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WADE HAMPTON CAMP HOSTS LONGEST DAYS EVENT

(FROM THESTATE.COM)

On Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp No. 273 hosted a public reenactment of the Federal firing on Columbia that took place in February, 1865. The following article was written by Mindy Lucas of The State newspaper, and it can be found online at <http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/16/2636650/living-history-re-enactors-mark.html#>. The picture is the Camp's own. Many thanks to our own Don Gordon for making the event such a success!

They may not have been watching the skies for snow 148 years ago as they were in West Columbia Saturday. But it was a cold and blustery February day just the same when artillery shells began to rain over Columbia.

On Feb. 16, 1865, the war that had been raging for four years arrived at Columbia's doorstep.

The cannon fire came from across the Congaree River, as Union troops led by Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman began blasting the Capital City at dawn.

Often called "Columbia's Longest Days," Sherman's march on Columbia would start, much as it did Saturday, with ear-splitting, teeth-rattling cannon fire. It would end with most of what is now Columbia's downtown area, including the old State House, burned to the ground.

"It scared the populace to death here," said Mike Keller, who had driven from Greenville to take part in Saturday's re-enactment.

Keller was one of about 25 men and boys who carried out the "Cannonade of Columbia" in temperatures just under 40 degrees. Set up in a vacant parking lot in West Columbia, across from the Gervais Street bridge, participants wore Civil War garb and



The Confederate defenses on the Columbia side of the river included Camp 51 Commander Bobby Epting and other Compatriots who traveled from the Upstate

manned three 6- and 10-pound cannons, named for the size shell they used. Across the river, Confederate "sharpshooters," or snipers, returned fire just as they had in 1865. (Back then, the bridge had already been burned by Confederate soldiers in an attempt to slow Union forces.)

Of course, there were many more artillery weapons used that day than Saturday's cannons – Ordnance-rifle and Parrott-rifle cannons, to be exact.

And the cannons Saturday fired only blanks.

But the loading of the rounds with long "ramming staffs" and the cooling of the barrels with water was done in much the same way as it would have been done in the late 1800s, said Keller.

Part of "Culpepper's Battery," named for the Confederate unit from South Carolina, Keller has participated in the firing on Columbia for nearly 20 years. As a member of the Military History Club of the Carolinas, he also participates in re-enactments from other wars in American history.

"We do (from) the French and Indian war, on up," he said.

The 61-year-old said it was important to mark such events and had brought his 10-year-old grandson, Easton Keller, to participate.

"He's really gotten into social studies and is just now learning about what was going on then," he said. "He is living something that actually happened 148 years ago."

Compatriots, how wonderful it is to see camp members who invest time to bring first quality programs for us to enjoy as well as learn our history better. Layne did an excellent job speaking on Mr. Hunley and his war machine. Many hours of research, I am certain, went into his presentation with a slideshow that offered us visuals that otherwise we would not have been exposed to. Again, many thanks, Layne.

Since our last Legionary, we had a skirmish in Columbia, thanks to Yanks coming through, pillaging and looting the South. Sherman's hoodlums mustered just across

the Gervais Street bridge, firing on our town. This recreation took place mainly due to Don Gordon and his efforts to hold off Sherman's campaign that wreaked havoc on General Hampton as he had the city evacuated to their safety. Thank you, Don, for bringing such a massive amount of media to spotlight the "Cause".

On this note, our efforts to retain members should be at the forefront of our membership. Let's be honest, isn't it much easier to keep a member than it is to find one? I know some across the ranks would beg to differ, but I think like a realist. Let's do what

we can to encourage and strengthen those compatriots we already know and rub shoulders with. I challenge you to come to a camp meeting and introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Think of your ancestor and the compatriots he had to meet in a similar way. These are the kin of the ancestors your great-uncle or great-grandfather camped and fought beside. Don't be a stranger.

We have many activities coming up in the coming months. Plan to offer your time and efforts to so that the colors will be forwarded. Together, we can do much.

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CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

WALTER W. LINDLER

Easter Sunday is March 31st, and I have found an account of how our Civil War soldiers may have celebrated. For many of us, there will be Church and then gathering with loved ones, family, and friends for an Easter Sunday meal. There will be ham or turkey or lamb for some with lots of salads and vegetables and desserts. As we sit down to such a sumptuous meal, we need to consider- What did the soldiers on both sides have on Easter?

During the war, Easter fell on March 31, 1861, April 20, 1862, April 5, 1863, March 27, 1864, and April 10, 1865.

We must remember that many soldiers went days without food and subsisted on water and what they could find. So on these Easters, they did not enjoy the meals we do today. Here are a few accounts of the meals Confederates and Federals had on their Easter Sunday. They seem so thankful for what they got.

- April 20, 1862, USA: "This is Easter and a pretty day. We had 2 eggs a piece this morning" -Alexander Gwen

- April 5, 1863, CSA, Warrenton, MS: "Captain Carter and myself have just finished eating a hearty dinner of crawfish (the first I've ever tried)." -William Chunn

- April 5, 1863, CSA, Camp Gregg, VA: "We get plenty to eat. Each man gets 2 ounces of meat a day, but it's thick that 2 ounces will do a man generally about two days. It is fully one half inch thick and on half that is pure skin and you know that we ought not grumble. They say the next meat we draw will be a mule. I told the commissary to be certain and get a hind quarter." -G.J. Huntley

- April 5, 1863, CSA, Camp of the 23rd NC Reg. near Guinea Station, VA: "The snow is about seven or eight inches deep. I don't think we will have a very gay Easter today as game is scarce, and we can get no eggs." -Jer Coggin

- March 27, 1864, CSA: "Rations- bacon, meal, rice, sugar, coffee, candies, soap, and salt. Tom cooked so I had nothing to do." -James Payton

- March 27, 1864, CSA: "Had a cup of genuine coffee this morning for breakfast-something unusual." -John Jackma

- March 27, 1864, CSA: "Bacon or pork & cornbread." -JP

- March 27, 1864, USA: "The beautiful Easter Sunday finds us all OK for it is as pretty and warm day, but we have no eggs. We could have them at 40 cents per doz but I guess we will do without this time." -Daniel Chisholm

I found these actual accounts from a historical archive of the Civil War. These were quotes from our troops and their leaders of how they spent Easter during the Civil War era.

We are to be reminded that OUR SAVIOR THE LORD JESUS suffered death on the cross and shed HIS blood so we would have ETERNAL LIFE.

Easter isn't about chocolate rabbits and jelly bellies, but a time of Thanksgiving that those who believe in Him will be granted Life after Death.

"Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continued help; put good desires in our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever."

Happy Easter!!

It is hard to believe that this year on May 3rd, the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 will begin the 10th "Battle for Columbia Education Day". For those Compatriots who have not participated in the BFC Education Day, I must say you have missed a great experience of sharing our **Southern** heritage with the students, teachers, and chaperones. The students attending represent Lexington, Calhoun, and Richland county schools as well as a number of home school students. Along with the satisfaction of spending Friday morning outdoors in a beautiful country setting, you will be provided a catered lunch where you will be able to enjoy great conversation and comradeship with your Camp members. Compatriots, you have a great opportunity to participate in the Battle for Columbia Education Day event and support the heritage left to us by our ancestors who suffered and in many cases died fighting to preserve that heritage.

It is your Camp and we need your support!

Battle for Columbia
Living History and Education Day
Friday May 3rd, 2013 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

~Catered Lunch Provided~



Please complete the sections below, fold this page over, staple/tape it, stamp it, and forward to Terry Hughey.

We need Clean-up, Marshals, and someone to man the entrance gate.

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Marshal:

Admissions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Fill this form out, fold it up, staple or tape it, put a stamp on the outside, and mail it to Terry. His address is pre-printed for you on the other side.

Terry Hughey

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- Clean-up – This year we will have a short time frame to clean up the site for BFC Education Day. The Marine Corps Mud Run has changed and is now scheduled for the week before our event. We are asking volunteers to help out beginning Sunday, April 28th through Thursday, May 2nd. Please bring gloves, string, trimmers, and assorted gardening tools.
- Marshal – Will escort a group of students, their teacher, and any parent chaperons while on site.
- Admissions – Works in the ticket house and collects the money and checks from teachers.

ATTENTION COMPATRIOTS! Our event is quickly approaching, and we will need the Camp's assistance. Friday, May 3 is Education Day, and we will need volunteers to help guide classes between stations. At the time I write this, our Education Day list includes 8 schools bringing 600 students and over 150 adults, teachers, and parents. Our volunteer "Marshals" give assistance to the teachers by helping in many ways, such as finding their way around the BFC site, locating water stations, ferrying lunches to picnic sites, etc. In addition to Marshals, we will also need volunteers to help fill water stations, operate the ticket booth at the front gate, take pictures of the event, empty trash cans, and the list goes on. We need help at every level of our event. If any Compatriot is able to help, please send this form to Terry and also contact me at jdholt@sc.rr.com by April 15. Please plan to be at the Culler farm by 8 AM Friday, May 3. Remember that this is our opportunity to make a lasting impression in the minds of young students and teachers. Please help me in making the 2013 Education Day a great experience that these area schools will want to return to every year. Thanks, J.D. Holt

Terry Hughey
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Charles D. Bray III
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A promotional poster for the 'Battle for Columbia' Civil War reenactment. The top features a blue banner with seven white stars. Below this, the title 'BATTLE FOR COLUMBIA' is written in large, bold, black capital letters, followed by the subtitle 'A CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT' in a smaller, italicized font. The central image shows two men in period uniforms operating a large, black, spoked-wheeled cannon on a grassy field. One man is in the foreground, leaning over the cannon, while the other is slightly behind him, also working on the weapon. A plume of white smoke is visible from the cannon's muzzle. Below the image, the dates 'MAY 4 & 5' are printed in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath the dates, the location 'I-26 HWY EXIT 125' is written in a smaller, bold, black font. At the bottom, a red banner contains the website address 'WWW.BATTLEFORCOLUMBIA.COM' in white, bold, capital letters.

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Compatriots, you may notice a theme running through this and other recent editions of *The Legionary*. With almost 200 members and associates, the Wade Hampton Camp has some excellent human resources available, including you. But these resources are, well, under-utilized.

Do you want to get more involved but feel that you can't give what the Camp truly needs? Then allow me to respectfully disagree and encourage you and all Compatriots by clarifying two key points:

- 1) *Being involved does not mean doing or going to everything, or even maxing-out your own volunteer position.*
- 2) *What you get out of this Camp will be proportional to what you put into it.*

In the last *Legionary*, I listed a few specific positions that are needed in the Wade Hampton Camp. They may have seemed like a lot, especially between our work, our kids,

and other groups in which we are involved. But Commander Turner and I want to stress that you can be involved at any level that works for you. For example, a Veterans Affairs Chairman could do anything from maintaining a simple list of actual US veterans in our Camp for record-keeping to procuring vehicle spots in parades. Or a Brotherhood Chairman might simply facilitate introductions at Camp meetings, or he might find ways to get Compatriots talking to each other during the rest of the month. And of course, just because we have many things going on in our "busy season", these events are not an all-or-nothing proposition; please attend what you can, when you can, as even I know that I cannot be at everything myself, nor can I foresee what my future schedule may hold. Doing whatever you can on the spectrum is all we can ask.

Even if you're not sure what you'd like to do, or if you have another idea, that's great,

too! Just let us know. There are many opportunities, or create your own!

Back in my fraternity days, I took on many roles because I was fortunate enough to have the time. Through several leadership positions, I watched as brothers who took risks and gave what they could to the group wound up feeling more and more attached and fulfilled. This did not occur in direct relation to the measurable time or even the face-value effort they gave, but rather it was all *in proportion to what they actually put in versus what they were able to put in, no matter how much or how little that was.*

So let us all be brave soldiers and ready ourselves, and let us all march together into the battle for the truth of our Southern Heritage, each one of us as ready as he can be. Let us set good examples to new members, and let us show everyone why the Wade Hampton Camp is the best!



ADJUTANT'S ROLL

CHARLES D. BRAY III

It is hard to believe that we are almost eight months into our fiscal year and are approaching what I consider our Camp's busy season. We began this year with the Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 18th, and on February 16, sponsored a very successful reenactment of Sherman's Firing on Columbia. These two events began 2013, and the following are even more currently planned events that the Wade Hampton Camp participates in as the sponsor or co-sponsor:

- April 7: Wade Hampton Memorial Service
- May 3: Battle for Columbia Education

Day

- May 4: Confederate Memorial Day at Elmwood Cemetery and march to the SC Statehouse
- May 4 and 5: Battle for Columbia Reenactment
- May 10: Confederate Memorial Day Observance at the Confederate Memorial on the Statehouse grounds
- Lexington Veterans Day Parade
- City of Columbia Veterans Day Parade

These listed events provide us with visibility to the general populace, but there are

other things we do that are equally important:

- Hunley Award presentation to high school ROTC cadets
- Living history presentations to schools and church groups

I urge each of you to consider participating in some of these events. I have found that working with other Camp members at the Battle for Columbia and other events has been very enjoyable for me, and I feel certain that any one of you would find it so as well.



NOTICE: WADE HAMPTON MEMORIAL SERVICE

CHARLES D. BRAY III

The Wade Hampton Memorial Service, which has been sponsored for the past several years by our Camp, will be held in Keenan Chapel at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 7, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Robert (Bob) L. Slimp, a member of the Wade Hampton Camp 273. Bob will speak on Wade Hampton and the role he played in rescuing the Palmetto State, Florida, and Louisiana from the horrors of reconstruction

and how his efforts determined the outcome of a Presidential election. In addition to his address, we will have excellent music provided by camp member Don Jones and his band. After the formal service, we will walk to the grave of Lt. General Hampton, which bears the inscription "whole hearted, true hearted, faithful and loyal," where a brief memorial ceremony will take place. Then it will be on to his equestrian statue on the Statehouse grounds where

there will be Confederate re-enactors.

This memorial service marks the beginning of our Camp's busy season, so *Please* make every effort to attend this event and invite your friends.

The observance is open to the public, and we hope for a large turnout because we want everyone in the greater Columbia area to see how we, as members of the SCV, honor our ancestors.

Wade Hampton Camp Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- April 7, 2013 **Wade Hampton Memorial Service** at Trinity Episcopal Church; see the Notice inside this newsletter for more information
- May 3, 2013 **Battle for Columbia Education Day** in south Lexington County; see the flyer inside this newsletter for more information
- May 4, 2013 **Confederate Memorial Service** at Elmwood Cemetery and the Statehouse
- May 4-5, 2013 **Battle for Columbia Reenactment** in south Lexington County; see the flyer inside this newsletter and BattleForColumbia.com for more info
- May 10, 2013 **Confederate Memorial Day** at the Statehouse

Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact

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Next Camp Meeting:

Thursday, March 21, 2013
Dinner starts at 6:00 P.M.

Seawell's Restaurant

1125 Rosewood Dr., Columbia



Speaker: Compatriot Roy Vandergrift III

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