Friday, January 2 and that Compatriot **Walter Canady's** sister passed away recently as well. Please keep these men and their families in your prayers.

Sy also requested that I thank Brigade Chaplain **Herb Antley** for standing in for him as camp Chaplain until he is able to return to his camp duties.

Reporting for the Chaplain,
Bill Norris, Commander

Please note: This column was written to prior to Chaplain Sy Mabie passing away. Our Camp Commander Bill Norris will be writing the Chaplain's Column until such time as Chaplain Mabie's position Can be filled. Thank You, 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 Roasted Pork and the covered dishes made for another joyous Christmas Party at the December 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, Dan Pinson and his son, Lucas Pinson** 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 January meeting Don and the Crew will be cooking Chili and Beans with Rice, dessert and Iced Tea . So come join us for the fellowship and hot Chili on a cold winter night! Great Southern food, great Southern company!!

PICTURES FROM THE CAMP CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Compliments of Mike Burbage)



Secession Camp Welcomes New Member



Secession Camp welcomes new member Paul Anthony Lord. Paul was inducted at the December meeting. He is the stepson of Mike Burbage and was presented the SCV lapel pin by Mike as well. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Paul and all new members. Our ranks have really grown during 2008! Welcome aboard Paul!

Mike Coker to speak at January Camp Meeting

Here is a short bio about our speaker for the January meeting, Mike Coker. Mike is a student of history and will give a presentation you won't want to miss!

A native South Carolinian, Michael Coker is a lifelong student of South Carolina, United States and Confederate history. Because of his interest in the field, he began his work as a volunteer for the South Carolina Historical Society. For the last seven years he has worked full time for the society as their Visual Material Curator and a part time research assistant. He is also the Webmaster for the Society. He is the co-author along with Eric Dabney in the Illustrated History Book, Historic South Carolina. His newly published book, which he is going present on Tuesday evening is Charleston Curiosities. Michael appeared on a Comcast 2 local TV show about this book which was hosted by the Southern Avenger Jack Hunter. Michael is currently looking for his ancestor and hopes to join our camp.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER ABOUT INSULTS TO OUR HERITAGE

Gentlemen,

It never ceases to amaze me regarding the insults those of us in the Confederate Heritage community have to face from our own public servants and elected officials. Right here in the birth place of the Confederacy. These two quotes were taken from the Post and Courier in the past three days.

The first is from Mr. Rodger Stroup, Executive Director of the S.C. Archives and History Center in Columbia. This man is paid with our tax dollars to preserve the history of our state and our ancestors. When asked about the upcoming 150th Anniversary of the WBTS he said, "There's just a hard core group of people that feel like slavery was not the cause. We've got the declaration of causes right here in this building. One of them says 'to preserve slavery.' You can't get around it." Is this the kind of guy we want protecting the history of our state?

Next we have our esteemed governor, Mark Sanford. When writing about the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth recently, Sanford wrote, "Despite the fact that our state was the first to secede, today's South Carolinians yield to no one in admiration of our 16th president." Does this man speak for most South Carolinians? He's talking about the man who called for 70,000 troops to invade this state! This is what the governor thinks about the man ultimately responsible for the numerous war crimes committed against Charleston and this state. In regard to the 200th anniversary of President Jefferson Davis the governor had nothing to say.

Unfortunately these guys are not the only state officials that have made similar statements. Does anyone doubt what we are up against here? This is why the SCV and our charge are so important gentlemen.

Bill Norris, Commander

Secession Camp

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!

This funny tale comes compliments of The Confederate Shop, Coastal Carolina Flea Market

SPECIAL BULLETIN FROM THE "PENTAGON" !!

The Pentagon announced today the formation of a new 500-man elite fighting unit called the "United State Redneck Special Forces". These brave men from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas will be dropped off into Iraq and have been given only the following facts about terrorists:

1. The Season opened today!
2. There is NO limit!
3. They taste just like Chicken!
4. They don't like Beer, Pickup trucks, Country music or Jesus.
5. They are DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE for the death of Dale Earnhardt!

We expect the problem in Iraq to be over by next Friday!

-author unknown

MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Charleston Veterans
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker John Waring
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		
Remarks: 57 members and 28 guests for a total of 85 in attendance.		

- SCV Charge was given by Commander Bill Norris
 - Invocation given by Herb Antley
 - Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. Loren O'Donnell.
 - The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Mess Sgt. Don Pace was assisted by Don Petty, Danny Pinson and his son, Lucas Pinson.
 - Introduction of guest which included Ladies from the Order Of the Confederate Rose and wives and quest of members.
 - Commander Norris introduced our speaker, John Waring who is a lifetime member of the SCV and a member of Secession Camp. Compatriot Waring gave a talk on Henry Poyas Foster and Charles Bernard Foster, Jr. who were teenagers at the time of entering Confederate Service. The contents of the speech were based on letters which both of the brothers wrote to different relatives. The letters covered from their time in Charleston 1862 to Petersburg, Va. 1864. Both brothers were in the SCVI 27th.
 - Herb Antley gave a special prayer for our Chaplain, Sy Mabie.
 - Mickey Davis Fund Report: Woody Weatherford reported that there were two request for funds which had to be voted on. The first was a motion by Wayne Dukes to give \$2,000.00 to the S. C. Division Flag Restoration Fund. The executive committee **approved \$1,000.00**, so we would not deplete the fund. The motion was approved by the camp. The second was a motion by **Bill Norris** to give \$225.00 to three funds. A donation of \$75.00 to the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, a donation of \$75.00 to the Stan Waite scholarship fund, and a \$75.00 donation to the William McClain Fund to help with the maintenance of the SCV Headquarters in Columbia, Tenn. This motion was also approved by the camp. These are funds which the camp contributes to every year.
 - Cemetery Project for the 10th Brigade: John Genes reported that a graveyard in Awendaw has been cleaned up on December 6th and ten members from Secession Camp took part. Rick Hatcher announced that the speaker for the annual Lee-Jackson will be Eric Emerson, who will speak about Robert E. Lee, the man. The banquet will be held on January 24th at the Washing Light Infantry Armory at Meeting and George Streets.
 - Commander Norris presented a check for **\$1020.00** to Randy Burbage for the Friends of the Hunley. The money was from proceeds from our annual Heritage Ride which took place in September..
 - New Business: One new candidate was voted on. Richard Wheeler, nephew of camp member Jimmy Wheeler was approved for membership. Paul Anthony Lord was inducted into the camp and pinned by his step father, Michael Burbage..
 - Commander Bill Norris presented Honorary membership certificates to Dr. Jonathan Leader for his work with the recovery of the remains of the first Hunley Crew from Johnson Hagood Stadium at the Citadel and to talk radio host Rocky D for his continuing good work defending the name of the Confederate Soldier and defending our Southern Heritage
 - The camp needs articles, pictures, etc. for the camp scrapbook which is presented each year for competition at the S. C. Division Convention and the National Convention.
 - Commander thanked everyone for attending and bring food for our annual Christmas meeting..
 - A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Herb Antley followed by the singing of Dixie.

2009 CALENDER OF EVENTS

January

- 1-19 General Robert E. Lee's Birthday
 1-20 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
 1-21 General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's Birthday
 1-24 Secession Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet, 7 PM

February

(Black Confederate History Month)

- 2-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 2-7 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
 2-15 H. L. Hunley Memorial Service *
 2-17 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

March

- 3-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 3-17 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
 3-20 South Carolina SCV Division Convention
 3-21 South Carolina SCV Division Convention

April

- 4-7 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 4-12 Anniversary of the firing on Ft. Sumter
 4-21 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

May

- 5-2 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbia, SC *
 5-5 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 5-9 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Charleston, SC *
 5-10 Confederate Memorial Day
 5-19 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
 5-30 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway

June

- 6-2 President Jefferson Davis' Birthday
 6-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 6-13 Battle of Secessionville Memorial Service at Ft. Lamar *
 6-16 Anniversary of the Battle of Secessionville
 6-16 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
 6-28 Carolina Day

July

- 7-7 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 7-21 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
 7-22 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK
 7-23 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK
 7-24 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK
 7-25 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK

August

- 8-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 8-18 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

September

- 9-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 9-12 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
 9-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
 9-26 2nd Annual Secession Camp Heritage Ride *

October

- 10-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 10-9 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
 10-10 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
 10-20 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

November

- 11-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 11-7 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
 11-14 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation *
 11-15 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation *
 11-17 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

December

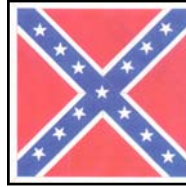
- 12-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
 12-15 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
 12-20 Secession Day

* Dates not confirmed

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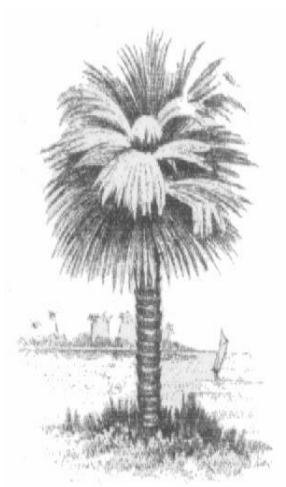
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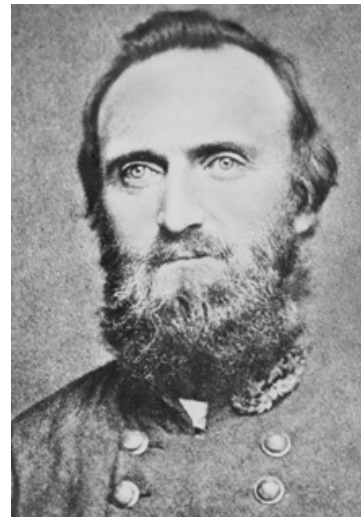
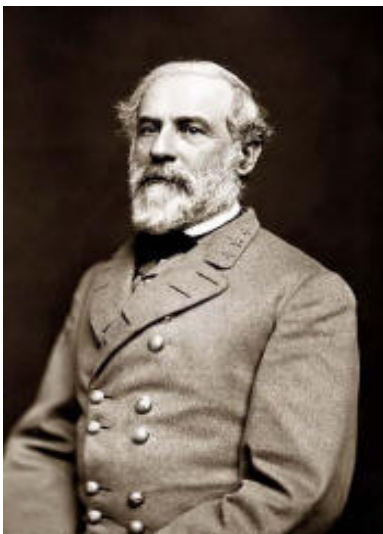
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THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 20TH



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