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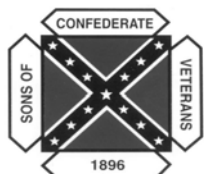
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The Charge

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.

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



SECESSION CAMP HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

A Camp sponsored Highway Clean up was held on March 3rd for our stretch of the Glenn McConnell Freeway. Shown in the photo from left to right are Ben Pittman, Joey Dixon, Dan Pinson, Lucas Pinson, Bill Norris, Don Pace, Michael Dixon, Bob Pollard, and Sam Antley. Not pictured but also helping was Penny Dixon. Thanks for your hard work Compatriots!

Mickey Davis Fund Report

The Secession Camp # 4 Executive Committee met on March 3, 2009. The following Mickey Davis Fund request was discussed and is forwarded for posting in the April issue of The Sentinel in accordance with the provisions of the Mickey Davis Fund resolution.

Motion:

Subject: 2009 Sam Davis Youth Camp

I request that \$495.00 from the Mickey Davis Fund be used to provide a scholarship to send one student to the second 2009 Sam Davis Youth Camp in Cleveland, GA, on July 19. The student will be selected by Camp # 4's Executive Committee based on the following guidelines. Candidates interested in the scholarship must submit to a short interview (10 to 15 minutes) before the Secession Camp Executive Committee at the regularly scheduled meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Candidates would be interviewed by the committee. Candidates wishing to apply for the scholarship would have to interview by June 2nd. The committee would make a recommendation to the camp at the June 16th meeting for approval by the membership. If a candidate is not found the scholarship will be given to the Sam Davis Youth Camp directors to be awarded by them as tuition for a deserving candidate. After the camp's approval the scholarship would be awarded.

Submitted: Bill Norris, Commander, Secession Camp # 4

The Executive Committee Recommends: Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Woody Weatherford, Mickey Davis Fund Administrator

Camp Officers

<p>Commander Bill Norris 843-849-9924</p> <p>1st Lt. Cdr. John Genes 843-747-4439</p> <p>2nd Lt. Cdr. John Waring</p> <p>Adjutant Elmore Marlow 843-762-2430</p> <p>Treasurer Buck Perry</p>	<p>Chaplain Gene Patrick</p> <p>Color Sergeant Loren O'Donnell</p> <p>Judge Advocate Fred Teter</p> <p>CHT Representatives Randy Burbage, Sy Mabie, David Rentz, Wayne Dukes</p>
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Camp Guardians

Randy Burbage
Walter Carr
John Evans
Charlie Hiers
Clarence Kuykendall
Andy Langdale
Elmore Marlow
Philip Ramsey
Michael Ratledge
Clyde Rogers
Louie Warmoth
Jimmy Wheeler

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

<p>AWARDS Clay Martin</p> <p>EDUCATION / HISTORICAL Open</p> <p>GRAVES & MONUMENTS David Rentz</p> <p>HIGHWAY CLEAN UP Michael Dixon</p> <p>HERITAGE RIDE Bryan Riddle</p> <p>MEDIA / PUBLIC RELATIONS Bill Norris</p> <p>SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP Bobby Shealy</p>	<p>RECRUITING & RETENTION Andy Langdale</p> <p>GENEALOGY Andy Langdale</p> <p>FUND RAISING Open</p> <p>CONVENTION Open</p> <p>LEE JACKSON John Genes</p> <p>HERITAGE DEFENSE Open</p> <p>GUARDIAN John Evans</p>
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Woody Weatherford

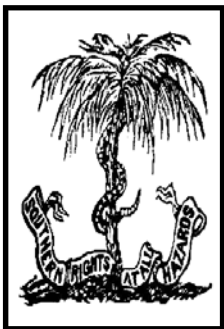
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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1968 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT 7:00 PM.

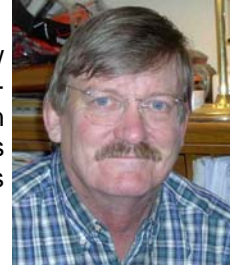
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FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

Well can you believe that it is already March and we are well into the new year? As usual I hope everyone is well and ready to go because this will be another busy month for the members of Secession Camp. The first weekend in March will be our first Highway Clean-up of the Glenn McConnell Parkway, this year. Chairman **Michael Dixon** will need our help at all of the four clean-ups scheduled for this year so mark them on your calendars.



We have several projects in the works that we need to start thinking about now. Compatriot **Louie Warmoth** will be heading up our Annual Camp Yard Sale again this year and we need to start bringing items to Louie's old shop on Main Road on Johns Island but please check with Louie before you go over. As of now we have set a tentative date for the yard sale of May 16th. Another activity that we all need to be working on is the Division Onion Sale. We passed out sales forms at the February meeting but we need everyone to try and sell a few bags of these wonderful onions. They're only \$10 for a 10 pound bag and we will have one of the years first crops to reach this area. We will be placing our order in April and we need to know how many bags to order so everyone should be taking those orders now.

Our camp has also been invited to march in the Hibernian's St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th so if you can attend that event on Tuesday morning please let me know. It will be the same day as our monthly meeting. Speaking of our meeting, don't forget that we are back on our regular schedule after moving our meeting back one week in February due to the Hunley Memorial Service. If you were able to attend that service you know that as usual it was a very moving and memorable event. It is an occasion that I personally look forward to all year and seeing that blue light across the water on a cold February night is a truly remarkable sight.

Another big annual event coming up this month is the SC Division Convention which will be held in Anderson, SC on the 20th and 21st. Secession Camp had a great year last year and we're hoping to do well at this years convention. It would be great to get as many Compatriots to attend as possible. We will have cars driving up on Saturday morning if anyone would like to go up for the day. If you are interested in going please give me a call and let me know.

On another front the Bylaw Committee has completed drawing up their recommendations and they have been presented to the Executive Committee. The two committees have agreed to the wording and these recommendations will soon be sent out to our membership in accordance with our current bylaws. After that we'll begin discussing them at our camp meetings until we are ready to vote on the changes. So as not to drag our meetings out, we will only devote a specific amount of time at each meeting for these discussions so it may take several meeting to cover all the recommendations.

Finally I am pleased to report that Compatriot **Gene Patrick** has agreed to accept the position of Camp Chaplain. No one can replace former Chaplain **Sy Mabie** but Gene is a good Christian Compatriot and is well suited for the position. Gene will also take Sy's seat on the CHT as one of our camp representatives. Please join me in welcoming Gene as our new Chaplain.

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:

It is an honor and a privilege to offer up prayers to our Lord on behalf of the Compatriots of Secession Camp #4. I will never be able to fill the shoes of our Compatriot and Chaplain Sy Mabie. His passing away was a great loss to our Camp. Please continue to pray for Dave, Connie and the entire Mabie family.



Pray for the speedy recovery of Randy Burbage who had a run of bronchitis for several days. I had heard that Fred Tetor and Lee Wilson became ill during the Battle of Aiken. Please keep these Compatriots in your prayers. Manning William's wife, Barbara, fell and shattered her foot and is in the hospital undergoing physical therapy. Pray for a quick recovery of Barbara Williams. Continuing prayers are desired for Compatriots Dickinson and Heidtmann. George Young reported at our last meeting that Mr. Heidtmann is doing a little better with his therapy at home.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at 843-766-5108 or by email, pgpatrick@comcast.net with any prayer requests or needs of other Compatriots.

Yours in Christ,

Gene Patrick
Chaplain

*In Memory of
Compatriot
Gary Pruitt Stone
by Delores Stone*

Confederate Ancestors
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&
O. G. Thompson
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Mrs. Gary P. Stone
Summerville, SC

*In Memory of
Compatriot Sy Mabie
by Delores Stone*

Confederate Ancestor

Pvt. Edward M. Mabie
Co. B, 10th Missouri Inf.
Gone but never forgotten

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MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Daniel Crooks
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		

Remarks: 52 members and 3 guests for a total of 55 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, Robert Dandridge, Don Petty, and Danny Pinson. Introduction of guest
- Commander Norris introduced our speaker, Daniel Crooks. He is a Charlestonian and spoke to us on his latest book, "Lee in the Lowcountry: Defending Charleston and Savannah." He explored in detail Robert E. Lee's months in Charleston during the early part of the War Between the States. During that time Lee set up the coastal defenses in the lowcountry from Charleston to Savannah.
- Treasurers report was given by the Buck Perry. We had a beginning balance in January of \$12,461.83 with an ending available balance of \$11,605.00
- Mickey Davis Fund Report: Woody Weatherford reported a deposit of \$130.00 from the January meal. Checks were written to the William D. McCain Fund for \$75.00 and to the Stan Waite Scholarship Fund for \$75.00. The balance at the time of the February meeting was \$1,090.08 There are no pending expenses.
- A proposal was made by Woody to move \$1,000.00 from the general fund to the Mickey Davis Fund which was approved by the camp.
- Chaplains Report: Gene Patrick has volunteered to take over the duties of the Chaplain and to fill the seat on the CHT, which was left vacant with the passing of former Compatriot, Sy Mabie.
- Highway Cleanup: Michael Dixon reported that the next highway cleanup will be on Saturday, March 7th.
- Old Business: John Genes was thanked for his work of organizing the Lee-Jackson Banquet this year, which was a great success. Commander Norris reported that he had received a letter of thanks from Jonathan Leader expressing his gratitude for being chosen to be an honorary member of Secession Camp. He also received a telephone call from Rocky D, who expressed the same.
- Challenge Coins: Commander Norris reported that 199 coins were received at a cost of \$943.93 of which 124 have been sold for a total of \$1,050.00. The Quartermaster has the remaining 75 coins which will be sold at a profit to the camp.
- Yard Sale: Louie Warmoth has planned for the sale to be held on May 16th at the corner of Main and River Roads on Johns Island. Louie asked that everyone look through their attics and garages for good items to sell.
- Onion Sale: Order forms were passed out to members for the sale which will take place around May 1. The ten pound bags of onions will cost us \$6.00 per 10 lb. bag and we will sell them for \$10.00.
- Building Fund: A motion was made by Louie Warmoth to move \$1,000.00 from the General Fund to the Building Fund. This was some of the profit from the Heritage Ride in 2008.
- Sam Davis Youth Camp: This years camp will be held July 19 thru 24 in Cleveland, Ga. at the Strong Rock Camp Ground. Secession Camp would like to send one or more youths to the camp.
- Saint Patricks Day Parade: Secession Camp has been invited to be in the parade which will begin on Tuesday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the corner of King and Vanderhorst Streets. Approximately 20 members volunteered to be in the parade and carry the SCV Banner. Call Bill Norris for details 849-9924.
- Letters of thanks: A letter was received from SCV National Headquarters for our contributions to the Stan Waite Scholarship Fund and the William D. McCain Fund. A letter was also received from the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond for our donation.
- Face Book: New member, Paul Brown has volunteered to set up a section on the Web about Secession Camp. Anyone who would like to help can contact Paul at 864-5875.
- Fort Sumter Camp Essay Contest: A representative from the camp told about the contest which is for all high school students. The contest is in honor of the 200th anniversary of Jeff Davis birthday: Topics may be either his trial and imprisonment or his impact on American history. First prize will be a \$1,000.00 savings bond. For more information www.fortsumteressaycontest.org
- Resolution: A resolution in memory of Alexander Linton, a former Compatriot of Secession Camp, was presented at the meeting to his son-in-law, Scott Carswell, who is also a camp member.
- Resolution: A resolution in memory of our former Chaplain, Sy Mabie, was presented on February 12th to his wife and son, David, member of Secession Camp, by Commander, Bill Norris and Adjutant, Elmore Marlow.
- Resolution: A resolution in memory of our former Compatriot, Gary Stone was presented on February 12th to Mrs. Stone by Commander Bill Norris and Adjutant, Elmore Marlow.
- Resolution: A resolution in the memory of our former compatriot, Donald Ham was mailed to his son in Tallahassee, Fla. Donald lived in Florida and was not able to attend meetings. He became a S. C. Division Life member in 2004 and is the cousin of Compatriot, Elmore Marlow
- State Convention: This years convention will be held in Anderson, S. C. on March 21. Call Bill Norris for more details at 849-9924.
- A motion made to adjourn and seconded. The benediction was made by Gene Patrick followed by the singing of Dixie.

2009 CALENDER OF EVENTS

March

- 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

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

* Dates not yet confirmed

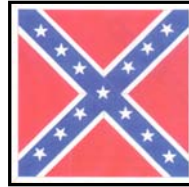
Meeting Dates for Camps of the 10th Brigade

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	2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)
Ft. Sumter Camp # 1269, Charleston	2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)

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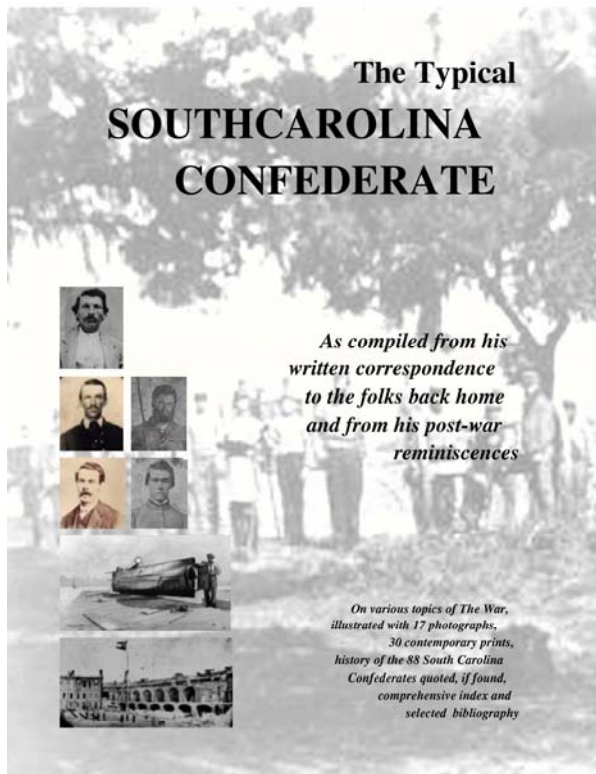
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THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE MARCH 17TH



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