

The Sentinel

Next Meeting: June 16
Knights of Pythias Building



Dinner served at 6:30
Meeting begins at 7:00

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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.

*Lieutenant General
Stephen D. Lee
Commander General
United Confederate
Veterans
New Orleans
1906*



MAY 30TH HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP OF THE GLENN MCCONNELL PARKWAY IN WEST ASHLEY. This is a camp community service project. Pictured are Windell Bunton, Clay Withers, Jimmy Wheeler, Taylor Withers, Danny Pinson, Bob Pollard, Clean-Up Chairman Michael Dixon, Johnny Singletary, Don Pace, Joey Dixon, Bobby Compton, Bill Norris, and Lucas Pinson. Also there but not in the photo were Dave Mabie and Michael's wife Penny Dixon.

147th Commemoration of the Battle of Secessionville at Fort Lamar

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Fort Lamar Stewardship Committee

Fort Lamar Heritage Preserve, Charleston County

Saturday June 13th, 2009 @ 10am

Work Day - Saturday June 6th, 2009 @ 9am

The Fort Lamar Heritage Preserve is a 115 acre property located near the community of Secessionville on James Island in Charleston County. Fort Lamar was the scene of an important battle that took place on June 16th 1862 when 1500 Federal troops were repelled by a smaller Confederate force of 1200. Scholars believe that had the Federals been successful, Charleston would have fallen, and the war may have ended earlier. The earthen fort and other works survive in great condition. Walk boldly on this hallowed ground.

Compatriots,

The annual memorial service honoring those who fought at the Battle of Secessionville will be Saturday, June 13th at the Ft. Lamar preserve on James Island (left). The service will start at 10 AM and you are encouraged to come out and honor our Confederate ancestors.

Hope to see you there.

Bill Norris,
Commander, Secession
Camp # 4

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Website: <http://www.scv4.org>

NEXT MEETING

Secession Camp will hold its next meeting on
Tuesday, June 16
Knights of Pythias Building
1968 Belgrade Avenue
(near Sam Rittenburg Boulevard (Hwy. 7))
Charleston (West Ashley)
Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM
Meeting will get started at 7:00 PM



The Sentinel

Commander Bill Norris
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FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

As always I hope everyone is well and ready for another month as a member of Secession Camp.

Memorial Day. First off, I want to thank all those who came out for a Memorial Day service last month. If you didn't make one, you need to reexamine your commitment to the SCV and your ancestors.

Highway Clean-Up. I would also like to thank all those who came out for the Highway Clean-up on May 30th. Chairman Michael Dixon had a very nice turnout and the job was taken care of in short time.

Clean-Up at Fort Lamar. Another job that was not well reported was the clean-up of Ft. Lamar that took place on June 6th. Several members of our camp came out for that annual project and I want to thank those men as well.

Battle of Secessionville. Speaking of Ft. Lamar, the annual service honoring the Anniversary of the Battle of Secessionville will take place on Saturday June 13th and everyone is encouraged to come out to the old fort on James Island and honor those who fought in one of the most important battles of the WBTS in SC.

Yard Sale. Compatriot Louie Warmoth put together another very successful Yard Sale on May 23rd and several members of the Camp came out to help with that event. Thanks to Louie and all those who assisted him as well as to all those who brought items for the sale.

ROTC Awards. We have completed the presentation of our four Hunley JROTC Awards and I am pleased to report that they were all well received. We presented medals to cadets at Burke, James Island Charter, Hanahan, and West Ashley High Schools. My thanks to the Compatriots who assisted me on those missions.

By-Laws Revision. As you know we have been struggling to move through the by-laws revisions submitted by the By-Laws Committee with little success. This committee appointed by the membership of Secession Camp, consisting of Compatriots Louie Warmoth, Bryan Riddle, and John Genes, has put in many hours and attended many meetings in order to produce the submitted recommendations for our by-laws. At our current pace it will take many months to go through all these revisions; therefore, after consulting with the By-Laws Committee and the Executive Committee, I will recommend that we vote on the entire revisions package at our next meeting. At this point every camp member

should have received the correct copy of the by-laws revisions either by US mail or email so everyone should be familiar with them.

Newsletter. As many of you are aware, another issue that has become a problem is the newsletter. Getting the newsletter out every month in a timely manner and maintaining an accurate mailing list is a demanding job and one that requires a big commitment on the part of the editor. Although he has done a great job in the past, due to personal commitments editor Rob Nance will no longer be the Editor of *The Sentinel*.

I have appointed Compatriot John Whatley as the new Editor of our newsletter. Most of you know John as he has been the speaker at several camp meetings and he is a gifted writer with years of experience publishing books and newsletters. He is a long time member of the SCV and is in the process of transferring his membership to Secession Camp from John B. Gordon in Atlanta. This is John's first month as our editor, and it will no doubt take him a few months to get up to speed, but I believe he will do an excellent job with *The Sentinel*. I hope everyone will welcome him to our camp and as our Editor. Anyone wishing to assist John with the newsletter should contact him using the information listed on page two of this newsletter.

Sam Davis Youth Camp. As for the Sam Davis Youth Camp, we had no submissions this year; therefore, in accordance with the Mickey Davis proposal, we will give the scholarship money to Compatriot Jack Marlard to present to a deserving student or to support the youth camp.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting 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



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots,

On May 19, 2009, Compatriot Joseph Davis passed away. He had been battling cancer for some time. He and his family moved to Lake Lure, North Carolina, some time ago. Joe was the Adjutant of our Camp for many years. I know I had announced his passing at our last Camp meeting, but our Camp had sent a memorial in Joe's honor. In lieu of flowers, we were asked to send a donation to Hospice of Rutherford in North Carolina in memory of Joe Davis. If any Compatriot would like to make a donation in Joe's honor, please contact me for the address of Hospice of Rutherford.

I still have not heard from anyone to be put on a pray list. If any Compatriot you know has become ill or is in

the hospital, please let me know. I am very serious about the pray list. In Psalms 6:9 it reads, "The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer." I can assure you that I will pray for the Compatriots on the Camp pray list.

Yours in Christ,
Gene Patrick
Chaplain



THE REBEL REVIEW

Review of the books the Real History Book Volumes 1 & 2 (*Abraham Lincoln & the U.S. Constitution* and *The Truth About American Slavery*) by Stanley K. Lott

By John B. Waring

Once in a blue moon a small book or pamphlet will shatter myths leaving you to walk away with a need to reassess what has traditionally been taught in the traditional history class.

The slavery issue and the real causes of the War Between the States (Civil War) are subjects that promote myths and half truths that have caused most of the sectional and racial ill feelings that currently exist. These books are written by what I believe to be an unknown treasure, waiting to be discovered. The author is Mr. Stanley K. Lott who hails from the midlands of South Carolina. Mr. Lott wrote these books "not to defame or embarrass the United States government or anybody but to tell the truth about U.S. History and Slavery." Mr. Lott feels that the truth must be known. Mr. Lott is a soft spoken man who writes and feels passionately about his subjects.

Mr. Lott spent many years researching the United States Government's role in its protection of the

institution of slavery. He illustrates how the Federal Government collected taxes and profited from the institution of slavery. The protective slave clauses in the U.S. Constitution are also illustrated in these books. Exposed in these books are the complicity and the role of slavery that the antebellum North played, debunking myths that the sins of slavery were not just only assigned to the South. Mr. Lott shows how the Federal Flag, not the Confederate Flag, protected the slave trade. With regards to President Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Lott points out how Lincoln's bizarre behavior and plots led up to the war. Mr. Lincoln's disregard to the supreme law of the land by usurping the United States Constitution to obtain his political objectives is also covered.

Mr. Lott's primary sources are from the *Congressional Globe* 36th and 37th Congress. The microfilm numbers are references leading the reader to do research on his own.

I believe these small books are a must to any student of history researching the History of Slavery and the War that is connected with it. These books are published by Eastern Digital Resources PO Box 1451 Clearwater, SC or SKL Publications www.Stanleylott.com

THE VETERAN

The Confederate veteran reluctantly went in to swear his oath to the United States. "Well, at least we gave you a good fight," he said. The Union officer receiving the oath told him, "Any more talk of the Confederacy and I won't let you take the oath."

So the veteran took the oath. "Am I a United States citizen

again?" he asked the Union officer. "That you are," he replied. "So I can say anything I want now?" he asked. "Yes, you can," replied the officer. "Even about the Confederacy?" he asked. "Yes," replied the Union officer.

"Boy, those Rebs sure gave us hell at Chancellorsville, didn't they?" he smiled at the Union officer.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 6-3 The President's 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

Meeting Dates for Camps of the 10th Brigade

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

JROTC AWARDS

Below are the photos from the JROTC Hunley Awards that the Camp presented in the month of May. This year Secession Camp presented four awards. We presented award medals to Burke (Bill Norris, top), James Island Charter (not pictured), Hanahan (Randy Burbage, middle), and West Ashley (Bill Norris, bottom) high schools.



Coupe de Grace

By John Whatley, Editor



From *The Confederate Whitworth Sharpshooters*, by John A. Morrow.

Charles D. Grace was born in January of 1840 in LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia, son of a Methodist minister. He completed the usual educational requirements and then “read the law” in the office of the successful Senator Ben Hill of Georgia. On 26 April 1861 Grace enlisted as a private in the LaGrange Light Guards (Company B, 4th Georgia Volunteer Infantry), which was brigaded into what would eventually become the Doles-Cook Brigade. Mustered into Confederate service at Norfolk, Virginia, the 4th Georgia fought in the Peninsula Campaign, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, in Stonewall Jackson’s attack at Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg.

Grace was described as a fine shot and was appointed in 1863 to a newly-formed 4th Georgia sharpshooter detachment. Sharpshooters were generally exempted from all camp and guard duty to spend six hours a day practicing distance estimation and marksmanship. Even though Grace was a private, he was often sent out in charge of the sharpshooters. General Robert E. Rodes reported the conduct of Doles’ sharpshooters in the Mine Run Campaign in 1863 during which 19 sharpshooters had captured 137 Yankees. “General [George] Doles mentions appropriately the gallant conduct of his men in this affair, and

especially that of Private Charles Grace, who had charge of them.” Grace was thereafter promoted to sergeant.

At Spottsylvania Court House in May of 1864, the 4th Georgia and Doles Brigade were part of General Richard Ewell’s Second Corps entrenched in front of the Union VI Corps. The sharpshooters went out in front of Ewell’s position looking for targets, especially Yankee targets wearing shoulder straps. Grace found one near the Union artillery, took careful aim, and squeezed the trigger.

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Henry Thomas wrote in 1903 in *The History of the Doles-Cook Brigade* that “Grace was a fine shot and was armed with one of the few Whitworth rifles in our army”, a super-accurate muzzleloading weapon with an effective range of 1500-1800 yards. When outfitted with a telescopic sight, the Whitworth was deadly. Invented by Sir Joseph Whitworth of England, Whitworth rifles had a twisted hexagonal .45 calibre bore and fired bullets shaped to match the bore. Those bullets made a characteristic scream in flight, but their steadiness made the Whitworth a favorite of Confederate sharpshooters. The Confederacy imported a small number of Whitworths from England beginning in 1862.

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Opposite Ewell’s Second Corps was Union Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick’s VI Corps. Sedgwick graduated from West Point in 1837, along with classmates Braxton Bragg, Jubal A. Early, and Joseph Hooker. He had come out of the Mexican War a brevet major and had served in the Indian Wars with the 1st Cavalry prior to the War Between the States. He was promoted from major to brigadier general and after the Peninsula Campaign to major general.

Sedgwick was sitting on a hardtack box and leaning against a tree when he noticed that his troops filing into position would overlap an artillery battery. “That is wrong. Those troops

must be moved farther to the right; I don’t wish them to overlap that battery,” he told his Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Martin T. McMahon.

“I gave the necessary order to move the troops to the right,” wrote McMahon, “and as they rose to execute the movement the enemy opened a sprinkling fire, partly from sharpshooters. As the bullets whistled by, some of the men dodged. The general said laughingly, ‘What! what! men, dodging this way for single bullets! What will you do when they open fire along the whole line? I am ashamed of you. They couldn’t hit an elephant at this distance [over a half mile].’”

But apparently they *could* hit a Union major general.

“For a third time the same shrill whistle, closing with a dull, heavy stroke, interrupted our talk,” wrote McMahon, “[the general] turned slowly to me, the blood spurting from his left cheek under the eye in a steady stream.”

In a few minutes he was dead, the highest-ranking Union officer killed in battle. Confederate commander Robert E. Lee was saddened by the death of his old friend; Army of the Potomac commander George Meade wept; U. S. Grant was stunned, and asked several times if Sedgwick were really dead.

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Grace returned home after the war and reentered the practice of law. In 1867 he moved to Bonham, Fannin County, Texas, where he became successful practicing law, later becoming mayor and serving in the Texas legislature. Grace mentioned only a few times that he had shot Sedgwick, never boasting about it.

But Henry Thomas wrote in 1903 in *The History of the Doles-Cook Brigade*: “[O]ne of our sharpshooters, Sergeant Charles D. Grace, Company B, while on picket, shot and killed General Sedgwick, one of the most prominent officers of the Federal army.”

The SCV Camp in LaGrange, Georgia, is named for Grace.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19 MEETING

By Elmore Marlow, Adjutant

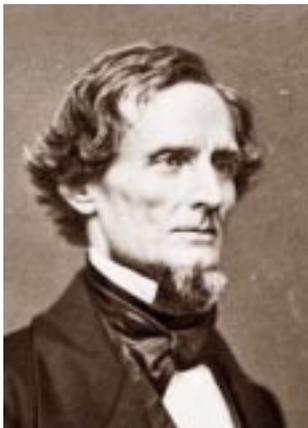
	YES	NO	
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X		
SCV Charge Read	X		
Invocation	X		Program: “Holland’s Civil War”
Presentation of Colors	X		Speaker: Peter Van Bergen
Reading and Approval of Minutes			
Reading and Approval of Financial Report			

Remarks: 55 Members and 10 guests for a total of 65 in attendance.

- SCV Charge was given by **Commander Bill Norris**
- Invocation given by **Chaplain Gene Patrick**
- Salute to the Flags given by **Color Sgt. Loren O’Donnell**.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal. **Mess Corporal Don Pace** was assisted by **Perry Patrick, William Helms, Walter Canady, Don Petty, and Danny Pinson** and son.
- **Introduction of Guests**
- **Commander Norris** introduced our speaker, **Peter Van Bergen**. Mr. Van Bergen gave a wonderful history lesson comparing Holland and European historical events with the events that took place in the American “War of Northern Aggression”. Mr. Van Bergen’s book, which has not yet published, is titled the same. He pointed out how his own section of Holland went through similar mistreatment from the Northern part of his country. It was then pointed out how the Dutch and New England shipping companies prospered in the African slave trade. He explained how the word Yankee was also coined by the Dutch. This remarkable speech was memorable and most in the camp were left with facts they may have not known before.
- **Treasurer’s report: Buck Perry** reported a beginning balance of \$6,710.56 with an ending available balance of \$3,834.71. This does not include the deposits from the onion sale.
- **Mickey Davis Fund Report: Woody Weatherford** reported a deposit of \$100.00 from the April meal. The balance at the time of the May meeting was \$2,220.08 there is a pending expense of \$495.00 for the Sam Davis Youth Camp Scholarship and a check was sent to the Samuel McGowen Camp for \$250.00 for the monument at Spotsylvania, which leaves an available balance of \$1,725.08.
- **Chaplain Report: Gene Patrick** asked that anyone who knows of any member who is sick to please call him. Gene also stated that he was disappointed in the number of camp members who showed up at Magnolia Cemetery for the Confederate Memorial Day Service. Former Adjutant of Secession Camp, **Joe Davis** passed away on May 18th of brain cancer. Joe served in Viet Nam with the Marine Corps and also was a former member of the 10th S.C. Infantry reinactors. He lived in Lake Lure, N. C., with his wife. .
- **Highway Cleanup: Michael Dixon** reported that the next highway cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 30.
- **Heritage Ride: Bryan Riddle** has begun with plans for the next year’s event.
- **Onion Sale:** The Camp placed an order for 200 bags of onions, which cost \$1,300.00. After expenses, the camp made a profit of \$675.00
- **Sam Davis Youth Camp:** We are still looking for a representative for the youth camp.
- **H. L. Hunley JROTC Awards** were presented at four local high schools this year, West Ashley, James Island, Hanahan, and Burke. The program has been well received by all concerned and will continue next year.
- **C H T Representatives** - five candidates were nominated to represent the camp on the Confederate Heritage Trust board. Three candidates selected were **Charlie Heirs, Randy Burbage, and David Rentz**.
- **New Business:** Four new candidates were voted on, **David Hollingsworth, Jonathan Kohr, Dennis Martin, and Jimmie Zepeda**.
- **Commander Norris** asked that anyone who would like to help with the camp newsletter to please call him at 849-9924.
- **Secession Camp By-Laws:** Revised by-laws for Article IV, sections 1 and 2 were read and approved by the membership.
- A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by **Gene Patrick** followed by the singing of “Dixie”.



NEXT CAMP MEETING – JUNE 16



Jefferson Davis, our first and only President, Senator, Secretary of War, and army veteran.

President Jefferson Davis

June 3, 1808 - December 6, 1889

Jefferson Davis served as the only President of the Confederate States of America for its entire history, 1861 to 1865, during the War Between the States.

A West Point graduate, Davis fought in the Mexican-American War as colonel of the 1st Mississippi Rifles, and was the United States Secretary of War under Franklin Pierce. He took

steps to modernize the army, explored routes for the transcontinental railroad, and was influential in passing the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Both before and after his time in the Pierce Administration, he served as U.S. Senator from Mississippi. As a Senator he argued against secession but believed each State was sovereign and had an unquestionable right to secede from the Union.

Davis resigned from the Senate in January 1861, after receiving word that Mississippi had seceded from the Union. The following month, he was provisionally appointed President of the Confederate States of America. He was elected to a six-year term that November. “He did not know the arts of the politician and would not practice them if understood,” wrote his wife Varina. But he was the best man available for the Presidency in 1861.

During his presidency, Davis was wholeheartedly devoted to the Southern cause. He overcame the localism so prevalent in Congress and the States by championing a true national stance, the only hope for the Confederacy. He remained true to his friends, but recognized true leadership in Robert E. Lee.

After Davis was captured in 1865, he was charged with treason, imprisoned (though not tried), and stripped of his eligibility to run for public office. This limitation was removed in 1978, 89 years after his death. Although he was revered in the South, he was displaced in affection after The War by its leading general, Robert E. Lee.