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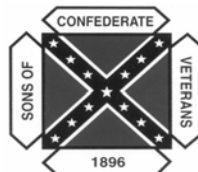
By Bill Norris

This year Secession Camp held the Fourth Annual Confederate Heritage Ride on Saturday September 30th. On the previous weekend camp members had pre-registration tables set up at CSA Galleries in North Charleston and at the annual Powker Run in Summerville. Pre-registration went well with about 120 bikers signing up for the event. The weather on the ride week end couldn't have been better. Not to hot, not to cold, and not a cloud in the sky. Perfect weather for motorcycling. This year, as in the past, we started out at the Warren Latch Conservation Center in North Charleston where we registered about another 150 bikers on Saturday morning starting at about 9:00 AM. Riders were given a quiz sheet with questions about the stops they would make on the ride. After touring the Hunley, bikers started leaving the lab about 11:00 AM, arriving at the first stop, Fort Johnson, shortly after that. Compatriot **Barry Gouch** led a team of camp volunteers that relayed the story of the first shot of the war and the sinking of the Hunley's first crew, to the bikers. From there riders went to Battery # 5, which was part of the James Island defenses during the WBTS. Riders were met there by more camp volunteers led by Compatriots **Bill Dean** and Moultrie Camp Compatriot Jeff Antley. The bikers then left the battery and headed out to the Johns Island Museum where camp volunteers gave a musket firing demonstration and Compatriot **George Naumann** headed things up. The final stop on the tour was the Knights Castle where Compatriot **Don Pace** had his crew cooking up burgers and beans for the hungry riders. Other volunteers sold T-shirts and collected quiz sheets from the bikers. Music was supplied by the Hed Shop Boys and everyone seems to enjoy there brand of Southern rock.

See *Heritage Ride Cont.* to Right of page.....

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,*



Heritage Ride Cont. from Left of page.....
At about 4:15 PM radio talk show host Rocky D took the stage to MC for us. After the quiz sheets were graded, there were 23 who answered all the questions correctly. The winner was the cute Olivia Rentz. Rocky then passed out more than a dozen door prizes and the winner of the "Best Bike Award" was announced. This years winner was Donald Masters, who came from Alabama to ride in this event. Donald's bike was painted with detailed images of the Hunley and the historical events leading up to her final voyage. It was an incredible bike and a history lesson in one. In fact Donald and his brother enjoyed the ride so much that they are considering transferring their SCV memberships to Secession Camp. Although there were three other rides taking place the same weekend, we still had about 270 riders at our event. Although that number is down from last year, considering the competition its a pretty good turn out. Although there are some problems that we need to address with the ride, we will donate over \$1000 to the "Friends of the Hunley". Compatriot **Andy Langdale** reports that the ride is our best recruiting tool and we will again put money in the camp's treasury. Many thanks go the this years Chairman **Bryan Riddle** and all the volunteers who devoted so much time and energy to make this years event possible. Also lets remember the sponsors who's donations were essential to the success of this event. They are Randy Burbage Equipment Co.; Carr Properties, Mike Dohoney's Barrier Island Construction Specialist; Carolina Sound Communications Inc.; CSA Galleries; Charleston Center for Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry, LLC; Fred Wichmann Realtors; Carswell Construction Materials, Inc.; Elizabeth Kandrac; East Cooper ABATE; Lowcountry ABATE; Charleston County ABATE; BART ART. Remember these folks when you need services and be ready because in a few months Bryan will be starting to prepare for next years event!

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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 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.

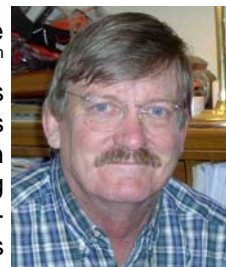
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FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

To start with I hope all of our Compatriots are well and in good health. We are now well into the busiest season of our camp year. We just finished our 4th Annual Confederate Heritage Ride and I would like to thank all those Compatriots and volunteers who came out to help with the event. Although the final figures are not available as I write this column, this years event appears to have been another successful ride. Although there were some minor problems everything seemed to come together in the end and Compatriot **Bryan Riddle** did an outstanding job of organizing the event. Check out the photos elsewhere in this newsletter. Although the event is a lot of work everyone who participates has a good time and the sense of accomplishment at the end is quite rewarding. Although the camp does make money on the event there are other good reasons for sponsoring this ride. As Compatriot **Andy Langdale** will tell you, it's the best recruiting tool we have. Andy has brought many new Compatriots into the camp over the past few years through contacts made at this event and it not only raises money for Secession Camp it raises money for the Hunley project as well. Meetings involving the planning and details of this ride have been taking place for several months and special thanks go to Compatriots **David Rentz, Loren O'Donnell, Dennis Lemon, Bill Dean, Collin Hall, George Naumann, and Don Pace** for going the extra mile. Many other Compatriots also gave of their time and expertise to make this ride successful and it could not have happened without all their efforts. Our thanks go to all of these men.



Coming up next, October 10th and 11th, is the CHT's Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery. There will be the usual practice on Wednesday the 8th at 5:30 PM. If you've never helped with the ghost walk you owe it to yourself to come out and get involved. This is a unique experience, (the only time of the year that visitors are allowed in Magnolia after dark) and the scenery and atmosphere in the cemetery on a October night are incredible. Everyone has a great time.

Graves Registration Chairman, Compatriot **John Evans** is moving ahead with the new graves registration project and will need lots of help to make this happen. Please be ready to help with this important project when John calls on you.

Although, at this writing I still do not have them, I have spoken with the mint and I expect to have the camps Challenge Coins at the October meeting.

Don't forget to check out our new website. Compatriot David Rentz has totally redone our camp website www.scv4.org and he is still adding new info.

I hope to see you at the October meeting on the 21st 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

A story about a horse and a "Jackass"

By John Whatley

A chaplain in "Fighting Joe" Hooker's command took a horse from a Virginia farmer. When his commander asked him where he got the horse, the chaplain replied, "I took it from a farmer down the road." The commander then ordered him to return the horse to the farmer. The chaplain objected, "I need a horse. Why, Jesus Christ, when he was on Earth, took an ass to ride into Jerusalem." The Federal officer replied, "You are not Jesus Christ; that is not an ass; you are not on the way to Jerusalem; and the sooner you return that horse to its owner, the better it will be for you." The thieving chaplain returned the horse to the farmer.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

From all reports the Heritage Ride was a resounding success. I am sorry that I have been unable to participate in events such as this recently. Activities such as this bring us together in fellowship in a special way. The Heritage ride and similar activities supplement our Camp meetings, we are able to get to know each other in a personal way in a less formal setting.



Yesterday I had the opportunity to have lunch with Compatriot Manning Williams and Dick Warrell. It is during occasions such as this that we have the opportunity to share our heritage, present activities, and personal experiences. I wish it were possible to meet with each of you and share as we did.

Compatriot Gary Stone remains in the East Cooper Hospital. Gary is in very serious condition. It is at times such as this that our prayers are essential. We pray that the Lord's healing hand may rest upon Gary and that his family may be comforted at this time. May his family be granted the strength needed during this time of concern.

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."
(James 5:15)

Please pray fervently for Gary's return to good health and his return to our fellowship.

I haven't had a recent update on Compatriot Joe Davis. At my last contact, he reported he had completed therapy and was planning on a cruise to St. Thomas and other islands in the Caribbean. Our prayers continue to be with you Joe, may you have a complete recovery. Enjoy your cruise!

Your continued prayers are requested for Compatriots Jacobs, Heidtmann and for me also as I continue to encounter bumps along the way.

Please contact me if you are aware of a compatriot who is in need. I am always available and will appreciate your call at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail, smabie@earthlink.net. I encourage you to contact me at any time.

Sy Mabie

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 Pancakes and Sausage dinner really hit the spot at the September meeting. Once again it was an awesome Camp supper! Dinner was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Last month Compatriots **Walter Canady, Don Petty, Bill Helms, Robert Shealy, Perry Patrick, 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 October meeting Don and the Crew will be cooking Hamburgers with fixings, Baked Beans, dessert and Iced Tea. So come and join us for a Southern cookout dinner! We hope to see everyone there. Great Southern food, great Southern company!!

PICTURES FROM SECESSION CAMP'S 4TH ANNUAL CONFEDERATE HERITAGE RIDE



SEPTEMBER HIGHWAY CLEANUP



Secession

Camp "Road Warriors"

came out early Saturday, Sept. 13th and cleaned up our stretch of the Glenn F. McConnell Highway. We really owe these Compatriots a real Southern thank you for their hard work and for representing our Camp in such a positive community way. In the photo are (from left to right) Jimmy Wheeler, Bill Norris, Bobby Compton, Woody Weatherford, Michael Dixon, Sam Antley, Ben Pittman, and Joey

Secession Camp Welcomes New Members



Secession Camp Welcomes four new Compatriots to our ever growing fold. New recruits are the lifeblood of any organization and are invaluable to our cause that the truth about Confederate heritage be told and embraced by all. Our new Compatriots for September are Brent Gorman, Robert Gorman, Steve Adkinson and Kevin Strong. Welcome Compatriots!

Artist/Sculptor Henry Kidd Honors Hunley Crew



Artist and sculptor Henry E. Kidd recently attended our Camp meeting and brought with him an incredible sculpture of Lt. Dixon, shining the blue light lantern from the CSS Hunley after successfully sinking the USS Housatonic. Upon seeing this work of art, I was taken by the amount of detail and artistic integrity put into the work. The work itself appears to be of a sturdy bronze nature but it is actually constructed of clay and very fragile. Mr. Kidd owns and operates Kidd Historic Gallery in Colonial Heights, Va. We were all very impressed with Mr. Kidd and hope to see this work available for purchase someday. You can see more of Mr. Kidd's works at www.henrykiddart.com.

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	X
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Confederate Heritage
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Rocky D
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		
Remarks: 61 members and 14 guests for a total of 75 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, Danny Pinson, Don Petty, Bill Helms, Robert Shealy, and Walter Canady.
- Introduction of guest which included 3 members from the Star of the West Camp at the Citadel, two men from the Moultrie Camp, and Commander Jamie Parks of the North Charleston Camp.
- Commander Norris introduced our speaker, Rocky D, who is a D J talk show host on WTMA radio. Rocky D became interested in the WBTS while in high school. His history teacher spent thirty minutes covering the entire history of war. This sparked his interest and he has increased his knowledge of our Southern Heritage in his nine year stay in Charleston. He has attended the Ghost Walk, Battle of Secessionville, Confederate Memorial Day, the Heritage Ride and other events to learn more about our heritage. The subject of the WBTS comes up often on his radio talk show and he is always a defender of our Southern Heritage. He received a standing ovation after his talk by members and guest in attendance. Rocky D has been nominated to be presented an honorary membership in Secession Camp and will be voted on at our October 21st meeting.
- Mickey Davis Fund Report: Woody Weatherford reported a deposit of \$149.00 from the August meal. Balance as of the September meeting was \$1,738.08. There are no pending expenses.
- Chaplains Report: Sy Mabie reported that Joe Davis continues to improve from his Cancer treatments. Compatriot Sam Antleys father passed away on August 31, 2008. Gary Stone is in ICU at East Cooper Hospital. Your continuing prayers for these Compatriots and others not mentioned are appreciated.
- Highway Cleanup: Commander Norris reported that the highway was in good condition and only eight bags of trash were collected by twelve volunteers.
- Confederate graves: John Evans reported that work will begin soon on collecting the names, GPS location, unit, and other information of the Confederates buried in Magnolia Cemetery. Secession Camp was given this location as an honor to what we have done in the past on other projects.
- Name Tags: Bennie Slay reported that the lap top computer he uses has become a casualty of the cause and is in need of another lap top if anyone has one to donate.
- Heritage Ride: Brian Riddle gave his report and asked volunteers to stay after the meeting.
- Old Business: The Challenge Coin has still not arrived but should be here by the October meeting. One hundred coins were ordered and will be \$10.00 each.
- New Business: Five new candidates were voted on. William Clay Withers, William Taylor Withers, John Cordray, John Lawrence, and Steve Adkinson were all approved for membership. Robert Gorman, Brent Gorman, Steve Adkinson and Kevin Strong were sworn in. Steve Adkinson is in training with the Border Patrol and will be relocated soon. Kevin Strong is also with the Border Patrol and currently lives in Georgia.
- A seminar will be held in Charleston on February 7, 2009 conducted by the Stephen Dill Lee Institute, the seminar topic is Jefferson Davis vs. Abraham Lincoln. The seminar is sponsored by the National S.C.V. and Fort Sumter Camp.
- George Naumann announced that the annual Confederate Ghost Walk will be held at Magnolia Cemetery on October 10 & 11 and volunteers are needed. See *September Minutes Cont. on p. 8.....*

2008 CALENDER OF EVENTS

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 yet 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

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- Randy Burbage announced that the annual The Battle of Secessionville reenactment will take place at Boone Hall Plantation on November 7, 8 & 9.
 - Gene Patrick announced that the historical marker for the Battle of Burdens Causeway has been erected by the S. C. Department of Transportation at the intersection of River Road and Plow Ground Road. The marker was paid for by the Mickey Davis Fund. Members are urged to visit the site.
 - A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Gene Patrick followed by the singing of Dixie.

Bio for October Meeting Speaker, Harriet Bey Mesic

Harriet Bey Mesic is a native of Virginia. Ms. Mesic is a freelance writer who began her career writing medical research journals about Lupus, with the goals of helping patients in dealing with this dreaded disease. Later she became interested in writing about historical subjects through her own genealogical research. During this research, she came across the brutality and war crimes committed against the civilians of Fredericksburg, Virginia by the Army of the Potomac. This research led to her writing, "Beside the Stonewall". Her Book "Beside the Stonewall", illustrates the carnage wrought by Yankees and how it became typical behavior against helpless civilians for the duration of the "Civil War". She is in the process of publishing a new book titled "Cobb's Legion Calvary, Hampton's Best Regiment", which will be released in the coming months. Since 1965, she has been a resident of the Great State of South Carolina.


Secession Camp Dues Reminder

Secession Camp Membership Dues are now required. If you have not paid your dues yet, please see Adjutant Elmore Marlowe. Dues are \$60 and are payable by cash or personal check. Dues are considered late if not received by October 31st. So get your dues turned in as soon as possible and then let out a big Rebel Yell !!

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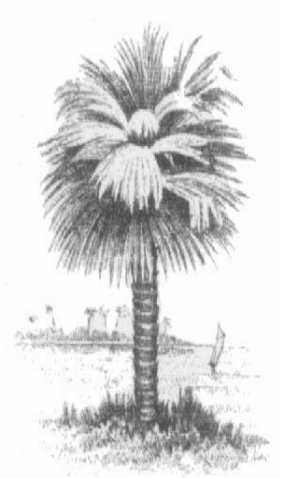
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THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 21ST



Congratulations go out to Dennis Masters of Alabama as the winner of the 4th Annual Confederate Heritage Ride's Best Bike Award. The winning bike was a true work of art and the envy of biker and Heritage enthusiasts alike as it displayed the CSS Hunley and Her crew in pictures and historical context. Thanks Dennis!