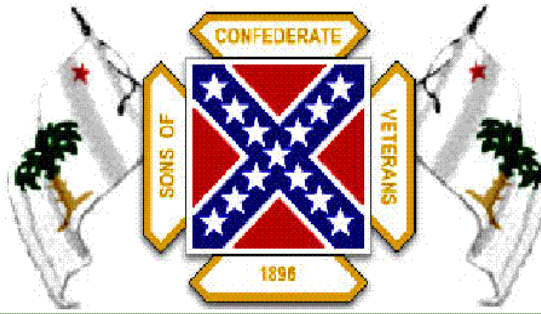


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Our camp is based in North Charleston, South Carolina. We meet the second Thursday of every month at Breck's on Rivers Avenue at 6:30pm.

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



SC DIVISION CONVENTION 2008



The SC Division Convention was held on Friday March 14 and Saturday the 15th at River Center at Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia.

Friday night consisted of a Social that was held at the Confederate Relic Room on Gervis Street from 7pm to 9pm. Confederate descendants and their wives took part and caught up with their compatriots from all over the Palmetto State.

Saturday morning everyone joined together for a touching memorial service in honor of all our Confederate ancestors and our SCV compatriots whom we have lost over the past year.

Following the service, the convention started in earnest at 9:30am. Camps in the South Carolina Division, Army of Northern Virginia, Sons of Confederate Veterans then got down to the work of building on the success that is the SC Division, and continuing ahead to forge our Division into a bigger and even better entity.

The better part of the business portion of the convention was dedicated to passing the resolutions that bring our State constitution in line with IRS regulations for a non-profit and charitable organization. These, of course, passed with no contest.

The Brigade realignment was finalized. We are now a part of the new 10th Brigade along with Secession Camp #4, Moultrie Camp #27, General Ellison Campers Camp #1212, Star of the West Camp #1253, and Fort Sumter Camp #1269. These camps, including the Bird Camp, cover Charleston and Berkeley Counties

here in the Lowcountry.

This new Brigade structure made elections this year all the more important. The new Commander of the 10th Brigade is Jeff Antley, who hails from Moultrie Camp #27 in Mt. Pleasant.

Commander Randy Burbage ran uncontested for another term as Division Commander, and was naturally reelected.

Commander Burbage's new Chief of Staff is our former 6th Brigade Commander David Rentz of Secession Camp #4 in Charleston. To my knowledge, the rest of his staff will remain unchanged.

We received no camp awards this year, but we are still small and getting established. Our time is coming.

However, the Lowcountry did very well overall. Here are some examples:

- Moultrie Camp #27, "Camp of the Year"
- Hunley Camp #143, "R E Lee Outstanding Camp Award"
- Hunley Camp #143, "Convention Attendance Award"

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LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DIVISION CONVENTION IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE PALMETTO GUARDIAN.

LAST MEETING

We last met at Breck's on March 13th, 2008. Present were 6 members, 2 guests, and 1 pending transfer.

- Commander Parks read the Charge.
- Chaplain Brown gave the opening prayer.
- Color Sergeant Smith lead us in the pledges to the US, SC, and CS flags.
- We forewent official camp business due to a lack of a quorum.
- Brigade Commander David Rentz discussed the Division's brigade realignment. Our camp will be in the 10th Brigade after this month's Division Convention.
- John Dangerfield (Mobile Hunley Exhibit) talked about his recent trip to California with the mobile Hunley exhibit.
- Commander Parks asked if we thought it would be good to have a fund for the Camp Commander to be able to participate in more events and represent the camp.
- Our fallen compatriot Doc Murray left Commander Parks a Spencer carbine. Jamie would like to find a way for us to legally use it to raise funds for the camp.
- Commander Parks asked if the camp would be willing to donate some money to Magnolia Cemetery for new flags and preservation work on ironwork, brickwork, etc.
- Our camp was offered a chance to hold our Confederate Memorial Day on May 10th at Magnolia Cemetery. The CHT will not be holding their usual ceremony at 10am this year. Our decision must be made by next meeting.
- Adjutant Herndon discussed an issue with the school board In Dorchester District 4. There will be a meeting to persuade them to recognize Confederate Memorial Day, which they do not currently do. He offered a ride to anyone who wants to go with him.
- Chaplain Brown gave the Closing Prayer.
- We sang Dixie and adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on April 10th, 2008 at 7pm at Breck's on Rivers Avenue. Come early and join us for supper. Our speaker will be determined later. Refer to the camp website at www.scvcamp38.org for updates.

All members, we need you to attend! We have several business items to discuss, and we need input and a quorum to conduct business.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF SOUTH CAROLINA

I salute the flag of South Carolina and pledge to the Palmetto State love, loyalty, and faith.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG

I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands.

Other 10th Brigade Camp Meetings



Secession Camp #4

Meets once a month, on the third Tuesday in the month, at 6:30 PM, at the Knights of Pythias building on Belgrade Avenue at Sam Rittenburg Boulevard (Hwy. 7, West Ashley) in Charleston, SC.

www.scv4.org

Cmdr. William Norris (843) 849-9924

Moultrie Camp #27

Normally meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at The Point Grill, 176 Patriots Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant, SC, at 6:45pm.

www.scv27.org

Cmdr. Howard Chalmers (843) 881-2043

General Ellison Capers Camp #1212

Meets every 3rd Thursday at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant on Hwy 52 in Moncks Corner, SC. The meeting starts at 7:00pm, come earlier for dinner and to socialize.

<http://camp1212.scv.org>

Cmdr. Cain Griffin (843) 747-7480

Star of the West Camp #1253

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month (Sept - April) at Bond Hall, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC.

Cmdr. Benjamin Norris (843) 849-9924

Fort Sumter Camp #1269

Meets at the Charleston Club, East Bay Street, Charleston, SC, on 2nd Thursday (irregular).

Cmdr. Thomas Lowndes (843) 723-1688

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YOUNG SOLDIERS, ETC.

The following list is from "The Civil War Book of Lists" by Donald Cartmell (2001):

Boys in the Union Army

AGE	NUMBER
1. 17	6,425
2. 16	2,758
3. 15	2,178
4. 14	773
5. 13	330
6. 12	127
TOTAL	12,591

The 9 Youngest Rebels

NAME	AGE
1. George S Lamkin	11
2. John B Tyler	12
3. T D Clairborne	13
4. E G Baxter	13
5. M W Jewett	13
6. W D Peak	14
7. M J McDonald	14
8. John T Mason	14
9. T G Bean	15

(Editor's Note: My own 2nd great grandfather, Warren M Hughes, was only 14 when he joined the 2nd SC Heavy Artillery. He lied about his age when he enlisted.)

Also from "The Civil War Book of Lists," here is a little list that will appeal to the Reenactor readers of the Palmetto Guardian:

17 Rules for the Reenactor

1. There should be no hand-to-hand fighting unless prearranged and scripted.
2. Stay with your regiment.
3. Stay with your rank.
4. Never try to touch the enemy flag.
5. Don't charge artillery head-on.
6. Don't touch a horse without the permission of the rider.
7. When loading a rifle, never insert the paper wad unless on specific orders.
8. While on the field, never use the ramrod to ram cartridges home.
9. Bayonets should be drawn or fixed only for parade.
10. Do not take antiques on the field.
11. Don't insult the enemy.
12. Take hits.
13. If you plan to simulate wounds, let your unit know before hand.
14. When taking a hit, fall forward on your face.
15. When down, lie still.
16. When you face a choice of dying or being taken prisoner, become a

prisoner.

17. If you take prisoners, don't harass them.



YEAR OF DAVIS: STATUE SUPPORT NEEDED

The following was published in the "SCV In The Know" email newsletter of March 6th:

Jefferson Davis was born 200 years ago and 2008 will be a special year for the Sons of Confederate Veterans as we honor the memory and legacy of the one and only Confederate President. As your Commander-In-Chief, I will ask every Compatriot, Camp and Division to do whatever is necessary to see that the Davis record is honored both as a Confederate President, patriotic soldier, loving family man, and as an American statesman.

The General Executive Council has decided that something unique needs to be done to truly honor Jefferson Davis. By a unanimous vote, the SCV will commission famed sculptor Gary Casteel to create a statue of Jefferson Davis which will be here 100 years from now as a token of respect of the membership of the SCV in 2008. This will be our token of affection and gratitude for what Jefferson Davis did and what he stood for. It is hoped that the statue will be completed this year.

Our monument will emphasize the humanity of Jefferson Davis. It will consist of three figures; Jefferson Davis, his son Joseph, and their adopted black child Jim Limber, a person lost in history by revisionist historians who felt his existence would impair their contrived notions of Davis. The statue will serve as an educational reminder that Davis was much more than the villain of today's politically correct historians castigate.

The statue will be paid for through individual contributions. There will be no corporate or municipal shakedowns such as when the Abraham Lincoln statue was forced into a Confederate landmark, the Tredegar Ironworks. A careful fundraising program will be created for SCV contributions and freedom loving Americans who understand what Davis represents. The SCV statue will represent the love of the Southern people who Davis bore much of the suffering for. We have not determined the exact location of the statue but will determine a suitable spot during the time the statue is being constructed.

I ask all members to be a part of this historical endeavor. Our statue will be the first public statue of Jefferson Davis in a century. Every member, Camp and Division are asked to contribute to this when we begin fundraising. The SCV may be the only organization in this country who will honor the memory of Jefferson Davis and that includes many Southern organizations. Next year will be the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln. I am sure you can guess the hoopla that will entail. This year is the bi-centennial of our President. Let's show the world that Jefferson Davis was not only a man of his times but a man for the ages.

THOUSANDS TURN OUT TO SEE CONFEDERATE VICTORY

The following article by April Bailey was recently published in the Aiken Standard:

Several thousand history buffs gathered on Sunday to watch the re-enactment of what was considered one of the most significant Confederate victories during the Civil War, the Battle of Aiken.

A crowd of about 3,000 turned out for the event, sponsored by the Aiken Brig. Gen. Barnard E. Bee Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #1575, to witness what life was like more than 140 years ago. According to Cmdr. Richard Walling, the event is held each year to pay homage to those who served during the Civil War.

"We honor our Confederate ancestors by doing this," he said.

Walling says his participation in the event honors one Confederate soldier in particular -- his great-great grandfather Daniel P. Eargle, who fought in the battle. "I'm doing this in his honor," he said. Walling said the money raised will go toward the production of the 2009 Battle.

For Camp #1575 members Frank and Judy Stone, the weekend's weather helped to make the event an even bigger success. Frank, who has participated in about 15 re-enactments over the years, said typically the Battle has one day of good weather and one rainy day. This year however, there were mostly sunny skies on both Saturday

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CAMP EVENT INSURANCE

This is definitely something we need to consider if we plan to hold our own events in the future, as we are still planning to have the Confederate Rite of Morris Island in September. The following "SCV In the Know" of February 27th addresses this issue:



Above: Members of the Col. Harry W. Gilmor Camp #1388 in Baltimore prepare to lead the Confederate Brigade at the November, 2005 Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg. SCV. Camps participating in parades is common, but does raise questions of liability. Below we try to provide a few answers.

Q: Does my camp have to have specific insurance to participate in parades?

A: That requirement will be set by the event organizer. Some require "event insurance" and others do not, but it should be considered by any camp, especially with more dangerous circumstances like wagons, riders on horses, etc.

Q: Does the national organization carry insurance that would cover participation by camps in parades?

A: No. While GHQ carries a variety of insurances, from Officers and Directors to umbrella liability, these would not normally cover a camp participating in a singular event such as a parade.

Q: Where can a camp get event insurance if they need it?

A: The American Equestrian Association offers liability insurance through the Allen Financial Insurance Group. The AEA insures participants in parades, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Single Action Shooters, etc. They cover events that do not necessarily include horses. They can also insure battle reenactments but only for spectator liability. Coverage is available nationwide except for Alaska and Hawaii. Cost depends on the event, the

number of spectators and the number of participants. There are some other limiting factors such as alcohol use. There is an annual membership fee of \$50.00 and the cost of coverage is determined using the factors named above. Coverage is purchased per event. For example: The Arizona Division will have 14 participants in the Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo Parade. Last year's spectator count was approximately 5000. The cost for \$1,000,000 coverage is \$175 plus the annual \$50 membership. The point of contact for this insurance is Mr. Jay Pallante III at 800-874-9191. The address is PO Box 9957, Phoenix, AZ 85068. Mr. Pallante's email address is jay@eqgroup.com. There are likely other sources of event insurance available by asking your local insurance agents.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR PERDUE HONORS BLACK CONFEDERATE

The following was released by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Public Relations and Media Committee, Elm Springs, Columbia, TN, 11 March 2008:

Governor Sonny Perdue of Georgia has issued a proclamation declaring April 2008 as Confederate History Month.

The proclamation specifically recognizes and honors Bill Yopp, a black Confederate from Laurens County, Georgia.

The proclamation states: "Among those who served the Confederacy were many both free and slave who saw action in the Confederate military in many combat roles."

"One such soldier who made significant contributions to the state was Bill Yopp of Laurens County who served four years in Company "H" 14th Regiment, Georgia Infantry. Yopp helped to bring about reconciliation and healing after the war by raising money for Confederate reunions and living in the Confederate Soldiers Home with his comrades."

Historians vary on the number of blacks who served the Confederacy. Because the records are often missing the numbers range upwards of 80 to 100,000 based on classifications such as teamsters, cooks, musicians, all of which were regarded as "military" in the Union army. Many black Confederates, like Bill Yopp, have been documented as combat veterans.

Bill Yopp died on June 3rd, 1936 and was buried with full military honors at the Confederate Cemetery in Marietta. Several Georgia state officials attended his

funeral service, including former governors.

In concluding his proclamation, Governor Perdue said "It is important that Georgians reflect upon our state's past and honor the devotion of her Confederate leaders, soldiers and citizens.

Attending the ceremony in Governor Perdue's office were several descendants of Bill Yopp including Mrs. Alma Jean Massey of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Doris Taylor of Jackson, Michigan, Mrs. Rosa Chapelle of Dublin, Georgia, Mr. Shawn Peacock of Leesburg, Florida and Mrs. Loreen Pittman of Louisiana.

Contact: J. A. Davis, (770) 297-4788.



6TH ANNUAL SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP

For one week, our Southern young men and ladies (ages 12-20) can gather to hear the truths about the War for Southern Independence. This camp (named for the great young Confederate Sam Davis) combines fun and recreation with thoughtful instruction in Southern history, the War Between the States, the theology of the South during the War, lessons on Southern heroes, examples of great men of the Faith, and for the first year, special programs and sessions for our Southern ladies!

Co-Ed Camps: The first camp will be held from Sunday June 29th to Saturday, July 5th at Three Mountain Retreat, 1648 FM 182 Clifton TX 76634.

The deadline for applications is Monday June 23, 2008.

The second camp will be held from Sunday July 27th to Saturday August 2nd at Magnolia State Park, Millen GA, between Waynesboro and Millen at a beautiful historic site.

The deadline for applications is Monday July 21, 2008.

Need more details? Interested in becoming a counselor? Please contact: Jack Marlars at 2161 Greenpond Rd., Fountain Inn, SC 29644, telephone him at (864) 616-0042, or email him at marlars3@bellsouth.net.

WHERE IN THE STATEHOUSE IS CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL MONTH?



House Bill 3611

Sponsors: Bedingfield, Cooper, Davenport, Duncan, Limehouse, Loftis, Mulvaney, Phillips, Pinson, M.A. Pitts, G.R. Smith, and White.

Text: "Section 1-1-616. The month of May in every year is designated Confederate Memorial Month. South Carolinians are encouraged to sponsor and participate in appropriate observances of Confederate Memorial Month."

Last Action: On June 7, 2007, Rep. White asked to be added to the list of bill sponsors.

Senate Bill 124

Sponsors: Bryant, Verdin, Vaughn and Knotts

Text: "Section 1-1-616. The month of May in every year is designated Confederate Memorial Month. South Carolinians are encouraged to sponsor and participate in appropriate observances of Confederate Memorial Month." (Same as H3611)

Last Action: On January 1, 2007, the bill was referred to a subcommittee consisting of Moore, Ford, Mescher, Rankin, and Scott. The bill died in this subcommittee.



www.scstatehouse.net

BATTLE OF AIKEN

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and Sunday.

Miller Roach of North Augusta portrayed a Union soldier for the event. While Roach said he enjoys meeting the masses of people the Battle of Aiken draws each year, he is also happy to see people take an interest in the history of the United States. "These are people who worked to make this country what it is," he said.



Ed Mann, who was dressed as Gen. Stonewall Jackson, said the living history and performances are a good way to educate kids about the Civil War. He said he has been participating in the event for about 10 years and often visits local schools and speaks to kids.

Roy Luke of Martinez was back for his second year as a spectator. He said he enjoys visiting the Battle of Aiken because it offers a unique perspective of what life was like during the 1800s. When you think about it, not very much has changed since then besides technology, Luke said.

"We still measure time by the wars we fight; whether it's Aiken in 1865 or Iraq right now."

NEWS FROM THE GEC MEETING

The following was printed in the SCV In The Know email newsletter of March 8th:

The General Executive Council met today at Elm Springs, the SCV's beautiful antebellum headquarters. A few items from that meeting:



Deadline set for printing constitutional amendments in Confederate Veteran: April 1st is the latest that headquarters can receive proposed amendments to the constitution in order to have them printed in the Confederate Veteran.

Our Affinity card program (SCV Visa Card) is ending, and the issuing bank is refusing to continue with the agreement as it has been. A search for a new card issuer was authorized.

The Friends of the SCV program certificate design was presented, and the minimum initial contribution requirement set at \$40 (and \$30 annual for ongoing). This is a program to recognize non-member supporters (they receive the Confederate Veteran and a nice certificate).

A sesquicentennial SCV logo was adopted that will be used on decals and pins.

\$6,000 was authorized to pursue a Foundation Search Database Program. This will allow the SCV to pursue foundation grants for the many projects that are proposed each year. The SCV spends tens of thousands and more each year supporting historical and memorial projects, but there are always more. It is hoped this program will allow us to tap into much larger financial resources.

A total of \$49,000 was voted from designated funds to support four projects: Confederate Memorial Park in Maryland, Trail Markers in Missouri, CSS Neuse II in North Carolina, and the Confederate Museum in Greenville, South Carolina.

Concepts for the future development of the Elm Springs property were presented by the.....continued on page 6.....

GEC MEETING

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Elm Springs Task Force.

The Public Relations/Media committee presented a number of areas of outreach, including www.confederateheritgemonth.com, which shows anyone how to get government proclamations for Confederate Heritage Month, and multimedia projects that will shortly be released on the internet on an SCV Video site (think Confederate YouTube).

The GEC recommended the report of the Time & Place committee that the 2011 reunion be held in Montgomery, Alabama.

\$3,000 was voted from Heritage Defense funds to erect a large battle flag near a busy U.S. highway (that it slated to become an interstate), near Uniontown, Tennessee.

These are just a few highlights; for more details, contact your department commander or councilman.

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NPS MOCK(ERY) TRIAL

UPDATE

As reported here earlier, years of effort by the SCV to get the grave of Sgt. Ivy Ritchie, Co. H, 14th North Carolina Infantry, properly marked in the Poplar Grove National Cemetery. Despite many proofs offered, and an earlier agreement by NPS that they would allow the grave to be properly marked, the NPS reneged and insisted on a trial to decide the issue. While not a court of law, the trial was conducted much as if it were. The Progress-Index of Petersburg, Virginia, sent T. Devon Robinson to cover the trial, and the result was a reasonable accounting of the day's events. The SCV has obtained permission from the Progress-Index to reproduce the story below and picture above. While the SCV won this one, we have to ask if

the tables had been reversed and a grave marked Confederate held the remains of a Union soldier, would the NPS have insisted on so much proof, in taking so much time, and in requiring a trial just to do the right thing?

In the historic Dinwiddie County Courthouse on a rainy, foggy day, representatives of the Petersburg National Battlefield and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Ivy Ritchie Camp 1734, argued the case of whether a soldier buried in grave 4824 at Poplar Grove Cemetery belonged to the Union or the Confederacy.

On April 9, 1865, as the Civil War was formally drawing to a close, Sgt. Ivy Ritchie of Company H of the 14th North Carolina Infantry was killed at Appomattox Courthouse.

At some point after the war, a body was exhumed from its grave at Appomattox Courthouse and reinterred at Poplar Grove, which is on Vaughan Road just south of the Petersburg limits. The name on that person's grave was Sgt. J. Ritchie of Company H of the 14th New York Infantry.

"It was April 2002 when the first letter hit, "said Anthony Way, second lieutenant commander of the Ivy Ritchie Camp. "We were planning on having him returned to New Bethel Lutheran Church." Many of Ritchie's family members are buried there.

Through US Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-NC, Way got in touch with officials to point out that when burial corps set out to recover Union dead, they may have moved Ritchie as well.

"Traditionally, the Park Service doesn't like controversy," said Bob Kirby, superintendent of the Petersburg National Battlefield.

As Way and others continued to insist that the grave of J. Ritchie could be Ivy Ritchie, Kirby said he couldn't stop thinking about the possibility.

"I was haunted by the fact that there may be a mistake," he said.

That led to a discussion of a variation of a mock trial, and when it finally came to fruition, it brought out as many people to the old courtroom as a large criminal or civil trial of days past would have.

"I've come to the conclusion that what they've done here today was the correct thing," Kirby said.

The format of the event was to give the Ivy Ritchie Camp an opportunity to make its case for changing the headstone,

followed by the National Park Service, represented by the Chief of Interpretation Chris Calkins, to argue to keep the headstone the way it is. Both sides also had the opportunity for rebuttal.

Jim Harwood, the founder of the Ivy Ritchie Camp, presented several documents, including Calkins' own writing, that verified that Ivy Ritchie existed fought at Appomattox Courthouse and was the last man killed in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Also included in the Ivy Ritchie Camp's documents was the Ritchie's brothers' recollection of April 9, 1865. After the fighting had stopped, Marvel Ritchie identified his older brother's body.

A curious aspect of Marvel's writings was the shape of his letters, Harwood said. A certain quirk could have led to the misidentification of Ivy Ritchie.

"Every time he writes an "I" and a "J," they look alike," Harwood said. Another sticking point acknowledged by both sides was that, in 1865, Company H of the 14th New York Infantry did not exist. Despite that fact, Calkins said it was possible for Ritchie to still be interred at Appomattox Courthouse.

Also, Calkins noted that there were countless discrepancies in records at the time so, if a J. Ritchie wasn't in that grave, it might not be Ivy Ritchie either.

"We have to be very careful about what we do to change inscriptions on any graves," Calkins said.

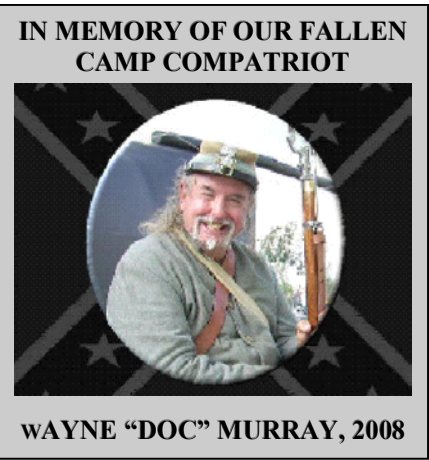
After both sides pleaded their cases, three judges rendered a decision to Kirby on what they believe would be the right decision.

The judges were A. Wilson Greene, president of Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier; Dr. John Latschar, superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park; and Patrick Schroeder, a historian at the Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park.

"I am very pleased with the process," Greene said during a break for lunch. "I want to commend the National Parks Service in approaching this in a logical and unbiased way."

After recessing for less than half

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Pvt. Marcus Lauriston Baldwin
Co G, 11th SC Reserves (90 days,
1862-63)
14th SC Militia

Pvt. Daniel W Bodiford
Howell's Co, GA Light Artillery

Pvt. Jesse Brown
Co B, 114th SC Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Edmond C Cribb
Co A, 21st SC Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Moses Davis
Gist Guard Heavy Artillery

Pvt. Joel J Dobbins
Co I, 50th NC Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Phillip Herndon
Co A, 3rd SC Cavalry

Pvt. Warren Middleton Hughes
Co F, 2nd SC Heavy Artillery

Sgt. John Owens
Co A, 21st SC Volunteer Infantry

Cpl. John Owens
Co A, 21st SC Volunteer Infantry

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Pvt. Ezekiel Starnes
Co I, 20th SC Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. George Washington Wimberly
Co H, 11th SC Volunteer Infantry

NPS MOCKERY

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an hour, the three judges rendered their independent opinions to Kirby for consideration. All three decided that the name on the tombstone should be changed from J. Ritchie of New York to Ivy Ritchie of North Carolina.

Upon hearing from Greene, Latschar and Schroeder, Kirby agreed to the request the change to the headstone. The new headstone would be a part of a \$2.3 million rehabilitation of the cemetery that should take place in 2012.

Ritchie will not be exhumed or reinterred in North Carolina, as only a direct descendant can make that request, Kirby said.

Although Ritchie will remain in Virginia, Way said he was satisfied by the outcome of the mock trial.

"It's been a long time coming and I'm very pleased by the decision made by the judges," Way said. "I feel like we've had a soldier missing in action since 1865 and he's finally been found and is going home."



MANDANA MARSH/STAFF PHOTO. Jim Harwood of the Sons of Confederate Veterans reads a 1921 letter written by the brother of Ivy Ritchie describing that he was shown Ivy's body shortly after he was killed in one of the final battles of the War.

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Submissions, Criticisms?
Contact the Editor!**

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