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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 7:00pm.

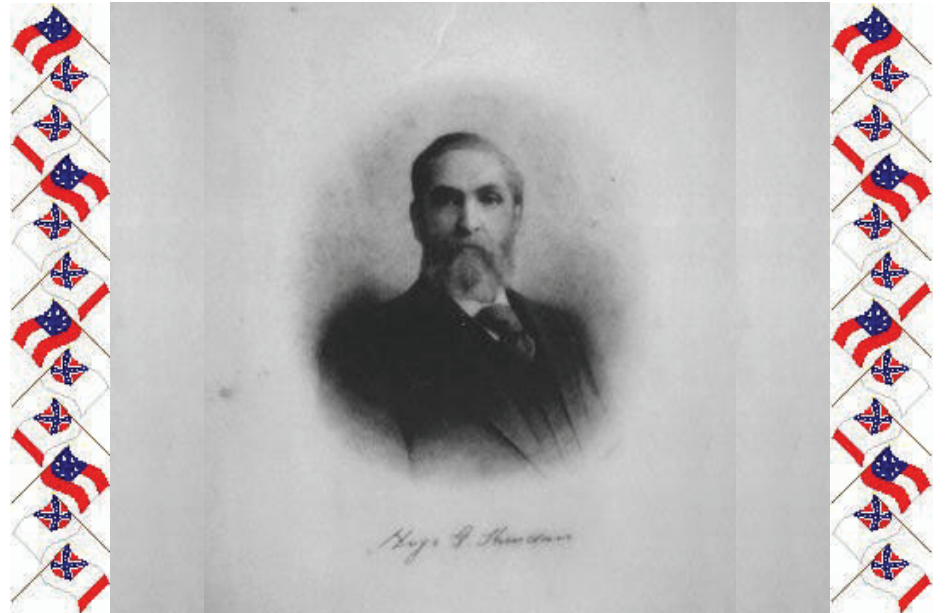
CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

"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

FEATURE

"CAPTAIN HUGO GROTIUS SHERIDAN"

BY JOHN REMBERT, JR
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LAST MEETING MINUTES

We gathered at Brecks on June 9, 2011 for our monthly Camp meeting after sharing a meal together:

- Chaplain Cleon Brown gave the opening prayer, Commander Chris Ross read charge, Color Sergeant Tony Smith led the pledges to the US, SC, and Confederate flags.
- Our guest, Paul Grimball "Sonny" Marshall introduced himself.
- Adjutant Ricky Herndon read minutes of last meeting, and Treasurer John Rembert Jr gave the treasury report.
- Commander Ross discussed the Graves Committee meeting of recent, and reaffirmed our plan to continue our efforts with project.
- Lt Commander Parks gave a presentation on findings in the "The Civil War in South Carolina" made from sources at the Charleston Historical Magazine, and read some interesting quotes relating to the Palmetto Guard.
- Commander Ross asked for any research help with the *John H Jones* brigantine vessel, of the *Palmetto Line*.
- Adjutant Herndon re-announced the Wayne Dukes Memorial Skeet Shoot at the end of July.
- We continued finalizing plans for the upcoming Brigade BBQ and Golf Tournament.
- A motion was made to change the Sept. meeting to the 15th to finalize BBQ funds, etc., and passed.
- Mr. Marshall gave us a short history of his ancestor, Pvt John S Bird Jr., and agreed to return with us next month to share more about our camp's namesake.
- Chaplain Brown then delivered the closing prayer, we sang Dixie, and adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

Our next camp meeting will be on August 11th, 2011 at Breck's on Rivers Avenue across from Super K Mart. Meeting starts at 7pm, supper before meeting. Mr. Sonny Marshall, a descendant of Pvt John S Bird, Jr, is scheduled to join us again to present more history of his ancestor to us.



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.



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10TH BRIGADE CAMPS

Secession Camp #4

3rd Tuesday at 7:30 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. Edward Moon (828) 342-7475

Moultrie Camp #27

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

www.scv27.org

Cmdr. Clayton Martin (843) 884-1740

Fort Johnson Camp #1201

Every 4th Tues at the Masonic Lodge on Fort Johnson Road.

Cmdr. James Wheeler (843) 795-6070

General Ellison Capers Camp #1212

3rd Thursday at The Black Eyed Susan on East Main St. in Moncks Corner, SC. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.

<http://camp1212.scv.org>

Cmdr. Wyman Woods (843) 761-7779

Star of the West Camp #1253

1st Thursday (Sept - April) at Bond Hall, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie St., Chas., SC. Cmdr. Henry Dominick (803) 271-2878

Fort Sumter Camp #1269

Meets at the Charleston Club, East Bay Street, Chas., SC, on 2nd Thur (irregular). Adj. William Nuttall (843) 881-4039

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CAPTAIN HUGO GROTIUS SHERIDAN

(JOHN REMBERT, JR)

When the War of Secession broke out, Capt. **Hugo Grotius Sheridan** (1833 – 1899), enlisted in the 9th Regiment, South Carolina Infantry. The 9th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry was organized during the summer of 1861 and served initially in Charleston. On May 3, 1862, the 9th was reorganized and redesignated the 11th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. Among the twelve companies making up the 11th was "**Sheridan's Company**," commanded by **Capt. Sheridan**.

Sometime after 1862, **Capt. Sheridan** was reassigned to the 4th Regiment, South Carolina Cavalry. During his assignment with the 4th Regiment, **Capt. Sheridan** served as the captain of ordnance.

The 4th Regiment served primarily in the Eastern Theater and was organized on December 16, 1862, by consolidating the 10th Battalion, South Carolina Cavalry and the 12th Battalion, South Carolina Cavalry. The 10th Cavalry Battalion (also called the 3rd Battalion) was organized in the spring of 1862, commanded by Col. Benjamin Huger Rutledge, and served in the 1st Military District of South Carolina that was commanded by BrigGen. Roswell S. Ripley. The 1st Military District was a part of the Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, under the command of Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard. The 4th SC Cavalry served in the 1st Military District of South Carolina from December 1862 until it was transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia in March 1864. With the transfer to the Army of Northern Virginia, the 4th SC Cavalry was attached to the brigade known as Butler's Brigade. Butler's Brigade was commanded by

BrigGen. Matthew Butler. Butler's Brigade was part of LtGen. Wade Hampton III's Cavalry Corps.

Capt. Sheridan was slightly wounded at one time and on another occasion was captured by Union forces. On his way to a Union prison camp, Gen. Philip Sheridan of the Union forces ordered **Capt. Sheridan's**



release. Gen. Sheridan, also known as "Fighting Phil," came from Ohio. Although a distant relative of the South Carolina branch of "Sheridans," Gen. Sheridan came from the line of Sheridans that had remained faithful to the Roman Catholic. To the contrary, **Capt. Sheridan's** ancestors had joined the Church of England. It was only natural that the families drifted apart. With Gen. Sheridan's release order, Gen. Sheridan sent **Capt. Sheridan** a message, inviting the latter across the lines to talk over family histories. Before the time appointed for the interview, a battle took place and the two "Sheridans" never met.

During his long absence, Capt Sheridan's wife, Sarah Ann Dantzer Sheridan (1832 – 1897), lived on their estate in Colleton County. When Sherman started on his march to the sea, Mrs. Sheridan feared that the Union troops would pass Colleton on their way to Charleston, so she left Colleton and returned to her old home in Orangeburg County. This accounts for the family having been resident in Orangeburg after the war.

After Lee's surrender, **Sheridan**

commenced two careers; newspaper founder/editor and teacher. The Orangeburg "Democrat," a weekly Orangeburg newspaper, was established by **Sheridan** in 1879. For many years, he was its chief editor. In 1881, **Sheridan** founded the Sheridan Classical School of Orangeburg, South Carolina. He later became Superintendent of City Schools of Orangeburg, and finally first headmaster of the Carlisle Fitting School of Bamberg, a branch of Wofford College. He was in some ways a wonderful teacher and an exceptional disciplinarian. Appealing first to the boys' sense of honor, he endeavored to train them "in the way they should go," but when milder methods failed, he did not hesitate to use the hickory rod. Even the worst of his pupils, knowing his aversion to hypocrisy, respected his honest, simple life and appreciated his careful, thorough teaching. Some of his methods were very much in advance of the times and he was considered one of the leading educators of South Carolina. It is said that he prepared more boys for college during his career than any other one teacher in the State. He continued in the teaching profession until 1894, five years before his death.

Wade Hampton III and M. C. Butler were college mates of **Sheridan** at South Carolina College (now University of South Carolina). **Sheridan** took an active part in the election of Hampton for Governor in 1876. In politics, **Sheridan** was a staunch Democrat; in religion, a Southern Methodist. He was often superintendent of the Sunday Schools, steward, and often acted as lay reader of meetings and made many religious speeches.

CAMP LIBRARY

Camp members, please catalog all your WBTS books to be included in the "Camp Library List." This list will be posted to the website and listed in the Palmetto Guardian.



WHO IS THIS?

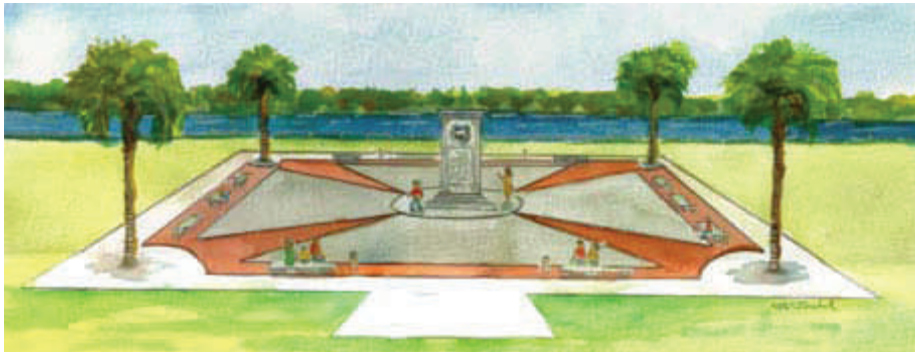
Name this SC Confederate in writing at our August camp meeting and win a prize.



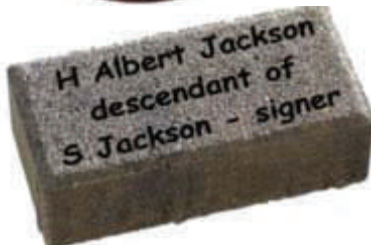
Signer's Monument

On December 20, 1860, 170 men chosen by a special state-wide election, carefully and deliberately decided in convention that South Carolina would secede from the Union. These were the first to exclaim "**NO MORE!**" to an increasingly overbearing and oppressive federal government.

Unanimous in their decision, by signing the Ordinance, each delegate put his life and fortunes in jeopardy for the people of our state.



The South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will erect a monument in honor of these patriots during the Sesquicentennial to be located in Charleston.



You can support this endeavor and receive a limited edition, numbered .999% silver collector's coin that will surely increase in value and also include a permanent memorial to your heritage or yourself in the plaza for all the future to see and appreciate!

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www.scscv.com/signers-monument.htm

Hunley Memorial at Fort Johnson

HONORING BRAVE MEN:

In an effort to free their country from a hostile foreign invader, a small group of men from across the South, from varying backgrounds and circumstances, plunged into the frontier of warfare to save their homes. Three crews were lost while making military history.

www.hunleymemorial.org

FLAG PRESERVATION PROJECT REPORT—APR 8, 2011

(CHAIRMAN RANDY BURBAGE)

"Our committee meets twice per year in May and October.

We agreed to pay to have four flags conserved this past year, the Catawba Rangers flag, the 1st SCV "Gregg's Green" flag, the Wagner Light Artillery flag, and the Richland Guard flag.

The Catawba Rangers flag and Gregg's Green flag have been completed and are back at the Confederate Relic Room. The Wagner Artillery flag will be completed soon. We also obligated to preserve the flag of Co. D, 2nd SC Cavalry, if the Relic Room can secure a transfer from another state agency to their possession.

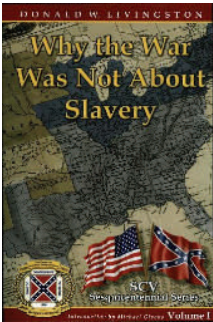
The total number of flags conserved so far is five, including the previously preserved flags of the Pee Dee Rifles, 7th Battalion, and Beaufort Artillery. Two other flags are at the conservators presently being treated and we have made a commitment to preserve the 2nd SC Cavalry flag.

Committee member Dennis Todd is still inventorying all SC flags in museums and private collections around the country. He has assembled an impressive collection of photographs and has worked tirelessly to see this job completed.

The Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum has prepared a new exhibit on Confederate flags including those preserved recently by the SC Division SCV. The new exhibit opened on Friday, May 6 and is very well done."

www.rallytothecolours.org

June 28, 2011

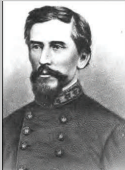


GHQ is excited to offer a new educational tool for the members and others. In a recent issue of the Confederate Veteran there was an excellent article by the highly esteemed Dr. Donald Livingston. The focus of his essay

was why the War was not about slavery. It is a must read for anyone hoping to understand the true nature of the conflict of 1860-1865. GHQ is now selling this essay as a stand alone booklet. These are great for our member's use but also has something we can give out to the public.

These booklets are only \$2 each! Or, in multiples of 10, \$1.75! These can now be ordered through GHQ and there will be a large supply for sale at the Headquarters table at our Reunion in Montgomery next month. Plan to get some for your camp.

LAST WORDS



PATRICK CLEBURNE

"If we are to die, let's die like men."



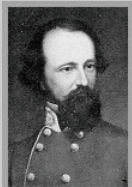
SAM DAVIS

"I would rather die a thousand deaths than betray a friend."



WILLIAM BARKSDALE

"Tell my wife I am shot, but we fought like hell."



JAMES PETTIGREW

"It is time to be going."

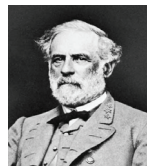


IN AUGUST 1861

- The Union Navy continues with actions in an effort to build a blockade of the Confederacy's seaports.
- The Battle of Wilson's Creek takes place in Missouri on August 10, 1861 ending in an expensive Confederate victory for General Ben McCulloch. The Union commander, General Nathaniel Lyons, is killed in the battle.



- New Confederate assignments are made: Gen. Roswell Ripley is placed in command of the Department of SC, and Gen. John Grayson in command of the Department of Middle and East Florida.



- Gen. John Floyd attacks and routs Union forces in western Virginia on August 26, 1861.
- Gen. Robert E Lee arrives in western Virginia during August to organize the efforts of Gens. Floyd, Henry Wise, and William Loring with the goal of holding the area for the Confederacy.

- Union land and sea forces under Gen. Benjamin Butler and Flag Officer Silas Stringham capture Confederate Forts Clark and Hatteras at Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina, in an effort to shut down blockade-running activities in the area.

THE "HMMM" FACTOR

BRIAN LEE MERRILL

Often when one starts digging into his WBTS era family tree, surprises pop up that make you go, "hmmm."

I recently ran into this fun little scenario. My Merrill ancestors have all been from north of the Mason Dixon up to and including my father. You could say that my brothers and I are the first Southern born Merrills, at least on this branch of the tree.

My father, as I mentioned before, was from the North originally (Wisconsin), but lived most of his life in Charleston, South Carolina. He was definitely Rebel at heart, but was sure he had no "rebels in the woodstack."

He passed away in 2005. Recently, while poking around the Merrill family tree, I ran across a distant cousin, Henry Merrell, who was in fact a Confederate. Not only was



he a Confederate, he was an officer in the Engineer Corps in the Department of the Trans-Mississippi with the rank of Major. And to add to the irony, he was born in Utica, New York, and is buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Camden, Arkansas. If only Dad had lived a few more years.

The story of Henry Merrell is in addition to the story of Marcus L Baldwin, on my mother's side of the family. Another New Yorker who threw in his lot with the South. He was exempt from service based on his advanced age and his occupation as a farmer, but still served in the reserves and the militia, ending the war in Point Lookout POW Camp in Maryland.

It doesn't go unnoticed by me that I have two known relatives that were Northern born and served in the Confederate forces, but have no known Southern born relatives who choose to fight for the Union. This is something our detractors should think about.

But despite their refusal to acknowledge anything outside the Northern written history of the WBTS, my work goes on. And as with all major research projects such as genealogy, just when you think you have it all figured out, that "hmmm" pops up. Happy hunting.

*The 1st Annual
Pvt. John S. Bird, Jr. - Palmetto Guard*



BRIGADE BBQ & GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Come out and fellowship with your Compatriots
from the other 10th Brigade camps!*

Captain's Cup Golf tournament with trophies awarded for
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, refreshments & cart
\$35 per person (refreshments & cart included)

BBQ supper with beverage and dessert
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The golf tournament will be a Captains Cup consisting of four man teams. Max 72 players divided into two groups of 36 people. There will be a morning Tee time for the first 36 that will start at 9:30 am and a afternoon Tee time for the second group of 36 that will start at 1:00 pm. There will be 18 holes played. There will be trophies for each team member for the 1st place team, 2nd place team, and 3rd place team. Participation plaques will be given to all other participants. Tickets for the golf tournament are \$35.00 per person which includes refreshments and golf cart. The BBQ dinner will start at 6:30 pm. Tickets for the BBQ are \$25.00 per person which includes the meal along with Ice tea, ice cold lemonade, and ice water. There will be a cash bar available for those who wish to have a cold beer or a mix drink. There will be guest speakers along with a live auction. There are pool tables available for play, along with music after the dinner and auction. This is a casual dress event for everyone in the 10th Brigade to get to meet each other from the different camps and just have a good ole time. 25 tickets will be available to each camp for the BBQ for a total of 150. 12 tickets will be available to each camp for the golf tournament for a total of 72. All funds must be turned in by Sept. 15, 2011.

For more event information, more tickets for your camp, or payment information, please contact:

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IN MEMORY OF OUR CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS

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, 14th 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

Pvt. Tilmon Poole
Co. I, 20th SC Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Wainberry Ross
Co B, 11th SC Reserves (90 days, 1862-
63)

Capt. Hugo Grotius Sheridan
4th SC Cavalry

Pvt. Jesse William Smith
Co G, 20th SC Volunteer Infantry

Cpl. Thomas W B Smith
Co G, 20th SC Volunteer Infantry

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

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



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN CAMP COMPATRIOT



WAYNE "DOC" MURRAY, 2008

it back the following year.

The SPA then gave the property to the Fort Sumter Camp in 1969, but it was again returned in 1984. This time, the transfer is for keeps -- the SPA hopes.

Byron Miller, spokesman for the SPA, said the maritime agency has been unable to use the property for its purposes, and has spent money protecting the small island from erosion.

"For some time, we've wanted to find a more appropriate owner," he said. "What we communicated to ... (Camp 1269) is that we view Castle Pinckney as an important part of Charleston's maritime heritage, that needs to be protected."

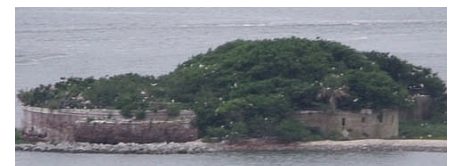
Castle Pinckney sits at the end of Shute's Folly Island in Charleston Harbor since its completion in 1810. It's one of two round, brick fortifications from that era that survive today.

The fort was seized by Confederate forces unopposed prior to the bombardment of Fort Sumter, and later was used as a prison for Union POWs.

In the late 1800s a lighthouse was built at the site. The fort was designated a national monument in 1924, but was undesignated in the 1950's.

Now, for the second time, the Fort Sumter Camp will get a chance to preserve the historic, long-neglected fort.

"Our ultimate aim is to preserve this facility in a respectful and dignified way," Snow said. "The fort is a part of our Lowcountry heritage and will be honored as such by the Fort Sumter Camp of the SCV."



CASTLE PICKNEY BACK IN CONFEDERATE HANDS

-Original article ran in the Post and Courier on June 22:

Castle Pinckney was the first Union fortification seized by SC forces on the eve of the Civil War. And now there's hope that the SCV will reclaim and preserve the crumbling, historic structure.

The State Ports Authority board on Tuesday agreed to give what remains of the round, brick fortress to the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1269, for a payment of \$10.

The SPA said it has been approached by people who had commer-

cial proposals for the property, such as building a home on the site. Fort Sumter Camp 1269 Commander Philip Middleton said he was concerned about the possibilities.

"We didn't want to see something out there like a sports bar," he said. The group has no immediate plans for Pinckney.

"I would say that we are in the very early stages of exploring the conservation options available to our camp," said Bill Snow, also of the Fort Sumter Camp.

The SPA acquired the property in 1958 as a possible site to dump dredge spoils, but didn't use it for that purpose and has twice attempted to give the property away. The SPA gave Castle Pinckney to the Shriners in 1964, but the Shriners gave

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