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## A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

### COMMANDERS CORNER

BILLY PITTMAN

Compatriots, I want to thank everyone for attending the Lee Jackson banquet in January and for everyone who worked to make the event successful. Special thanks to Compatriot Neil Kumar for his toast of Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson. I was honored to give the toast for Gen. Robert E. Lee. A framed picture of General Lee that I found recently at an antique store hangs beside me as I write. I pray that we southerners will never forget what these men did for us and I hope that future generations will continue to look to them as shining examples of courage, duty, character, integrity and Christian manhood.

For those who were not in attendance, we recognized two of our camp members with awards for 2019. I want to again congratulate Charlie Bray for being receiving the Edward C. Thomas Award for 2019. This award recognizes a camp officer for his tireless work and effort in serving the camp. I also want to again congratulate Terry Hughey for being awarded the Thaddeus Raines Memorial Award for 2019. This award recognizes an outstanding camp member (non-officer) for his efforts in serving the camp during the year. It takes a lot of effort for the camp to operate and these gents have done more than their fair share.

As a reminder, the 2020 Legislative Day Rally at the South Carolina State House will take place on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend as a strong turnout and numbers reflects well on the SCV. Compatriot and Camp Adjutant Charlie Bray recently sent an email with details of the event. I encourage you to read the details he provided because there are some important guidelines to follow. Please attend if you can. On a personal note, I have missed 5 days of work due to having the flu this week (I still have it at this writing and my wife has it too) but I hope to attend the rally next week if my work schedule will allow. In past years, the entire balcony has been filled by SCV members and our turnout exceeds any other group in my estimation. These numbers get attention and our lawmakers need to know that we take protection of our history and destruction of our veteran monuments seriously and we will hold them accountable at the ballot box.

A couple of events to note for February: Hosted by the camp, the Firing on Columbia will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup> at noon (to 1:00PM). This will occur on both sides of the Gervais Bridge in Columbia. The Battle of Aiken takes place from February 21-23. This is usually a high turnout event and a great one for spectators. If you have a friend who has always wanted to go to a reenactment, this would be a great one to take them to.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Seawell's Restaurant located at 1125 Rosewood Drive in Columbia, SC. Our speaker will be Compatriot Layne Waters and his topic will be "A War Between Brethren". I hope to see you there and as always, guests are welcome.



## 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**



### LT. COMMANDER'S TENT

LAYNE WATERS (RETIRED)

#### ~ Events of February ~

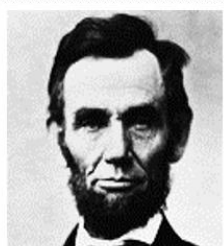
This Month (February), in 1865, saw the Hampton Roads Conference an attempt to end the war by negotiation.



River Queen



#### Union Representatives



UN President  
Abraham Lincoln



UN Sec. of State  
William H. Seward

The Hampton Roads Conference was a peace conference held between the United States and the Confederate States on February 3, 1865, aboard the steamboat River Queen in Hampton Roads, Virginia, to discuss terms to end the American Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln and Secretary of State William H. Seward, representing the Union, met with three commissioners from the Confederacy: Vice President Alexander H. Stephens, Senator Robert M. T. Hunter, and Assistant Secretary of War John A. Campbell.

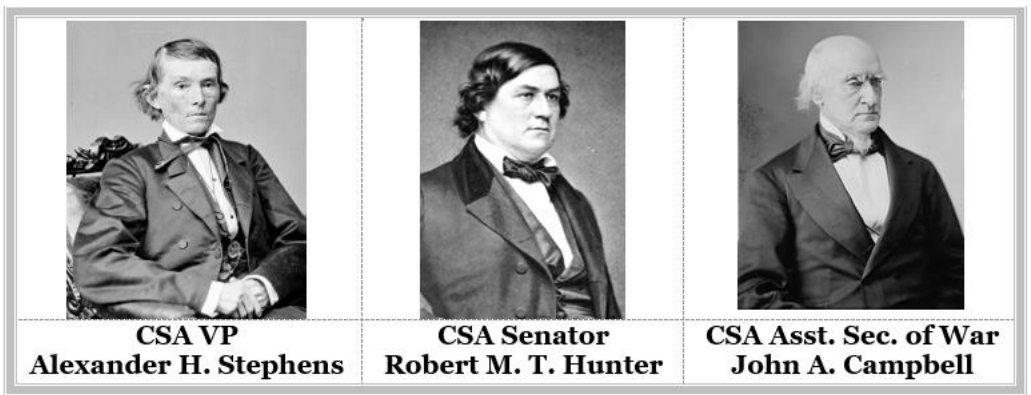
The representatives discussed a possible alliance against France, the possible terms of surrender, the question of whether slavery might persist after the war, and the question of whether the South would be compensated for property lost through emancipation. Lincoln and Seward reportedly offered some possibilities for compromise on the issue of slavery. The one concrete agreement reached over prisoner-of-war exchanges. Hopeful rumors the war was ending soon circulated on both sides. However, Lincoln

rejected a two-country solution and since the Southern representatives were authorized to accept independence only, no settlement was possible. The conference quickly ended in failure.

The Confederate commissioners

immediately returned to

Richmond at the conclusion of the conference. Confederate President Jefferson Davis announced that the North would not compromise. Lincoln drafted an amnesty agreement based on terms discussed at the Conference but met with opposition from his Cabinet.



CHAPLAINS WITNESS

WALTER W. "SOAPY"

***Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.***

***Psalms 42:5***

Hope misplaced is hope lost. Hope cannot stand alone. It does not float on air. Hope must be placed in something. That something must be the right thing. Otherwise, hope is lost.

A soul that has lost hope is a sad and troubled soul. It looks for answers it cannot find, for joy that always fades. It finds fears that it cannot face.

To lose hope is to have a miserable existence.

We might think of medical patients to whom doctors say, "There is nothing more we can do." We might remember the American prisoners on the Bataan Death March when the Philippines fell to the Japanese.

Hope is more than an emotion. It rests alongside faith and love. It is at the center of our soul. It has been placed there by our God. Better to lose an arm or an eye than to lose hope.

The hope the psalmist speaks of is different from a child hoping for a toy or a person hoping it doesn't rain on a picnic. Disappointment comes when such incidental hopes are lost.

Disaster follows the loss of essential hope. The meaning of our lives, the reason to keep living, and the joy of life is bundled with the hope planted into our souls by our Creator.

We want things to turn out well. We work toward that end. We pray for it. No matter how difficult or long the path, we want to find joy and success at the end.

We hope for the good.

We are born with hope in our hearts. Disappointments can whittle away at it. Tragedies can kick it in the face. Failures can cause us to lose sight of it. Despair crushes it. How can we protect it? How can we keep hope alive and well?

We need to put it in a safe place. Hope in our skills will fail. Hope in our friends will fade. Hope placed in our money or job won't keep it safe. Only one place is safe. The psalmist names it. **PUT YOUR HOPE IN GOD!** That's the essential message the Lord God gives to the human race. When we are told to "Fear, love, and trust in God above all things..." we are pointed to the place for our hope.

The triune God never changes, never fails, and always cares. Better than gold in a bank vault is hope resting in the everlasting arms of the Almighty.

Can he take care of our needs? Ask the birds of the air who feeds them.

Can he protect us from danger? Ask the wind and the waves who commands them?

Can he rescue us from death? Ask Moses and Elijah, who appeared on earth thousands of years after their earthly life ended.

Can he deliver us from evil? He did. Look at Golgotha. Look at Easter's empty tomb. Then declare with the apostle Paul, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

The next time our soul begins to worry, relay the order from on high: "Place your hope in God!" And all will be well.

**Prayer: Since all power is in your hands, O Lord, and since you watch over your servants with loving eyes, lead us along the path of life. Lead us to victory and glory everlasting. In you alone, we place our hope. Amen.**



**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.



**Bob Slimp**



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Mar. 4, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	Mar. 5, 2019	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
Hampton Redshirts	Mar. 3, 2020	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	Feb. 17, 2020	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	Feb. 25, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Feb. 25, 2020	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, 2020	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. 15, 2020	12:00 Noon to 1:00p.m. both side of the Gervais St. Bridge, Columbia, SC
25 <sup>th</sup> Battle of Aiken	Feb. 21 – 23, 2020	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	Feb. 29 – Mar. 1, 2020	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 7 - 8, 2020	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 20-21, 2020	The Lodge 7116 Highway 9 Inman, SC <a href="http://scscv.com/2020-sc-division-state-convention/">http://scscv.com/2020-sc-division-state-convention/</a>



## ADJUTANT'S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

I was saddened following the removal of the Lee Monument in Dallas, TX. We have lost so many monuments in the past 10 years and the onslaught of the revisionist crowd continuing to push for more removals. However, the Dallas, TX Lee Monument has been given a new home and is on display where it is appreciated. The following article gives details of its journey to its new home. Hopefully more deep pocketed benefactors will step up and other monuments will be saved in the future.

# Dallas' Robert E. Lee Statue Has Landed at Black Jack's Crossing Near Terlingua

BY [SHAWN SHINNEMAN](#) PUBLISHED IN [FRONTBURNER](#) SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 11:21 AM

Dallas' Robert E. Lee statue has a new home.

A private buyer shipped it to a Lajitas golf course owned by oil and gas billionaire Kelcy Warren almost exactly two years since the Confederate General was pulled from its perch in what was then Lee Park. On Monday, the sculpture completed a 600-mile journey to Black Jack's Crossing near the border, about a dozen miles from Terlingua. It was mounted on a pediment in the middle of the golf course's putting green on Thursday, according to Scott Beasley, who manages the course for Dallas-based WSB Resorts and Clubs.

"I'm standing here on the putting green looking at it right now," Beasley said Friday morning. "It's just spectacular."

The private owner is Addison-based attorney Ronald Holmes of Holmes Firm PC, a friend of the course who was down in Terlingua for Thursday's dedication. According to Beasley, the monument is a gift. Holmes did not return a call about the donation. We also have an email out to Warren.

Dallas sold the statue for \$1.4 million in June after the City Council decided to auction it off. Its minimum purchase price was \$450,000. At first, we only knew the buyer by his online auction name—LawDude. City documents identified Holmes, but he hadn't hinted at what he'd do with his new hunk of Alexander Phimister Proctor-made metal.

There were weeks of discussion leading up to the [13-1 Council vote](#) on September 5, 2017, ending with it being taken down and stored. Opponents saw it as an attempt to rewrite history. But the majority of voices around the horseshoe viewed it as a monument to white supremacy and oppression. The piece was made in 1935, well after the end of the Civil War, and depicts Lee on his horse alongside another Confederate soldier.



Beasley doesn't seem concerned about any controversy. Business is apparently booming at its new home, a course that has been perennially named among the top five or so in the state.

**"We've had the best year we've ever had," said Beasley.**

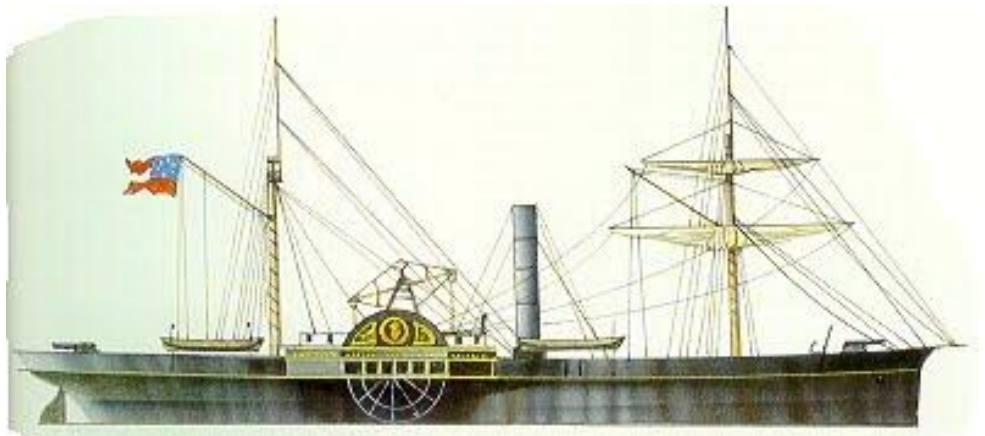
### Quote: Robert E. Lee, 1863

*"It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers! In fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these editor/geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start yet failed to inform me until it was too late. Accordingly, I'm readily willing to yield my command to these obviously superior intellects, and I'll, in turn, do my best for the Cause by writing editorials - after the fact."*

### CSS Patrick Henry

C. Bray

The CSS *Patrick Henry*, at times referred to as the '*Patrick*' was the former side-wheel passenger and freight steamer *Yorktown*. At 1,300 tons, she was 250' long with a beam of 34', a draft of 13', and a depth of hold of 17' and ran between Richmond, Va., and New York. The '*Yorktown*' was Brigantine-rigged, constructed at New York City by William H. Webb for the New York & Old



Dominion S.S. Line in 1859. The original Webb plans for the vessel are still extant. When Virginia seceded from the Union on 17 April 1861, the '*Yorktown*', then in the James River, was seized by the State and subsequently turned over to the Confederate Navy.

After seizure, Commander J. R. Tucker, CSN, who commanded the newly organized James River Squadron, directed that the '*Yorktown*' should be converted into a lightly protected ship-of-war and renamed, CSS *Patrick Henry*, carrying a complement of 150. She had a 10" smooth bore, a 64 pounder, 6 8" guns, and 2 32-pounder rifles. Tucker, assigned her to a position near Mulberry Island in the James to protect the right flank of the Confederate Peninsula Army and, during the following months, the '*Patrick Henry*' remained in the area to provide defense against possible attack by Federal vessels from Newport News.

Anxious to further the Navy's operational role, Secretary Mallory gave clear instruction in his letter to the Commander of the newly acquired 'gun boat'..

CONFEDERATE STATES,  
Navy Department, Richmond, July 13, 1861.

*SIR: It is deemed important that the steamer Patrick Henry, under your command, shall leave James River at the earliest practicable moment and make an active cruise at sea against the enemy. The Department is unwilling by any instructions to limit your discretion as to the time and manner of running the blockade, your cruising ground, or your return, confiding, as it does, in your good Judgment; but it is evident that your success will be greatly promoted by your escape from the river without the enemy's knowledge.*

*Should a doubt at any time arise as to the course to be pursued, it may be solved by the consideration that, in accordance with the rules of Christian warfare, you are to inflict upon the enemy the greatest injury in the shortest*

time. It is believed that the speed of the *Patrick Henry* is greater than that of any of the ships of the United States, and that her battery will enable her to engage such vessels as the *Harriet Lane* and the chartered steamers of the enemy's Navy generally, thus affording you the means of escaping from his first-class ships and of capturing those of the second class. The possession of one of the enemy's cruisers of this class, with her signal book might enable you to capture some of his heavier vessels.

Steam propellers are important to us, as are all ordnance and military stores; and captures of this class you will endeavour to send safely into port. Should you find it impracticable to leave the river, you will cooperate with the military forces against the enemy, keeping watch by day and night upon his movements, attacking and annoying him to the utmost of your power. Should circumstances render it important to land your crew to cooperate with the land forces, you will secure your ship under the guns of the Jamestown battery, keeping her ready for instant service.



**CSA Sec. of the Navy  
Stephen Russell Mallory**

You will impress upon your officers the importance of establishing and maintaining good discipline, and of inciting every man to do his duty; and you will specially report to the Department the name, place of birth, age, character, and qualifications of every man under your command, whose good conduct, particularly in action, or in moments of peril or excitement may merit your commendation. You will keep this Department advised of your movements, and you will endeavour to prevent all publications thereof; not authorized by yourself; as tending to defeat your objects.

With my best wishes for yourself and your command, I am, respect. fully, your obedient servant,

S.R. MALLORY,  
Secretary of the Navy.

In the event, despite the '*Patrick Henry*' being a heavy ship in confederate terms, Commander Tucker never made it to the open sea; but on September 13th and subsequently on December 2nd 1861, he took the '*Patrick Henry*' down-river to a point about a mile and a half above Newport News where he opened fire on the Federal squadron at long range, in an attempt to tempt some of the gunboats into conflict. His ruse failed but Tucker managed to inflict some minor damage, nonetheless.

During the battle of Hampton Roads, Va., three month later on March 8th, 1862, when the ironclad CSS *Virginia* successfully engaged with the Union fleet, the '*Patrick Henry*' approached the *USS Congress* in an attempt to accept its surrender. The '*Congress*' which by this time had run aground, was flying a white flag but lying in close proximity to other Federal ships. As a result, the '*Patrick Henry*' came under fire from several and nearby shore batteries, taking one serious hit through her steam chest, killing four of her crew. Towed out of action long enough to make temporary repairs, she soon resumed her former position and in the engagement between CSS *Virginia* and *USS Monitor* the following day, the '*Patrick Henry*' also fired from some distance to hamper the '*Monitor*' in maneuvering against the Confederate ironclad. For this action, the Confederate Congress later accorded special thanks to all officers and men for their gallant conduct during the two-day engagement. \*

On May 5th, the '*Patrick Henry*' in a daring night mission, removed much needed supplies and equipment from the Norfolk Navy Yard before it was abandoned to the Federal advance. After the surrender of Norfolk on May 10th, 1862, the James River Squadron retired up the river to Drewry's Bluff where pursuing Federal ships were repulsed on May 15th. In October 1863, the '*Patrick Henry*' became the floating Confederate States Naval Academy at Drewry's Bluff, where instruction for fifty-two young midshipmen began under the supervision of Lt. W. H. Parker, CSN. Designated as 'academy' in May 1862, the vessel was retrofitted for her new role which lasted until she was eventually destroyed by the Confederates when Richmond was evacuated April 3rd, 1865.

***Recruit, Recruit, Recruit***

***Individuals Interested in joining the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 should contact***

***Compatriot Bryan Pittman***

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***WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN***



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

- Feb. 7, 1861      **North Fork, OK (Indian Territory)** – The Choctaw Council on February 7 adopted resolutions declaring their affiliation and sympathy with the Southern States in the Civil War.
- Feb. 18, 1861      **San Antonio, TX** – 1,000 armed Texans surrounded Union Gen. David E. Twiggs's 160-man garrison, forcing the general to surrender. Union soldiers were allowed to leave the state carrying their arms, but \$1.6 million of government property was seized by the Confederacy. Texas took possession of the 20 military installations, 44 cannon, 1,900 muskets, 400 pistols, 2 magazines of ammunition, 500 wagons, and 950 horses.
- Feb. 14, 1862      **Cumberland Gap, TN** – a Union force, commanded by Lt. Col. Mundy, attacked the Confederate post at Cumberland Gap. The post's garrison, commanded by Col. James E. Rains, withstood the Union assault. Mundy was forced to withdraw.
- Feb. 26, 1863      **Woodburn, TN** – On this date a group of Confederate guerrillas halted a Union wagon train and 240 mules near Woodburn. The Confederates captured and burned the entire train and seized the mules.
- Feb. 11, 1864      **Kearneysville, WV** – Confederate raiders, commanded by Maj. H.W. Gilmer, attacked a B&O Railroad train near Kearneysville. The train was derailed. The raiders repatriated assets from the train's crew and passengers.
- Feb. 10, 1865      **James Island, SC** – On this date four Union gunboats shelled the Confederate rifle pits while Union Gen. Schimmelfennig's troops began their landing. CSA Maj Manigault was severely wounded and taken prisoner during the fighting. The battle proved to be inconclusive when both sides eventually withdrew after making no significant gains.
- Feb. 20, 1865      **Richmond, VA** – On this date the Confederate House of Representatives authorized the use of slaves as soldiers. Gen. R.E. Lee endorses the idea.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 20  
6:00 P.M.**



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