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**Our camp is based in North Charleston,
South Carolina. We meet the second
Thursday of every month at Breck's on
Rivers Avenue at 6:30pm.**



**"War suits them. They are splendid
riders, first rate shots and utterly
reckless." - General William T.
Sherman on Confederate soldiers**

2007 SC DIVISION REPORT

The Following was the report offered at the National Convention in Mobile in July by Division Commander Randy Burbage:

This has been a very busy and productive year for the South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. In July of last year we instituted our Membership Invoicing System (MIS). The SC Division Executive Committee voted unanimously to adopt MIS to take some of the workload from our camp adjutants. The Division mails membership renewal statements out for all our camps. The first year is successfully behind us and we are preparing to send out renewal statements in early August. I encourage other divisions to follow our lead and adopt MIS. It makes more sense to run our organization more like a business.

At our January Division Executive meeting we voted unanimously to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Confederate Relic Room Museum to help conserve fifteen Confederate unit flags in need of stabilization. This will be a fifty-fifty matching funds program. The museum will match the donations we make to ensure these flags survive into the future. The first flag to be conserved will be that of the Pee Dee Light Artillery. Ken Howle has agreed to chair this committee.

The South Carolina Division held their annual reunion March 16-17, 2007 hosted by Moultrie Camp #27 in Mt. Pleasant. The event began on Friday night with a Low Country oyster roast at the Sullivan's Island Fish Fry Shack. There were lots of good oysters and fellowship. The Fish Fry Shack is

within sight of Fort Moultrie. A Confederate First National Flag was flown at the fort all day. Some of our division compatriots helped to lower the flag at the end of the day.

Saturday's business secession was held at historic Alhambra Hall in Mt. Pleasant. Convention attendees could look out the second floor windows of Alhambra and see Fort Sumter across Charleston Harbor. What an inspirational setting for a Sons of Confederate Veterans reunion! We had 275 delegates in attendance. Commander-in-Chief Christopher M. Sullivan, Army of Northern Virginia Commander Michael Givens, and Army of Northern Virginia Councilman Brag Bowling were in attendance and inspired us with speeches.

Our business secession was very productive. We changed some by-laws, recognized members with awards, and had officer's reports. After adjournment, we retired to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center for a tour of the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley, some great Bar-B-Q, and more fellowship. Commander Howard Chalmers and Moultrie Camp did an excellent job hosting this year's SC Division SCV state convention and are to be commended for their efforts.

On May 5, the Division celebrated Confederate Memorial Day in Columbia. Many of us attended the early morning UDC ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery and then joined together for a procession through downtown Columbia to the SC Statehouse where our service was held. Dean Stephens chaired our CMD event and did an awesome job. We had a new format this year which put most of our emphasis on the Confederate

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ Sept. 15 - Confederate Rite of Morris Island, Morris Island, SC
- ◆ September 29 - Heritage Ride, Charleston, SC
- ◆ October 12 & 13, Confederate Ghost Walk, Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC
- ◆ October 20, Confederate Ball, Town & Country Inn, Charleston
- ◆ October 27 & 28, Battle of Brattonville, McConnells, SC
- ◆ November 3, Pvt. Moses Davis Memorial, Magnolia Cemetery
- ◆ November 9, 10 & 11, Battle of Secessionville, Boone Hall Plantation, Charleston, SC

THIS MONTH IN CSA HISTORY

The North's crusade against "unloyal" newspapers continues. On September 18, 1861, the military seizes the headquarters of the Louisville Courier and arrests several employees.

NEWSPAPER TIME MACHINE

**Over the next several issues of the newsletter, I will be adding in some interesting tid-bits from an original copy of The Charleston Mercury of Monday, March 4th, 1861:*

Besides, after the secession of the Southern States, there will be no such unity of interests between the Eastern States and the Northwestern, either in regard to a tariff of duties for raising a revenue, or touching the protection of manufactures, the support of a navy and seaboard fortifications, or the hazard and expenses of wars with maritime powers, as will induce the people of the Northwest to continue a protracted struggle, which, if ever so successful, can result in no possible benefit to themselves, and the prosecution of which, whether finally successful or

not, cannot fail to add, yearly and daily, during its progress, to their burden of taxation in the form of duties or otherwise. Indeed, if the tariff of the Northern Union shall be increased, or even remain unchanged, and the Southern Confederacy shall admit imports free, or upon the payment of a small duty, it will most clearly be for the interest of the Northwestern States to withdraw from their union with the Northeastern States, and connect themselves with the Southern Confederacy, either as members, or, what would be far better, probably, by a treaty merely. It is quite as easy for the people of the great West to deal with the merchants of Baltimore, as with those of Boston or New York; and a political connection with the South will be fully as natural and agreeable as one with New England. And can New York not only afford to lose its trade with the South, now amounting to more than two hundred millions a year, but to hazard the loss of all the trade of the eight millions of inhabitants of the Northwestern States?

RALLY TO THE COLOURS!

The following was published in the June 2007 issue of the Palmetto Partisan:

Immediately following the May 5th Confederate Memorial Day services in Columbia, the Division's Flag Preservation Fund Committee made a visit en masse to the Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum (CRR&MM). Every man on this newly created body had casually visited the CRR&MM many, many times. But this particular visit, however, by Chairman Ken Howle and his Committeemen was a business visit!

The story actually begins, strangely enough, in a small upstairs room in the Florence Museum. This largely forgotten room held the records and memories of three local UDC Chapters. Only one, the Ellison Capers Chapter, still exists today, but their "rediscovery" of this room's contents would ultimately lead to one of the most important projects that this Division has ever undertaken. A small shell jacket, belonging to 1st Sgt. Joseph Woods Brunson of the Pee Dee (Rifles, later) Light Artillery, drew much interest from descendants and conservators alike.

The Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum was the obvious place to take the jacket, to look into identifying and preserving it. Executive Director Allen Roberson and his staff, wishing to shed some *continued on page 4*

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." - Stephen Dill Lee, 1906

LAST CAMP MEETING

Camp member Brian Lee Merrill discussed the role of the Gist Guard Artillery on Morris Island, which lead into the announcement of the first annual Confederate Rite of Morris Island event, planned to be held on September 15th.

NEXT CAMP MEETING

Our next meeting will be September 13th at Breck's on Rivers Avenue. Hopefully, we will be able to re-book Mr. Sam Howell to tell us about Yankee generals who fled attack in their underwear.

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Soldiers Monument and the Battle Flag flying next to it. The weather did not cooperate but we had a good turnout. There were many other CMD services were held around the state of SC during the month of May by individual camps. I attended twelve CMD services around our state.

Our new H.L. Hunley JROTC Award was presented at forty high-school Navy and Marine JROTC awards programs around South Carolina. The highly coveted award is presented to the individual JRROTC member who displays the qualities of the Hunley crew; courage, honor and sacrifice. This is an excellent opportunity for the SCV to encourage and excite young people about their Confederate heritage. Compatriot Trip Wilson put this program together and did a fine job.

Earlier this year, University of South Carolina head football coach Steve Spurrier made the remark "that damn Confederate flag needs to go". And "I don't know anyone who wants to keep the flag on the capitol grounds." We have since inundated the president, athletic director and Spurrier with letters, emails, and phone calls. Spurrier now knows a lot of South Carolinians who want the flag to stay right where it is.

Our Division newsletter, Palmetto Partisan (PP), continues to improve under Jeff O'Cain's guidance. We have published four issues so far this past year. The PP offers information on current attacks on our heritage, division officer's columns and informative historical articles. The PP is mailed to all of our elected SC State Senators and House of Representative members, county council members from all 46 counties



Division Commander Randy Burbage

in SC, the top 100 executives in SC, division commanders in the Confederation, SCV General Executive Council members and members of the SC Division.

Membership in the South Carolina Division has remained steady over the last year, with a total of 3,220 members. We lost two camps but chartered two new camps for a net of 67 camps. We also have a new camp on Edisto Island that recently turned in a charter application.

We have gotten a tremendous amount done in the last year in South Carolina but there is still much to do. Our heritage is under attack daily, our enemies are plentiful, and we are few. We owe it to our ancestors to stand tall and face these assaults as they are launched. We have nothing to be ashamed of and everything to be proud of.

Read more documents from the 2007 Convention at National's website found at www.scv.org.

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ONE FOR THE BOOKS

The following is from "The Civil War: Strange and Fascinating Facts" by Burke Davis:

One of the war's most striking victories was won by an Irishman in Confederate Service, Captain Richard W Dowling, nineteen, of the Davis Guards. With 43 men armed with rifles and six small cannon he defended Sabine Pass, Texas, in September, 1863, driving off a Federal fleet which tried to land about 15,000 men.



Captain Richard W Dowling, CSA

Dowling sank one gunboat, disabled and captured two others, and turned away the rest of the fleet. He took 400 prisoners - all without the loss of a man.

This was the only command of record in the war to get its whole muster roll into official reports. All the men got silver medals from Jefferson Davis, the only such given by the Confederacy.

FUNERAL HELD FOR CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S TOOTH

The following was reported on July 21st by WIS Channel 10 out of Columbia, SC:

A funeral was held Saturday in Saluda for a Confederate soldier who died in one of the most well-known battles of the Civil War.

You're probably going to think the story is odd at first. That's because it begins with the burial of a Confederate soldier's tooth.

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publicity on the jacket, invited the UDC ladies and some descendants of the battery members down to Columbia. There, they discussed another prized and hallowed artifact in the Relic Room's possession--the company guidon. The very flag sewn by the "ladies of Society Hill," carried through many battles--Mechanicsville, 2nd Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and so forth--, rescued from capture at Durham Station, and returned home in 1865. Although torn and faded, blackened and shot through, the flag continued to serve at Survivor's meetings every July 21st (the date the company formed) until the last few - Joe Brunson among them - gave the flag to Gov. Heyward in 1905. The Relic Room came into possession of it in 1916.

Word of this new interest found its way to the Pee Dee Rifles Camp #1419 of Florence. After contacting the Relic Room, a plan to conserve and display the flag was made. The top three textile conservation labs in the country gave estimates on the flag's preservation efforts. The Rifles, meanwhile, began successfully soliciting funds. This, naturally, led to the Camp approaching the Division for help. There was much discussion between Division Commander Randy Burbage and Camp Commander Ken Howle about the effort. It was determined that not only should the flag of the Pee Dee Rifles/Light Artillery be preserved, but ALL the flags relating to the War Between the States as well. This would obviously be no small undertaking requiring substantial amounts of funding, both public and private. Working with Director Roberson, a plan was developed to raise the funds needed. The plan was presented at the Division's Executive Council meeting in January of this year, and was unanimously approved.

There is not much cause for discussion on WHY the Division should take up this project. The question may be,

"Why now?" and "Can't the Relic Room get the State to pay for it?" The Relic Room would like nothing better than to have them all conserved and on display.

However, due to many recent years of renovation and expansion projects, restoration has been slowed to a snail's pace. Director Roberson stated, "Without organizations like the SCV, these artifacts would simply not be saved." The staff estimates another 25 flags that will require some level of conservation. Costs can run from \$2000 to \$18,000, depending on the condition of the flag and the level of conservation.

So, now back to the "business visit" by Ken and his fellow Committeemen who were accompanied by Commander Burbage as an ex-officio member ...

Given to the Division's strong willingness and commitment to this project, the Relic Room immediately obtained a pledge of matching grant funds from the State Budget and Control Board, its parent state agency. Basically, this means that the State will match any donations we obtain up to a total of \$25,000. Now that sounds like really GOOD BUSINESS to us by golly! With a continuous flow of funding and some hard work, we will be able to ensure that ALL of our ancestors' flags are "preserved for future generations."

The committee has adopted the motto "RALLY TO THE COLOURS .. SAVE THE FLAGS." In battle, the command, "Rally to the Colors." was given to re-form a line on the unit's flag when the unit became widely dispersed or when the flag was in danger. Compatriots, that is exactly what WE must do. We must come together and save these priceless artifacts. The enemy now is not Yankees or even the media; it's TIME, APATHY, and POLITICAL CORRECTIVENESS. Let's make sure that they stay around for generations to come. Donations can be made to:

SCSCV Flag Preservation Fund

105 Winterberry Court

Spartanburg, SC 29301

Donations to both the fund and the Relic Room directly have been very promising. But continued funding is needed. Please contact Chairman Ken Howle, SCSCV Flag Preservation Committee at (843) 393-1543 or pdinfantryman@yahoo.com for questions or additional information. All donations are tax deductible.

The Pee Dee Rifles/Light Artillery flag is already at the Textile Preservation Labs in Maryland. Twenty-four more gloried banners of South Carolina's Confederate heritage are still fighting the ravages of time. We MUST "Rally to the Colours" and "Save the Flags!"

Our best and most appreciative thanks certainly goes to Director Roberson and his fine and capable staff for caretaking the precious relics and artifacts of our ancestors. Hip-Hip Hooray to the CRR&MM!

CAMP ELECTIONS COMING UP

Janie Parks, commander

According to our Camp By-Laws, the officer positions of Adjutant and Treasurer are coming up at the end of this year. I will take nominations for these positions September through December. A majority vote of the membership present at the camp's annual meeting (December) will decide the winner. However, if there are no nominations, we will take volunteers to perform these important duties.

The officers-elect will officially take office on January 1st, and will be ceremoniously installed during the Lee-Jackson Banquet in January.

Remember that the terms of camp officers (Commander, Lt. Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer) are for two years, with elections being staggered every year. This year is Adjutant and Treasurer, next year will be Commander and Lt. Commander, then it starts over. All other officer positions are appointed by the Commander-elect.

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"This is the funeral, not a marker or a dedication. It's the funeral of a man that died in 1863 that's never had a funeral," said Civil War reenactor Buck Carpenter.

He's Lt. William Lowndes Daniel, and he died 144 years ago.

"I think it's great that Uncle Willy gets some recognition," Carpenter told WIS News 10.

Born in Saluda County, family members and historians describe William Daniel as a man of great promise.

In addition to being a lieutenant with the 2nd South Carolina Infantry Regiment, Daniel was also a doctor.

Only 30 years old when he died, he would take his last breath at the Battle of Gettysburg.

"His dying words were 'inform my father that I have done my duty and am prepared to die,'" said Daniel's great-grand-nephew, Owen Clark.

He was buried in a shallow grave, like many soldiers during the Civil War, but Daniel's grave was marked with a wooden headboard.

Here's where the story gets interesting. A year after the war ended, a Union soldier by the name of William Thomas King found Daniel's skull while walking on the battleground.

What he did next was out of respect.

"He just took a tooth out of the skull, buried the skull back, and wrote down the information," said Carpenter.

King kept the tooth along with a note identifying it until his death in 1887. Part of the note read, "poor fellow -- though a rebel, he only has

sympathy from the Union soldier who picks up and keeps his tooth."

The tooth remained with the King family until it was donated to the Adams county historical society in 1976.

That's in Gettysburg, where it was hidden for over 30 years.

"It was crammed in a bunch of boxes inside another object so we didn't know we had it until the fall of this past year," said Wayne E. Motts, who discovered the tooth at the historical society.

After some phone calls, it would be just a matter of time before Lt. Daniel would make his way home.

"When that tooth was found in the collection the moment it was found all I could think about was returning it to South Carolina," said Motts.

"It's a sad day, but it's a happy day. He has returned home," said Carpenter.

CONFEDERATE RITE OF MORRIS ISLAND

Remember to mark your calendars for September 15th. We have not finalized which day it will be of the two, but will have a decision soon. This will be the first annual Confederate Rite of Morris Island, which is hosted by the Pvt. John S. Bird - Palmetto Guard Camp #38. For this first event, we plan to keep it small - just our camp and some selected invites. We will definitely need some volunteer boat captains to offer transportation to Morris Island. If you plan to go, consider doing so in uniform and serve in the Honor Guard. We plan to have rifles and mortars. CONFEDERATE FIRE ON MORRIS ISLAND ONCE AGAIN! We will

also have a reading of the Roll of the Dead, as well as a wreath laying on the water (since most or all of the works are under water now). Contact Commander Parks or Brian Lee Merrill for details, questions, or to offer your services. Their contact info can be found on the camp website at www.scvcamp38.org.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL (SC) & MEMORIAL PARK (WA)

(WA) For many years in Vancouver, Washington, there was an historical marker designating the Jefferson Davis Highway. It was moved several times finally "never to return to city property." This was nothing more than political correctness in action. But fear not, several folks from the SCV, SUVCW, and the UDC are planning a "Jefferson Davis Memorial Park" to house the marker and offer a place to honor our ancestors. They need our help to make it happen. For more info: Jefferson Davis Park, 11918 SE Division St., Box #193, Portland, OR 97266, www.jeffersondavispark.org, jeffersondavispark@gmail.com

(SC) In 1929, the Saluda River was dammed to create Lake Murray. Small towns, including cemeteries, were buried beneath the waters. Some research has uncovered 78 Confederates that still lay there, unknown to passers-by. The 15th SC Volunteers Camp #51 in Lexington is planning to build a memorial with these Confederate heroes' names etched into it, thereby helping to preserve their memories forever. They also need our help to make it a reality. For more info: PO Box 84381, Lexington, SC 29073, 800-712-6502, www.15thregtscvols.org, editor@15thregtscvols.org