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RUSTY RENTZ

I, along with other Wade Hampton Camp members, attended Brigade Commander Frank Berry's memorial service on March 11, 2016. I am not certain of the year Frank joined the Wade Hampton Camp but I believe it was during my first term as Camp Commander, 1999-2001. After several years in the Wade Hampton Camp Frank and several other members organized the Palmetto Camp. I wish we had more members with Frank's love and passion for the SCV and their Confederate Ancestor. Frank will be truly missed but his memory will live on.

Compatriots, I urge you to continuously be in contact with your elected representatives. If you have written or called them once, call and/or write them again. Let them know you are proud of your Confederate Heritage and History and we will continue to promote our Confederate Heritage at every available opportunity.

Sunday March 27, 2016 is Easter Sunday. If you are not a regular church attendee I would encourage you to attend church on this day and hear the message of Hope and Redemption through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May of this year will be a busy month. Your assistance is needed. I am asking you well in advance so you can make plans to assist YOUR camp. We have decided to reinstate a battle on the Saturday and Sunday following Education Day. Education Day will be on Friday May 6, 2016. We will need persons to assist with this event as we have in the past. On Saturday May 7, 2016 we will observe Confederate Memorial Day beginning at 10:00 am at Elmwood Cemetery followed by a procession to the State House for another service. On this day, May 7, we will also need assistance with the battle scheduled for 4:00 pm at John Culler's farm. Assistance will also be needed on Sunday.

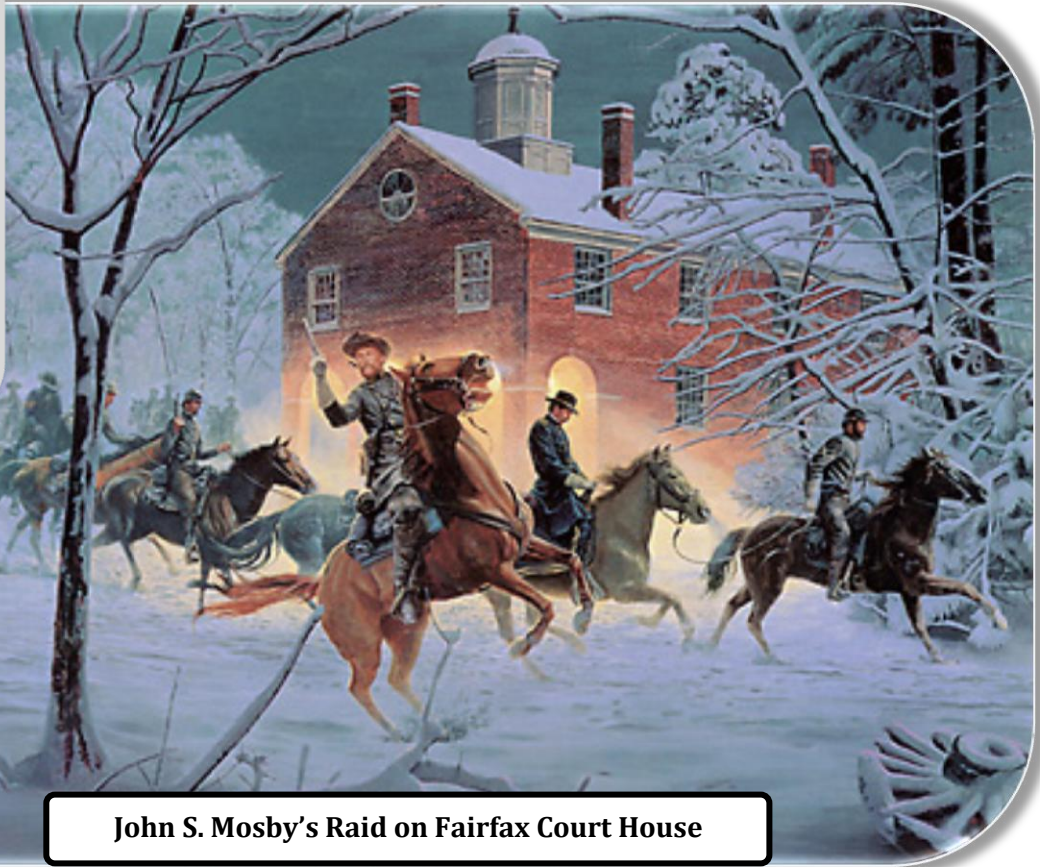
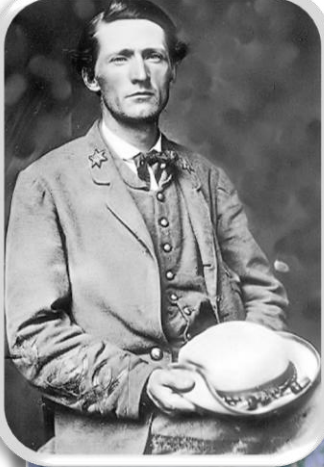
May 10, 2016 is Confederate Memorial Day. As our camp has for 25+ years we will again place an honor guard, wreath and Confederate Flags at the Soldier's Monument on the State House grounds. I will be passing around a signup sheet at the next two meetings for you to indicate what time you will be able to stand guard.

Our meeting this month will be on Thursday March 24, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm with a meal. Our program will be provided by Kevin Dietrich, formerly of the WHC. His presentation will be "Baptism By Blood: The Story of the 4th SC Cavalry Regiment".

If our camp and organization is to grow and prosper we need more participation and new members. I strongly encourage each of you to make an earnest effort to invite a guest to every meeting.

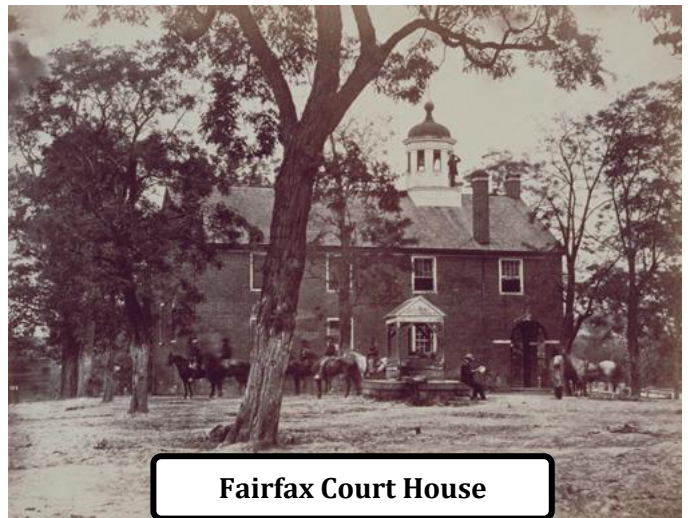


~ Events of March ~

**John S. Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House**

This Month (March), on the night of the 9th, 1863 Confederate partisan John S. Mosby and his Rangers staged a daring raid into Union Territory and captured Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Stoughton at Fairfax Court House.

Stoughton had hosted a party for his visiting mother and sister, who were staying at the home of Confederate spy, Antonia Ford. After leaving the party, Stoughton retired to a nearby house that served as his headquarters. Mosby allegedly found Stoughton in bed, rousing him with a slap to his rear. Upon being so rudely awakened, the general shouted, "Do you know who I am?" Mosby quickly replied, "Do you know Mosby, general?" "Yes! Have you got the rascal?" "No but he has got you!"

**Brig. Gen. Stoughton****Fairfax Court House**

Apparently, Gen. Stoughton was not popular with the officers and men of the brigade, and few mourned his loss. President Lincoln, on hearing of the capture, said "he did not so much mind the loss of a brigadier general, for he could make another in five minutes; 'but those horses cost \$125 apiece!'"



Dear Lamb of God pure and holy. Christ our King ruling and reigning and Son of God our Savior and friend.

We praise you that your war was not against us but against the darkness that enveloped us. Your battle was against the sin that poisoned and blinded us. You brought us into the light of your glory, you healed us you fed us and gave us righteous robes. Continue to open our hearts to your Word that we might be fed by your living bread and water.

God will always provide for us in the ways HE finds best for us.

During this 40 days of Lent, Wednesday, February 10 2016 and ends on Thursday, March 24, 2016, we are learning just how many treated our Lord and Savior, He was spit on and given sour wine to drink when He was thirsty and a crown of thorns was placed up HIS head,

He was made to carry His cross to which He was nailed. He did this all for us, so that we could have eternal life everlasting.

How many of us would be tortured in this way in order to save a friend? I would say not. But we can pray for our loved ones and offer a hand in time of their trouble.

I know I do not do enough to help others when it is so easy to do. There are many places that we can reach out to help other people. There are many lonely people who would just like to hear someone's voice, in a phone call or your knock on their door when you pay them a visit. Your offering a simple prayer for those sick, depressed, or mourning over the loss of a friend or family member. Their burdens are lessened by our caring.

During this season of Easter is a good time to start!!!

"FATHER IN HEAVEN, SHOW US THE RIGHT WAY AND LEAD US DOWN THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW "



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.



**Jesse Folk
Tommy Rollings**

**Ursula Slimp
Bill Smyth's wife Ann**

Robert "Doc" Spigner



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*



Compatriots, beginning with this March issue of the Legionary newsletter, we will print an ongoing history of the Confederate Monuments in South Carolina. As we know, the women of South Carolina and throughout the South provided the impetus necessary to build the "War Memorial" monuments to the fathers, sons, grandsons and family members who answered *their states call to war*. I hope I don't come across as someone beating a dead horse, but I will remind you that we cannot let up on our legislative representatives, knowing these magnificent monuments are in danger. Just ask yourself if you ever thought the Robert E. Lee and P. G. T. Beauregard statues in New Orleans would be removed from their locations where they have stood for over 100 years.

The Robert E. Lee monument was dedicated in 1884, 131 years ago and placed on the National Historic Register in February 1999.

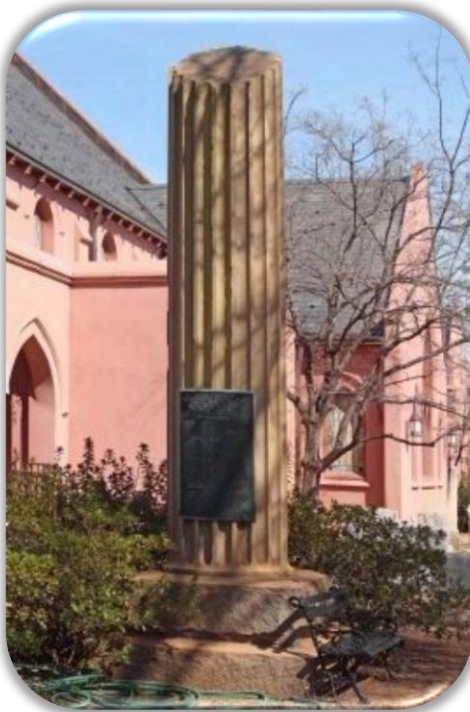
The P. G. T. Beauregard statue base was dedicated in 1913, 102 years ago and the statue was placed on the base in November 1915, 100 years ago. In February 1999 the monument was placed on the National Historic Register.

Not even being on the National Historic Register can save these monuments from the historical revisionist!!!

For the rest of this year, I will provide a detailed history of monuments throughout South Carolina and their history; hopefully this information will prod each of us to work harder to save this last remnant of our great "Southern Heritage".

First Presbyterian Church – Confederate Monument – Columbia, S.C.

February 1920, two members of Columbia's First Presbyterian Church, Helen McMaster, a local school teacher, and Mrs. John O. H. Clarkson, initiated the organization of a memorial association of women. The association erected the memorial to men who went to the war from the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church. Helen McMaster has been given credit for conceiving the idea, planning the monument, collecting the money, and overseeing the completion of the monument.



The seventeen-foot monument was unveiled at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 1921. Fitz Hugh McMaster was the chairman of the unveiling ceremony. An invocation by Dr. Thornton Waring was followed with a hymn from the Hunter Choral Club. Dr. Melton Clark then gave an address, and the Camp Jackson Band played "America." Descendants' of men from the congregation who died in the war unveiled the shaft. Dr. R. C. Reid offered the benediction, and the Hunter Choral Club sang "Taps."

The granite Corinthian column was one originally intended for use at the State House but damaged by Federal troops during the occupation of the city in February 1865. When the portico of the State House was completed in 1907 there were several of these broken columns still lying about the grounds. The General Assembly voted to approve several of these columns for other use---two as Confederate monuments in Spartanburg and Greenwood, and this column, which they gave to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as a monument to the partisan generals. The D.A.R. erected the F. W. Rukstuhl-designed monument on the Sumter Street side of the State House grounds. It stood for several years until the D. A. R. sold it to Helen McMaster to be used for a Confederate Monument. The copper tablet lists eighty-six names---sixty-four were members of the church before the war and twenty-two were associated with the war, and their names are marked on the copper tables with a star. The church allows the SCV to place a memorial wreath at the monument on Confederate Memorial Day.

The oldest monument in South Carolina, and the first erected in the former Confederate States of America, following the War Between the States, is located in Cheraw, S.C. Once again this is a monument we must accept the **"CHARGE"** we were given and direct our energies to ensure it does not disappear.



Monument to the War Dead at Cheraw

In the summer of 1866 the ladies of Cheraw organized the "Ladies' Memorial Association" with Mrs. D. B. McLeod as president. This group had the honor of raising the "first" monument in the South to commemorate the Confederate dead.

In October of 1866, the ladies of Winchester, Virginia, dedicated the "Stonewall Cemetery" to 2,494 unknown Confederate dead, but they did not erect a monument then. Earlier the Ladies' Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia, had proposed the first Memorial Day—originally April 26—saying of the soldiers, "We cannot raise monumental shafts and inscribe thereon their many deeds of heroism, but we can keep alive their memory of the debt we owe them by dedicating at least one day each year to embellish their humble graves with flowers. The Ladies' Memorial Association of Cheraw responded to the various ideas by proposing the erection of a permanent monument in Cheraw to mark the graves of sixty-two Confederate soldiers buried there. Most of these soldiers had been left behind in hospitals in Cheraw when General Hardee withdrew from the town before Sherman's advancing army in 1865 and had eventually died there.

Although Federal troops occupied the state, and many men of the town opposed a monument, the women raised \$1,000.00 by giving entertainments, festivals, and concerts. Their thirteen foot monument was made of pure Italian marble mounted on a granite base—its presence an amazing accomplishment in an area of the country that could boast neither food production nor manufacturing and in a place that had been desolated one year earlier by General Sherman. Hundreds of similar organizations across the South would

follow their example for decades to come.

The monument was unveiled on July 26, 1867, in the church-yard of **Old St. David's Episcopal Church** (Circa 1770)—one of the oldest in the state and one the British had used as a barracks in the American Revolution. The speaker was Bennettsville Judge Hilary Hudson, former lieutenant colonel of the 26th S.C. Volunteer Regiment.

The inscription on the monument is notable for its omission of the name **"Confederacy."** The Cheraw Chronicle noted that in Cheraw in 1867 there had been a Federal Garrison "of about 100 troops" and said "the captain of the garrison....demanded that the inscription be submitted to him to be censored. He would not allow a monument to be erected to 'Glorify the Cause' but had no objections to the honor of individuals."

The inscription on the east face paraphrases the last words spoken by General T. J. Jackson shortly before his death on May 10, 1863: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees." For years, the schoolchildren of Cheraw marched through the streets of the town to the monument for Memorial Day services. In 1961, the practice was discontinued.



***Individuals Interested in joining the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 should contact
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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

The following is a article that appeared in the Lexington Chronicle February 18 following the Wade Hampton Camps reenactment of Sherman's Firing on Columbia. This is one of the few positive news reports we have received in recent years.

LEXINGTON COUNTY **Chronicle**

Thursday, February 18, 2016

THE DIRTIEST WORD IN THE SOUTH: SHERMAN



Re-enactors load a cannon Saturday along the western bank of the Congaree River in West Columbia

As part of an observance of Union Gen. William Sherman's assault on Columbia in 1865. Cannons rang

For hours as both Union and Confederate sides exchanged "pleas-antries" during the event.

They're firing on us, again

BY TERRY WARD
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Federal troops moved on the Midlands over the week-end.

They appeared intent on taking over our state and leaving us in ruins.

No, it's not the current federal government behind this nefarious plot.

It's the Republicans for a change. They were

In Control of the White House in 1865.

My, how times change. Now it's the Democrats holding the White House and, as Rush Limbaugh would say, the rest of the nation as hostages.

On Saturday, War for Southern Independence re-enactors staged Gen. William T. Sherman's assault on Columbia.

It was 151 years ago

this month his Union Army troops stood on the banks of the Congaree --- in what is present-day West Columbia ---and fired cannon balls at the Statehouse in Columbia.

The bombardment was followed by Sherman's burning of the state capital.

Re-enactors, dressed in Confederate garb, stood on the Columbia side of

the river and fired back.

The Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton of the Sons of Confederate Veterans re-enacted what is known as "Columbia's Longest Day." It was the 10th Annual commemoration of the event.

It's OK to take the family heirlooms out of hiding and let the kids out of the cellar now.

The troops are gone.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2016

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Palmetto Camp 22	April 7, 2016	Meets 6:30PM 1st Thursday of the Month – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 th Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	April 6, 2016	Meets 7:00PM 1st Wednesday of the Month – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
15th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	March. 29, 2016	Meets 6:30PM last Tuesday of the Month – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	March 29, 2016	Meets 7:00PM Last Tuesday of the Month – Shealy’s BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC
Confederate Memorial Day Service	May 7, 2016	Elmwood Cemetery 10:00AM and march to the North side of South Carolina State House for the SC Division’s program which normally ends by 01:00PM.
South Carolina Confederate Memorial Day Observance	May 10, 2016	Confederate Soldiers Monument north side of South Carolina State House.
Wade Hampton Memorial Service	TBA	Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, SC



CONFEDERATE STATES FOR INDEPENDENCE

CIVIL WAR NEWS

Thanks to Jimmy Miles, who sent this next article, he found it in the Civil War News, and it provides a good explanation on Confederate States desire for independence.

CS STATES FOR INDEPENDENCE — TO THE EDITOR:

In the December issue of Civil War News, Ms. Carolyn Roxon – in her reply to “A Confederate Lament” – asks “When exactly are our hearts supposed to heal?”

I suppose, as long as “history is the propaganda of the victorious,” as Voltaire called it.

Enough about slavery, abolition, States’ Rights, the tariff, etc. etc. The War of 1861 was waged by Lincoln and the North against the secession of the Southern States just as the War of 1776 was waged by King George III against the 13 slaveholding colonies when they seceded from the British Empire.

The respective Ordinances of Secession were not declarations of war, they declarations of independence – the same “Spirit of America” as Massachusetts, the “Patriot State,” has on her license plates.

When Lincoln called for troops to drive the seven Cotton States back into what had once been a voluntary union of sovereign states at the point of the bayonet, Virginia – the “Mother of States and of Statesmen” – having just voted to remain in the Union, immediately voted to secede.

The Confederate soldiers fought for four bloody years not to defend slavery, or States’ Rights, or whatever other philosophy one want to argue, but to defend their land from invasion, conquest and coerced political allegiance, just as their fathers and the people of Massachusetts and New York had done “forscore and seven years” before.

But that makes Lincoln and the North imperialists like George III and England, so it must all be buried under the colossal “red herring” of slavery.

The healing will not begin until the hubris of the North is repudiated and the whole truth of this tragic war is acknowledged.

Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

Mar. 1, 1861	P. G. T. Beauregard is appointed Brig. General and on March 3 rd he arrives in Charleston and assumes command of Confederate troops..
Mar. 9, 1862	After privately considering William Yancey, Howell Cobb, Robert Toombs, Alexander Stephens, and Robert Barnwell Rhett for President of the Confederate States of America, the Convention settles on Jefferson Davis. They select Alexander Stephens, both pro-Union and a friend of Abraham Lincoln, as vice-president.
Mar. 29, 1862	The Central Army of Kentucky and the Army of Alabama and West Florida, is merged into the Army of Mississippi in Corinth under Albert Sidney Johnston with P. G. T. Beauregard as second-in-command. Corps commanders are Braxton Bragg, Leonidas Polk, William Hardee and George Crittenden.
Feb. 28 – Mar. 3, 1863	At Ft. McAllister, federal gunships including the ironclad U. S. S. <i>Montauk</i> moved up the Ogeechee River to destroy the <i>Rattlesnake</i> , a Confederate privateer also known as the <i>Nashville</i> before it was decommissioned. Naval assaults on Ft. McAllister resumes March 3 rd , lasting eight hours on this day. The damage to the fort's sand walls is quickly repaired.
Mar. 1, 1864	Custis Lee, son of Robert E. Lee, turns back a force of 500 cavalry under Ulric Dahlgreen, 2 miles west of Richmond. General Judson Kilpatrick had called off a planned assault earlier in the day.
Mar. 2, 1864	Fitzhugh Lee [CS] traps Ulric Dahlgreen's cavalry following a raid on Richmond, killing Dahlgreen and 109 of his men.
Mar. 25, 1865	Battle of Fort Stedman General John B. Gordon captured Fort Stedman, a Union outpost on the line around besieged Petersburg, eventually punching a hole 3/4 of mile wide. Confederate units then made a desperate attempt to hit the federal supply base at City Point. With overwhelming force the federal troops turned back the advance, recaptured the fort and retook the lines

March Camp Meeting
THURSDAY, MAR. 24TH
6 O'CLOCK P.M.



SEAWELL'S
RESTAURANT
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC

SPEAKER

Kevin Dietrich Sherman's
"Baptism By Blood: The Story
of the 4th SC Cavalry
Regiment"

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