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## A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

### COMMANDERS CORNER

BILLY PITTMAN

Compatriots, I would like to begin by thanking Rusty Rentz for his steadfast service as Commander the past three years and for his long-standing faithfulness in keeping *The Charge*. It is my desire to continue the effort to honor our ancestors in a manner worthy of their heroic deeds and sacrifices. I am humbled by the opportunity and thank each of you for your support.

In 2019, I would challenge all camp members to remember the oath we took, and *The Charge* as given to us by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee. Recruiting new members (and know that we are ALL recruiters), increasing meeting attendance, attending events and contributing where we can will support the long-term health of the camp and will also help to spread the workload, which is often shared by too few. I look forward to 2019 and anticipate that we will all do our part to support the camp and honor our ancestors.

This year begins with our annual Lee-Jackson banquet, which is scheduled for Friday January 18, 2018 at Seawell's Restaurant located at 1125 Rosewood Drive in Columbia, SC. The banquet begins at 6:30pm, concludes at 9:00pm, and will feature a buffet meal, door prizes and entertainment by the Pickin' Pearls. Ken Temples, the keynote speaker, will present a program titled "Mary's prayer, Lee's heart, and Stonewall's passion". The Lee-Jackson banquet is an entertaining event but more importantly it is a chance for us to reflect on two of the most honorable Christian men and southern warriors who ever walked this realm. Bring your spouse, significant other and/or a guest with you as this will be a great time of fellowship. God bless you gents, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the banquet.

### 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.

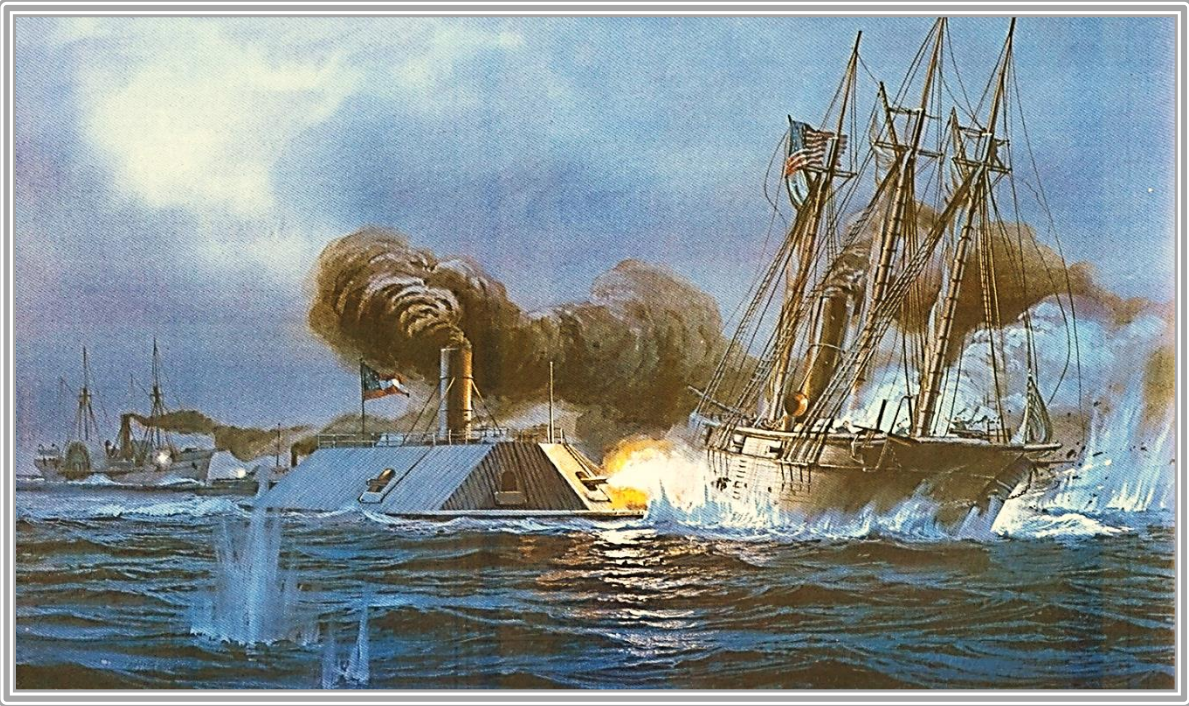


Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906



## ~ Events of January ~

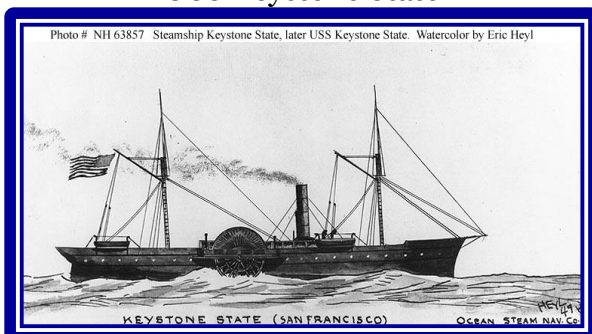
This Month in 1863, saw the first and most significant action of SC's first ironclad warship.



CSS Chicora, an ironclad ram, was built at Charleston, South Carolina. Commissioned in November 1862 under the command of Confederate Navy Commander John Randolph Tucker, she was employed in the defense of Charleston for most of the rest of the Civil War. In her first major action, on 31 January 1863, Chicora and her sister ship Palmetto State attacked the U.S. Navy blockading force off Charleston. They disabled the gunboats USS Keystone State and Mercedita, forcing the latter to briefly surrender, and engaged other Union warships before returning safely to port.

On 7 April 1863, when U.S. Navy ironclads attacked Fort Sumter, and later in the year when other fortifications were assaulted, Chicora operated in defense of the Confederate positions. She also furnished the initial crewmen for the submarine torpedo boat H.L. Hunley, five of whom were drowned when the sub accidentally sank on 29 August 1863. CSS Chicora remained active until 18 February 1865. During the evacuation of Charleston, the CSS Chicora was destroyed to prevent capture.

USS Keystone State



USS Mercedita



## Strong into the Night

**HE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD WILL BE EXALTED. PROVERBS 29:25**

In September 1939, Great Britain allied with France and several other alarmed countries in declaring war on Hitler's Germany, which had invaded Poland in its intended march toward global domination. By the end of the year, anxieties throughout England remained on high alert; everyone was fearful of bombing and invasion.

When King George VI sat down before two large microphones to make his Christmas day speech to the nation, he was dressed in his official uniform as Admiral of the Fleet. With so many parts of the world facing an uncertain future, his goal was to reassure the people that their nation was prepared and able and their cause right and just.

"A new year is at hand," the king said. "We cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall all be. If it brings us continued struggle, we shall remain undaunted."

Then, turning to some lines of poetry his wife had recently shared with him, he concluded his speech with these words, which are a fitting close to our year together. They offer a word of encouragement that—we hope—will settle your hearts amid the troubles of our own era in history. These lines are from "The Gate of the Year," a poem written in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins:

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied, "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!"*



**Chaplains Prayer List:** Please remember our camp compatriots and their family members who are having health problems or have lost a loved one in your prayers.



Walter Lindler

Bill Smyth  
Shirley Miles

Bob Slimp



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2019

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Feb. 6, 2019	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	Feb. 7, 2019	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
Hampton Redshirts	Feb. 5, 2019	Meets 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM <b>1st Tuesday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum – 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
SC 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 2069	Jan. 21, 2019	Meets 7:00PM <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC

15 <sup>th</sup> Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Jan. 29, 2019	Christmas – <b>NO Meeting</b> Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Jan. 29, 2019	Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy’s BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC
Hunley / Housatonic Memorial Service	Feb. 17, 2019	7:00PM – 9:00PM at Sunrise Presbyterian Church 3222 Middle St. Sullivan’s Island, SC - <a href="http://csatrust.org">http://csatrust.org</a>
Firing on Columbia	Feb. 16, 2019	12:00 Noon to 1:00p.m. both side of the Gervais St. Bridge, Columbia, SC
25 <sup>th</sup> Battle of Aiken	Feb. 22 – 24, 2019	1210 Powell Pond Road Living History Day: Friday, Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00a.m. Aiken, SC <a href="http://battleofaiken.org">http://battleofaiken.org</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Battle for Broxton’s Bridge	March 1 - 3, 2019	Broxton Bridge Plantation, Ehrhardt, SC <a href="http://www.broxtonbridge.com/battle.htm">http://www.broxtonbridge.com/battle.htm</a> Living History Day: Friday, March 1 @ 9:00a.m. Battle of Broxton Bridge: Sat., Mar. 2 & Sunday, Mar. 3
The Skirmish at Gambrel’s Hotel	March 8 - 10, 2019	Education Day: Friday, March 8 @ 08:30a.m. 4789 East Old Marion Hwy, Florence, SC 29502 <a href="http://www.23rdsc.com/event/">http://www.23rdsc.com/event/</a>
S.C. Division SCV 2019 Convention	March 15-16, 2019	Anderson Civic Center 3027 Martin Luther King Blvd. Anderson, SC <a href="http://www.scscv.com">http://www.scscv.com</a>
Battle for Columbia Education Day	April, 2019	Culler Farm – 1291 Valley Ridge Rd. Gaston, SC – Exit 125 I-26 East. Start time 9:00AM – 1:30PM.



## ADJUTANT’S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

I hope everyone had a happy, joyous and safe Christmas and New Years celebrations. It is hard to believe that we are now entering 2019 and right off we will have a major event to get ready for in February.

✙ Wednesday, February 13 – **Legislative Rally** at the S.C. State House we had over 100 participate last year and we really made an positive impression on both House and Senate. This year, with historical revisionist pressing the attack we must do everything possible to build on last year’s success. Our goal is to increase our participants to 200 plus for this years rally. Think about the impact when a much larger group of well-dressed men and women crowd the House and Senate chambers to be recognized by members of both houses. With the time frame we have we should be able to achieve this goal. Mark this date on your calendars, your attendance is critical, I will be sending details in advance of the rally.

✙ Part of our effort to show House and Senate representatives significant support exists in South Carolina for “**Saving ALL Monuments**” will be the presentation of our petition drive results during the Legislative Rally in February.

Our camps Lee-Jackson celebration provides a perfect means for turning in your results. If you can’t attend the Lee-Jackson, you have the option of scanning the petition in and emailing it to me. Snail mail is another option for getting the signed petitions to me and if needed contact me at **803-749-1042** or email me at **cdbiii@bellsouth.net** and we can make arrangements for me to pick up your completed copies.

## *Conversations in the Streets: Christmas Day*

*by H. K. Edgerton*

A former president of the NAACP, **H. K. Edgerton** is an activist for Southern heritage, and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



On this morning, December 25, 2018, (Christmas) I would don the uniform of the Southern soldier and post his Colors on the overpass of Interstate 240W/40W/26E. After about two hours of waving, and acknowledging all the shouting, Rebel Yells, and the calling out of my name from so many; a car bearing Pennsylvania license plates would slowly pass alongside where I stood.

The driver would park, and two black couples would exit. One of the ladies would ask of me; "what is a man of your persuasion doing standing on this bridge brandishing the Confederate battle flag?"

I would answer her as I have a million times before when asked this question: "Just listen! I am here to uplift the spirits of my Southern family."

Just in time for them to hear my name called out, several cars blowing their horns on and below the overpass, with the rebel yell thrown in to boot from another that passed.

One of the men would remark"; but it is Christmas, we should be celebrating the life of Christ."

"Yes, we should, and I am. It was Christ who brought the African people to the Southland of America to be with the Southern white man who taught a heathen people of his presence" I said.

"But we came as slaves," the other lady would reply.

"Yes, but he is right" said the quiet man. "Slavery was the only way that our ancestors would have gained entrance into this land, and our ancestors proved in that institution their worth to be here."

I was beside myself with an unexpected joy with the way this conversation was going. I had to ask if they were Yankees?

The quiet man spoke again: "we live in Philadelphia by way of Camden, South Carolina, and they still live there. We are lifelong friends" he said pointing to the other couple who were now holding hands.

"You must be a Christian" he said to me.

"I am" was my reply. "For the African in the South, servitude was his training camp in the Army of Christ. And kind people, we have come to the time that we must stand once again with the Southern white man, our family to do battle once again with the Angels of the Anti-Christ and their attacks on our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and the Christianity taught to us.

The restraining force that is holding back wickedness, evil, and the devil in America has always been the Southern white man. And, he is hated because he molded his Africans to follow in his footsteps to Jesus Christ."

Our conversation turned to immigration, and how so many different people come into our nation whose moral and spiritual value is not based upon the teachings in the Bible and is our covenant, and the moral code it gives to us; even though we are a nation that believes in religious freedoms, while they refuse to inculcate this into their thinking or operational processes.

One of the men said that he believed that President Obama was a Muslim even though he denied it. He mentioned the company that Obama kept not only as a student, but as a Senator. And, the donations they made to his Senatorial and Presidential campaigns. And how Obama followed the principles of Marxist in his so-called community work in Chicago.

The quiet man who was becoming less quiet, said that he had studied Marcus Garvey's life, and believed that the NAACP has never been a friend of the African people, but just used them to further an agenda for the Northern Jew.

And, that they and the Southern Poverty Law Center were the personification of real evil, and the greatest enemy of the black man in the 21st century.

They would give me \$20.00 to buy breakfast, hugs all around, and asked if they could pray for me. This was one of my best Christmas presents that I can remember.

Merry Christmas, and may God bless you!

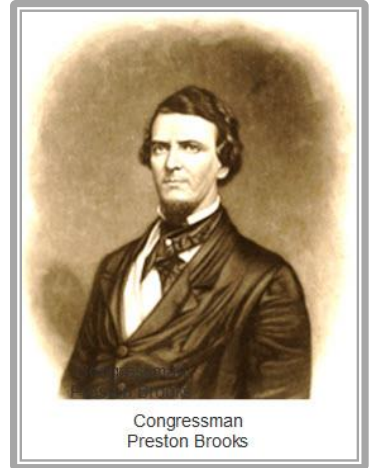
## Cane fight! Preston Brooks, S.C. verse Charles Sumner, MA

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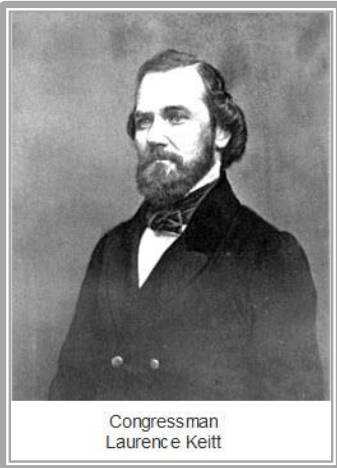


Sen. Charles Sumner

Massachusetts Senator **Charles Sumner** sat at his desk in the nearly empty Chamber of the United States Senate on May 22, 1856. He had recently given a speech called "The Crime Against Kansas" on abolishing slavery in the United States. The speech described atrocities occurring in Kansas at the time. There pro-slavery border ruffians from Missouri crossed into Kansas and attacked anti-slavery settlers. Senator Sumner specifically mentioned Senator Andrew Butler, of South Carolina in the speech because of his involvement with the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Butler's nephew, Congressman **Preston Brooks**, who had taken the speech particularly personally, entered the Senate Chamber. He proceeded to attack Senator Sumner with a walking stick. Brooks, who was accompanied at the time by Congressman **Laurence Keitt** of South Carolina and Congressman **Henry Edmundson** of Virginia, assaulted Sumner "with a considerable amount of violence." Sumner was struck with "numerous blows on and about the head with a walking stick which cut his head." Brooks hit Sumner so hard with the cane that part of the cane shattered. When other senators attempted to intervene and assist Senator Sumner, they were blocked by Congressman Keitt, who was wielding a pistol and shouting.

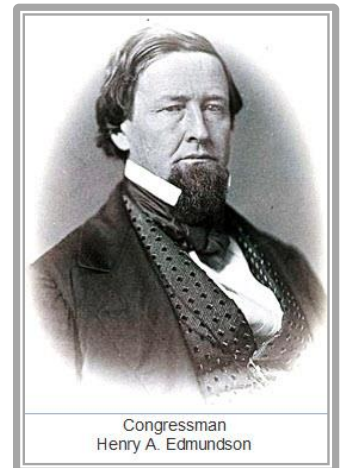


Congressman  
Preston Brooks



Congressman  
Laurence Keitt

The attack was brutal, and Senator Sumner did not make another public appearance after the attack until November 5, 1856. Sumner did not return to the Senate for three years but was repeatedly reelected by the Massachusetts General Court. Despite the extreme violence involved in the attack, an investigation by the United States Congress determined that Brooks did not intend to kill Sumner, but simply aimed to "punish him."



Congressman  
Henry A. Edmundson

The 1856 attack shed light on the amount of passion in the debate about slavery in the United States during the 1850s. It was common for physical altercations to occur on the frontier in the Kansas area between anti-slavery and pro-slavery settlers, but a physical exchange in the Senate Chamber did not happen often. The fact that such a violent attack was not regarded as much more than retribution for something said in a speech by Senator Sumner exemplified how the conflict between pro-slavery and anti-slavery partisans was increasingly escalating into violence during the 1850s. Northerners and Southerners obviously reacted to the incident differently. Many Southerners viewed Brooks's actions as manly and honorable because he was standing up not just for his family, but also his state, section, and slavery. However, in the North physicality and violence were increasingly at odds with ideals of manhood among the middle classes, and many northerners viewed the caning of Sumner by Brooks as a barbaric assault, not just on Sumner himself, but on the fabric of American democracy. Speeches given at the time were taken personally, especially when the speeches invoked the names of relatives. This beating demonstrated the passion sparked by the debate over slavery, which eventually contributed to the start of the Civil War.

# Lee – Jackson Banquet

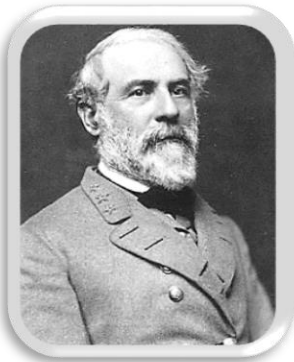
Friday Evening – January 18, 2019

6:30PM – 9:00PM

At Seawell's Restaurant

1125 Rosewood Dr.

Columbia, SC



*General Robert E. Lee*



*Lt. Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson*

## ***Entertainment:***

***Speaker: Ken Temples***

MARY'S PRAYER, LEE'S HEART AND STONEWALL'S PASSION

***Toasts To: Gen. Robert E. Lee and Lt. Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson***

***Concert by the "Pickin Pearls"***

***Drawing for Door Prizes***

<b><i>Ticket prices:</i></b>	<i>Individual</i>	-	<b><i>\$25.00</i></b>
	<i>Couples</i>	-	<b><i>\$45.00</i></b>
	<i>Children (4 - 11)</i>	-	<b><i>\$7.50</i></b>

## ***Dress***

***Coat and Tie, Period Dress, Red Shirts acceptable***

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## Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

- Jan. 9, 1861 Artillery fires on the *Star of the West* from Morris Island as it crosses into the main entrance channel to Charleston Harbor. As the ship comes about, Fort Moultrie opens fire, also with cannon shot. A mile and a half from Fort Sumter, the ship withdraws.
- Jan. 3, 1861 Georgia militia under the command of Francis "Frank" Bartow seize Fort Pulaski, at the mouth of the Savannah River, from a single federal soldier and a contractor
- Jan. 1, 1862 **Romney Campaign** – Was a military expedition of the Confederate States Army during the early part of the WBTS. It is named for Romney, West Virginia, which at the time was still the state of Virginia. The expedition was conducted in this locale from January 1 to January 24, 1862, as part of the preliminary actions of Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign.
- Jan. 11, 1862 **Simon Cameron** – Union Secretary of War resigns his position because of irregularities in the running of his department, ranging from plain incompetence to swindling. On January 13 Pres. Lincoln makes Edwin Stanton Secretary of War.
- Jan. 16, 1863 The Confederate commerce raider Florida eludes the Federal blockade and slips into Mobile Bay. Over the next year and a half, the raider will take some 15 Northern vessels as prizes, mostly in the waters of the West Indies.
- Jan. 15, 1865 **2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt on Fort Fisher** – was the largest earthen fortification in the world in 1865. With the fall of Fort Fisher the last remaining Confederate port was lost.
- Jan. 19, 1865 After regrouping in Savannah for a month, William Tecumseh Sherman begins moving north into South Carolina

**Lee-Jackson  
Banquet  
FRIDAY, JAN. 18  
6:30 P.M.**



**SEAWELL'S  
1125 Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, SC  
Speaker  
Mr. Ken Temples  
(MARY'S PRAYER, LEE'S  
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