

# The Sentinel



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## Notes from the Editor: Thoughts on Gettysburg

The debates and discussions about why Gen. Robert E. Lee would order his brave Confederates to charge over a mile against a fortified position in a wide-open field ripe with artillery fire and aimed muskets still rages on today, 145 years after the ill-fated attack known as "Pickett's Charge". The success or failure of the charge would come down to the artillery barrage that Gen. Lee, a scholar of Napoleonic warfare, thought would quiet the Yankee cannons long enough to break the Union lines in the center. Gen. Lee obviously was focused on what he saw as the weakness of the Yankee line after failures to out flank them on the previous day. Would continuing a flanking maneuver on that fateful day of July 3rd, 1863 brought forth a different result? I think its fair to say that our Men in Grey would have at the very least had a greater chance for success. It would have been against great odds no matter the point of attack as the determining factor in this engagement was who controlled the high ground. Superior numbers (not soldiers!) and better supply lines played a big role as well. Therefore, taking the high ground away from the Yankees would be a daunting task that our Confederates would take on and ultimately fail to accomplish. Lee would go on to say that he thought his men to be "invincible" and put the blame for the failures at Gettysburg firmly on his great shoulders. This burden even lead him to offer his resignation to President Jefferson Davis, but he would not accept it. The South, despite the great loss at Gettysburg, still needed his leadership and guidance. I pose this question to our Compatriots: If you were a soldier at Gettysburg on July 3rd, 1863, and Gen. Lee ordered your brigade to charge the Yankee center, would you hesitate and protest or would you prepare to take the Yankee line? I know the answer: You'd prepare to whip the Yankees! No one is always right, but Marse Robert was seldom wrong!

## *The Charge*

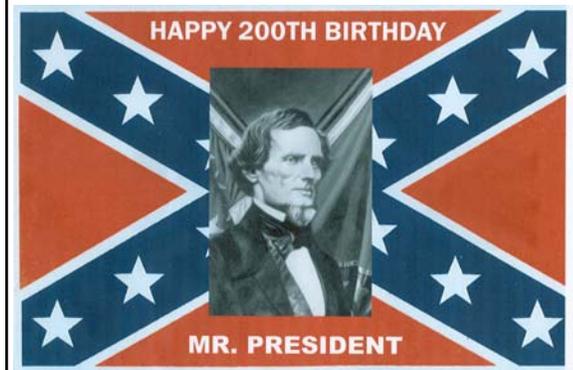
*To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made 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.*



## Jefferson Davis Birthday Dinner with the ladies of the UDC

The June Camp meeting took on special significance as Secession Camp celebrated the 200th birthday of our beloved Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The importance of the bicentennial of the birth of the Confederacies only sitting President is something we will be able to look back on with remembrance and reverence alike. To make this event even more important to our Camp, we had in attendance ladies of the Order of the Confederate Rose as our guests. These ladies do so much for our heritage and it was the least we could do to invite them for a quality dinner and share in this celebration of a great American, Union and Confederate. Our kitchen crew went all out with a wonderful dinner of baked ham and fixings. Our speaker, Dr. Eric Emerson, gave an enlightening speech on the contributions that Davis made to the USA as a soldier in the Spanish-American War, a US Senator from the great state of Mississippi, a Cabinet member after appointment by the Pierce administration as Secretary of War, and most importantly as the only Chief Executive of the Confederate States of America. When you look at his lineage, his military, legislative and executive service, its hard to find an American, Union or Confederate more dedicated and qualified to lead. The room was filled with portraits of Davis, but this one was special...



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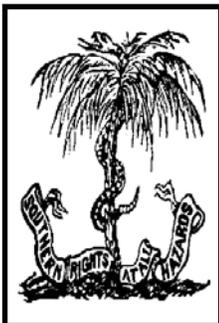
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**SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 15TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1820 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT 7:00 PM.**

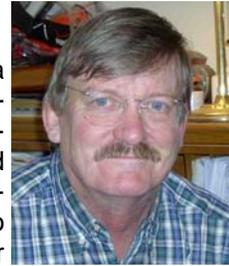
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## FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

I hope my fellow Compatriots at Secession Camp are well and having a good summer. First I'd like to thank Compatriots Bobby Compton and Bob Gissell for coming out on a hot Saturday to represent the camp at the annual Carolina Day ceremonies. Those of you who saw the local section of The Post and Courier on the following Sunday may have noticed the photo of Bobby, his beautiful granddaughter Kelsey, and myself (behind the flag) in the paper. I'd also like to thank Compatriots Elmore Marlow, Perry Patrick, and Sonny Rourk for being there as well.



The big event this month will be the SCV National Convention in Concord, NC. I plan to go to represent Secession Camp and I encourage any compatriots who can get away to join me there. The convention will run from July 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup> and will include business secessions as well as good times. This will also be an election year. There may be some extra room in the hotel if your interested so let me know if you want to attend. I'd like to wish Compatriot Jack Merritt's grandson Jonathan Madden, good luck and a good time at the Sam Davis Youth Camp in Millen, GA. Jonathan who won a Secession Camp scholarship, will be going to the camp on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Back here at Secession Camp we need to get into high gear with our annual Confederate Heritage Ride. Compatriot Bryan Riddle is looking for more volunteers to help with the pre-registration on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and the ride on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have two locations for pre-registration again this year so we'll need folks to work both locations. We have some new plans for this years ride and hope to make some real cash for the camp. Time is going fast and we'll need to get that project moving quickly now. Bryan will hold a brief meeting after the July 15<sup>th</sup> camp meeting and there will also be special meetings that he will announce so please try to attend and mark your calendars for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see you at the July meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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

### The Voice of St. Michael's

Article submitted by Adjutant Elmore Marlowe

The article below was taken from The South Carolina Historical Society's Fall 2007 publication, Carologue. The publication was given out at the March camp meeting by our speaker Mike Coker. The article, The Voice of St. Michael's, tells about the building of the church's bell tower and the installation of the bells dating 1764. The first tune known by name to be chimed on the bells was "Home Sweet Home," played when the dead of Secessionville, the first local fatalities of the War, were brought into the city in early June of 1862. Listening to the bells, "the men of the honor guard," as one of them later acknowledged, "cried like boys or children." Days later, the bells of St. Michael's came down from their tower and were shipped to Columbia to be cast into cannon for the Confederate Army. Because of their long historical significance, the bells were reserved for when the need for their metal was truly desperate. That time never came, and they remained in Columbia where they smashed to pieces by Union soldiers during the firing of the city by General Sherman. After the War, determined to reclaim their bells, the Vestry of St. Michael's gathered up the broken pieces and returned them to the White Chapel Foundry in England, where they were originally made. There, additional metal was added to the scraps and the bells were recast to match the specifications of the original set. They were then loaded on a ship to make yet another trip across the Atlantic to their Charleston Home.

### FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

Independence Day, July 4, 1776! A day in American history which stirs our emotions in so many ways. To the nations Founding Fathers it was a day of celebration. The Declaration of Independence was signed renouncing our ties with Great Britain. It was a stepping stone in the trail that led to our independence as a nation. Each of the steps in that trail has been paved with the sacrifices of our forefathers. There have been internal struggles such as the Shay's Rebellion and the Whiskey Rebellion concerning taxation. There have been foreign attempts such as the war of 1812 to reverse the resolve of 1776. The War Between the States culminated in what was probably one of the most serious threats. The Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3 1863, is probably one of the battles most representative of that struggle. The struggle for independence began in 1776 and continues today. There are forces within as well as without the country that would usurp the independence of 1776. We must never forget the price paid by our forefathers for the God given freedom we enjoy. I often hear the events of 1860-1865 referred to as the "Lost Cause" and Gettysburg as the turning point. The struggle for independence continues. The sacrifices of those who fought at Gettysburg shall always stand as a reminder that the cause of independence has not been lost unless we choose to ignore our heritage. We must continue to honor those who sacrificed so much for independence. If it were not for their sacrifice we would not enjoy the freedom that has been preserved for greater than 200 years. We will never know where we are going unless we know where we have been. Above all we must pray for wisdom in accordance with the promise given in "The Epistle of James": "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach it will be given to him." (James 1:5)



Good news from Compatriot Fred Tetor, the first anniversary of Trisha's liver transplant has past. All is well. Prayers are in order for Compatriot Tom Gelwicks family as adjustments are made to Claire's implant. Your continued prayers are requested for Compatriots Davis, Jacobs, and Heidtmann. Please contact me if you are aware of a compatriot who is in need. I am always available at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail, smabie@earthlink.net. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sy Mabie  
Chaplain

*In Memory of My  
Confederate Ancestors*

Private Wesley P. Beach  
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Co. G 4th SC Cavalry  
Capitan George W. Way  
11th SC Infantry  
Corporal Beverly Rodgers  
Co. F 1st Local Troops, GA (Augusta)  
Deo Vindice  
Clyde W. Rogers

### CAMP SUPPER

The Baked Ham dinner and fixings were tasty fare for our guests from the UDC and our Compatriots had to practice a little more dining etiquette than usual! Once again it was an awesome Camp supper! Dinner was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Last month Compatriots **Bob Gissell, Perry Patrick, Don Petty, Bob Dandridge and Dan 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 July meeting Don and Crew will be cooking Bratwurst, Baked Beans, Potato chips, Iced Tea and Watermelon. Great Southern food, great Southern company!!

## The Last 11 days of my Ancestor, Pvt. Joseph Polston Co. K 7<sup>th</sup> Tenn.

By Compatriot Fred Polston

Pvt. Polston enlisted on 20 May 1861 at Camp Trousdale, Tennessee. On 15 July 1861 the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee boarded a train for Staunton, Virginia. Pvt. Polston would not return to his native state for 4 long years. The 7<sup>th</sup> together with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Tennessee would forever be known as Archer's Tennessee Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. By God's grace my kin was present at every engagement his unit participated in and he never suffered a wound that pulled him off the line. This includes Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. In the trenches at Petersburg the 7<sup>th</sup> numbered only 134 troops present.

The following is a story from William Thomas Venner in the January 1999 edition of the American Civil War describing the last action of the 7<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1865.

In the pre-dawn hours of April 2, 1865, the veterans of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry knew the Federals were going to attack. Nearly everyone in the regiment had been awake all night. The homesick and weary Confederates peered into the darkness, their bellies pinched from meager rations. Few believed that the upcoming attack could be resisted. The 7<sup>th</sup> was part of the brigade of Brig. Gen. William McComb who took command after the death of Archer. The brigade consisted of survivors from 9 different units. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Btn, and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, and 63<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee. On April 1, 1865 the brigade totaled 860 men and 87 officers. The brigade was attached with three other brigades to Maj. Gen Henry Heth's division. Each brigade had a mile front to protect. One soldier wrote: "The men were required to keep on their accouterments and remain in the pits all the time. There was little rest to be had." Lt. Col. Sheppard and the 7<sup>th</sup> waited for the Northerners' onslaught on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Union masses were just 500 yards away. The Federals had nearly 14,000 men under command of Maj. Gen. Horatio Wright. Artillery had been shelling the Confederate lines all night. The Tennesseans could do little but remain vigilant.

At 4:30 a.m., the troops of the Union VI Corps charged forward. Wright's three divisions trampled over the thin screen of pickets, through the breastworks, and onto the Confederate fortifications. The blue waves crashed into the brigades of Gen. McRae and Gen. Davis. McRae's Tar Heels fell back suffering a loss of more than 500 men. Davis's Mississippians were trapped and could not escape. Nearly the whole brigade was lost. By 5 a.m., there was enough light to see the severity of the situation. McComb's brigade had been missed by the smallest of margins. Only the left flank had been affected, and there the 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Tenn. had fallen back 200 yards. The resolute Tennesseans realized that the Union breakthrough had cut them off from the main Confederate Army. To make matters worse, they learned that three other brigades were pulling out of line. That left only the small Tennessee brigade. McComb ordered his men to face towards the northeast and attack. By this time the union troops were sweeping through the trenches. Sheppard called to the 7<sup>th</sup> to charge the advancing Federals. One rifleman remembered: "We immediately formed a line of battle, and although our brigade at that time did not number more than 600, we were ordered to charge and retake the works." The men of McComb's brigade rushed forward, the veterans of each tiny regiment clustered around their leaders. They struck the federals with their usual fury and stunned the bluecoats. The Union soldiers recoiled and fell back several hundred yards. The Tennesseans stopped when they reached an artillery position called Fort Archer, dropping down within its earthen walls. Their sudden attack had been successful. The Union advance had been stopped.

The embattled Confederates faced three brigades of Gen. George Getty's division with some 4,000 veterans. By 5:30 a.m. Getty was advancing one brigade by the front and one in a flanking move. With artillery and rifle fire coming from the fort the lead brigade was stopped, but they couldn't stop the flanking brigade. The Tennesseans knew that they would soon be surrounded. The veterans then tried to slip out of Fort Archer and fall back to the west. Half the men could not get away and were captured.

The survivors retreated about 200 yards where Sheppard rallied the regiment. A quick head count revealed that more than 30 of the precious veterans had been lost. Once the brigade was organized, the troops fanned out in a thin skirmish line to engage the approaching Yankees. Both sides opened fire as they came within range. McComb, seeing that his tiny force had no chance against a massive assault ordered it to fall back to the secondary trench line. The Southerners maintained their line and forced the Union to approach with caution. Within minutes Gen. Trobriand's Division had captured his trench works and his brigades were approaching McComb's men. The battered Tennessee brigade was now being pressed from the front and rear. There was only one avenue of escape, a quick dash to the west to a bridge spanning Hatcher's Run. This getaway might be accomplished if the Union II Corps could be halted long enough for the Southerners to break contact. Twenty Five year old Captain Fergus Harris volunteered to lead his company of brigade sharpshooters against Trobriand's men. The spunky Harris of H company called to his sharpshooters, they responded with a Rebel Yell. The little band rushed at the wary Northerners, who halted, took cover and opened fire. ( See Pvt. Polston, cont. p. 6)

## Pvt. Polston, cont. from p. 5....

Most of the attackers were either shot down or captured including Harris. Harris' brave assault gave McComb's survivors time to extract themselves from the tightening trap and hurry to Hatcher's run. Unfortunately, the sacrifice was wasted. Union troops had already captured the bridge. The Southerners scurried along the east bank of Hatcher's Run looking for a place to cross. They were dismayed to find the river widened into a mill pond several hundred yards across. There was no place to go, so the determined veterans halted, put their backs to the water and prepared to make a final stand.

There were fewer than 100 men left in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee. They huddled together, close to Sheppard and their treasured Battle Flag. As thousands of Federals closed in, resistance began to collapse. During these last confusing moments, many pitched their weapons and gear into the water and swam for the other side. Angry Federals charged to the water's edge and fired at the escaping Confederates. Those that remained held out for a few more minutes. Then it was over. The gallant 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee surrendered as did the rest of McComb's brigade. Lt. Col. Sheppard and 46 men of the 7<sup>th</sup> made it to the other side and on to Appomattox. There Lt. Col. Sheppard and 43 men surrendered with Gen. Lee's Army on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Pvt. Polston and two others were captured and paroled on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Lynchburg, VA. 19 miles west of Appomattox. It is my personal feeling that these three men were in the process of walking home rather than surrender. Some of my pard's remember the same feelings we all felt at Saylor's Creek. **We won't be reconstructed!**

In My Ancestor's Honor,  
Compatriot Fred Polston

### Brief Biography of Dr. Eric Emerson, Speaker at June's Meeting



Dr. W. Eric Emerson, who is a native of North Carolina, is currently the Executive Director of the Charleston Library Society. Before holding his current post he was employed for a brief time as the Executive Director of the Maryland Historical Society. For many years Dr. Emerson was employed at the South Carolina Historical Society holding a few key positions ending with the title of Executive Director. Through his expertise and guidance, many improvements to the re-organization of the SCHS library and its vast collection of South Carolina history were accomplished, making research user friendly and more accessible to its members and guests.

At present Dr. Emerson is the Executive Director of the Charleston Library Society. Established in 1748, the Charleston Library Society is the South's oldest cultural institution and the third oldest library in the United States. Dr. Emerson oversees the archives of more than 250 years. The library has collected, preserved, and made available cultural materials for the use of its members and researchers from around the world. Today, it is a circulating library and a repository of rare books, periodicals, manuscripts, clippings, maps, directories, almanacs, and visual materials. Dr. Emerson holds a PHD in history from the University of Alabama. He is an author of several books which one of his best known works was the Sons of Privilege, The Charleston Light Dragoons in the Civil War.

Dr. Emerson's topic will be on Jefferson Davis before the war covering his life as a Mexican War hero, US Senator, and US Secretary of War. Those parts of his life that helped prepare him to be the best candidate to be the President. (The Steps to the Presidency – Jefferson Davis Before the War).

Dr. Emerson resides in the Charleston area.

## MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 17TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Jefferson Davis
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Dr. Eric Emerson
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		
Remarks: 59 members and 15 guest for a total of 74 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 Patrick, Robert Dandridge, Danny Pinson, Robert Gissell, and Don Petty.
- Introduction of guest. Guest from the Order of Confederate Rose of Charleston were present.
- Treasurers report was given by Buck Perry.
- Woody Weatherford reported that the Mickey Davis Fund had a balance in May of \$2,193.08. The May dinner deposit was \$190.00 and pending expenses of \$495.00 for the Sam Davis Camp Scholarship, left a balance of \$1,888.08. A proposal was given by Commander Norris to donate \$500.00 to the S. C. Division from this fund. This is to be used for newspaper ads in response to accusations by the Southern Poverty Law Center which appeared in the Spartanburg Herald Journal. The SPLC called the SCV a racist organization and said derogatory things about our National Commander, Chris Sullivan. The motion was approved by the Camp with abstentions by Sy Mabie, Wayne Dukes, Fred Polston, Roy Gelwicks, and John Northern.
- Chaplains Report: Sy reported that Joe Davis was doing well after his Chemo treatments for Cancer. Ray Swagerty is taking care of his mother and hopes to be able to return to meetings soon. Pappy Gelwicks wife was hospitalized with congestive heart failure but she has returned home and is doing better.
- The Heritage Ride report was given by Brian Riddle and he will need volunteers for this annual project.
- Old Business: Jonathan Madden, who is the grandson of Camp member Jack Merritt was approved as for the Sam Davis Youth Camp Scholarship. Jack was presented a check and registration form for his grandson. The camp will be held July 27 thru August 2 at Magnolia State Park in Millen, Georgia.
- The Honorary Membership Award criteria were changed to state that the award is not restricted to one person receiving the award.
- A proposal was made and approved that the money made from the yard sale be divided with \$250.00 going toward the quartermasters trailer and \$841.00 go in the building fund.
- The blessing was then given by the Chaplain and the meal in honor of Jeff Davis Birthday was enjoyed by all.
- The speaker, Dr. Eric Emerson, was then introduced by our Commander. Dr. Emerson spoke about Jefferson Davis. Our June meeting was in celebration of the anniversary of his birthday. Jeff Davis raised a regiment from Mississippi during the Mexican - American War and was considered a hero of that conflict. He was a U. S. Senator from the state of Mississippi and later became the U. S. Secretary of War. This experience helped prepare him to be President of the Confederate States of America.
- New Business: Three candidates were voted on, Allen Bailie, William Helms, and Martin Hall were approved for membership. William Helms and Martin Hall were also inducted as the newest members of Seccession Camp
- Commander Norris then presented Edward Picquet with his membership certificate and card.
- Approximately twenty door prizes were given out to lucky winners.
- A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Sy Mabie followed by the singing of Dixie.

## 2008 CALENDER OF EVENTS

**July**

- 7-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 7-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6: 30 PM
- 7/16-19 SCV National Convention in Concord, NC

**August**

- 8-5 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 8-19 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**September**

- 9-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-6 Highway Cleanup, Glenn McConnell Parkway \*
- 9-16 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-27 2nd Annual Secession Camp Heritage Ride \*

**October**

- 10-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 10/10-11 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery \*
- 10-21 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**November**

- 11-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 11/8-9 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation \*
- 11-15 Highway Cleanup, Glenn McConnell Parkway \*
- 11-18 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**December**

- 12-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 12-16 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
- 12-20 Secession Day

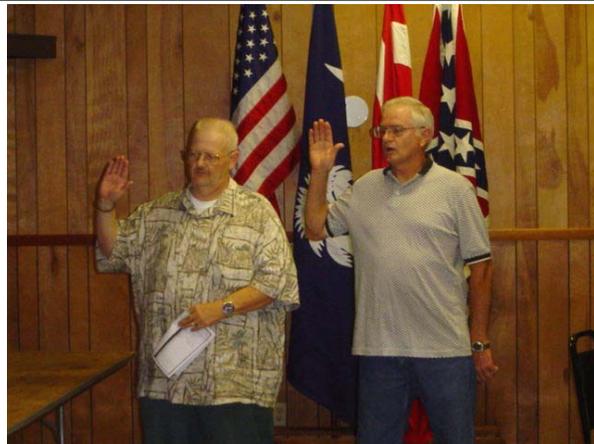
\* Dates not confirmed

**Meeting Dates for Camps of the 10th Brigade**

Secession Camp #4, Charleston	3rd Tuesday of the month
H.L. Hunley Camp #143, Summerville	4th Thursday of the month
Moultrie Camp #27, Mt. Pleasant	3rd Tuesday of the month
Gen. Capers Camp#1212, Moncks Corner	3rd Thursday of the month
Pvt. John S. BirdCamp#38, N. Chas.	2nd Tuesday of the month
Star of the West Camp#1253, The Citadel	(irregular)
WeeNee Vol's Camp#58, Kingstree	1st Monday of the month
Ft. Sumpter Camp #1269, Charleston	2nd Thursday (irregular)
Linchfield Camp #132, Conway	3rd Monday of the month
Battery White Camp#1568, Georgetown	2nd Tuesday of the month



Secession Camp congratulates Compatriot Edward Picquet on his receiving his membership certificate and card.



Secession Camp welcomes new members to our ranks with the swearing in of William Helms and Martin Hall. Congratulations go out to our newest Compatriots!

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**THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE JULY 15TH**



Surviving soldiers from Gen. George Pickett's Division and Gen. Alexander Webb's Brigade, USA, shake hands in a ceremonial moment of mutual respect and admiration at the Stone wall, on July 4th, 1887. After a few hours of speeches, those in attendance sought refuge from the hot July sun under the famous Copse of Trees where cold keg beer was served and many a story told. Good feelings toward former combatants were well noted.