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SERVICE TO HONOR OUR GREATEST SC HERO

By Rev. Robert Slimp

Wade Hampton Camp #273, SCV, will hold its annual *Wade Hampton Memorial Observance* at Keenan Chapel at *Trinity Episcopal Cathedral* in Columbia on Sunday, March 30, 2008, at 3 o'clock. Keenan Chapel is located in the back of the main Cathedral facing the parking area.

This year's Memorial Service which will feature an inspiring speaker, Mrs. Theresa Pittman, the President of the South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Pittman challenges all of us to stand up for our Confederate ancestors and never give up our heritage.

We will have bag pipers, re-enactors and ladies dressed in mourning attire in attendance as well.

We will continue our service at the grave of our Hero which is located in the Trinity cemetery. Afterward, we will assemble at the equestrian statue on the State House grounds, where Wade Hampton III will be honored by re-enactors, who will fire both a rifle and artillery salute, followed by the sounding of taps and tattoo.

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Mrs. Theresa Pittman, President
South Carolina Division, U.D.C.

KATRINA-HIT DAVIS HOME TO REOPEN

By Martha M. Boltx

The bicentennial observance of the birth of Confederate President Jefferson F. Davis will take place throughout this year, with the highlight being the reopening of Beauvoir, his final home, in Gulfport, Miss., on June 3.

The magnificent Southern shrine, which survived a pre-emptive strike by Hurricane Camille in 1969, was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The cost of the restoration is expected to exceed \$4.1 million for the house alone; the total restoration will run about \$20 million, and donations are still being accepted.

The reopening ceremonies will feature a keynote address by Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour.

Yesterday, Alabama was scheduled to hold one of the first celebrations of the year, on the west portico of the Alabama Capitol, where Davis was inaugurated. Bertram Hayes-Davis, great-great-grandson of the Confederate president and chairman of the bicentennial committee, was to place his hand on a Bible held by a descendant of Howell Cobb, president of the Confederate Congress under Davis.

Another event will take place on April 27 in Ridgefield, Clark County, Washington, with the dedication of Jefferson Davis Park, which will be home to the Vancouver Jefferson Davis highway marker. It was the final commemorative highway marker presented to the citizens of Washington state on June 18, 1939, marking the end point of the Jefferson Davis Highway. It originally sat near the Vancouver, Canada, line and was moved several times.

On the weekend of May 31 through June 1, the Davis Family Reunion will be held at Rosemont Plantation in Woodville, Miss., along with a re-enactment of Davis' inauguration as president of the Confederacy.

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As spring approaches there are a lot of upcoming activities that can help us preserve and promote our Confederate Heritage. Each member should make an effort to attend all or at least a portion of these events. On March 14-15, the Annual Convention of the South Carolina Division will be held. This is an important convention because we will be electing officers that will guide us for the next two years. On Sunday, March 30, at 3:00 p.m. we will have a memorial service for Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton. This service will be held at *Trinity Episcopal Church* and will be followed by a brief service at Wade Hampton's Monument on the SC State House grounds.

The Battle For Columbia (BFC), May 3-4, is less than two months away and your services will be required both prior and during the event. At our last meeting Adjutant Waters informed you of our intentions for presale tickets. You will be receiving these tickets in the mail shortly, if you have not already. There will be several work days at the site and many

compatriots will be needed to perform duties on the days of the event. Past Commander Tommy Rollings is chairman for BFC and will be updating you at the next two meetings.

Over the years the Wade Hampton Camp has acquired numerous items, such as flags, portraits, carrying cases and many more items. Compatriot Charles Holland is in the process of identifying and locating these items. If you have any item, except something we sell, please call Charles Holland at 803-655-7866 and inform him of what you have in your possession.

I would like to challenge each of you to recruit one member this year. All of us know one person that has an interest in their Confederate Heritage. Lt. Commander Todd is attempting to have our meetings announced as public service announcements on local television stations and in newspapers. We have also printed business cards for you to give to potential members. The cards are available at the sign in table at the monthly meeting.

At the February meeting our color

sergeant resigned his position. This is a very important position within the camp. The individual that accepts this position will be responsible for having the colors at camp meetings in addition to the portraits of Gen. Gregg and Hampton. He will also be responsible for the care and maintenance of said items. We are in need of someone to step forward and assume this position.

Please note that any compatriot wishing to make an announcement made from the floor *must receive prior approval* from the Commander before the camp meeting. I may be contacted at 359-7507.

Our next meeting will be Thursday March 20, 2008, at *Seawell's Restaurant* beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the meal and the meeting for the evening to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Our speaker will be Mrs. Theresa Pittman, the President of the SC Division of the *United Daughters of the Confederacy*. ☒

BEST NAME FOR THE WAR

The Civil War? The War Between the States? What's in a name? Well, a lot to the men who wore the gray. In the early years of the Confederate Veteran magazine, many veterans wrote in to object to or to suggest a more suitable name for the war in which they served. What follows are the views of some of the old veterans on this still hotly debated question.

Col. William H. Stewart, Portsmouth, Va., April 27th [1894]: I have read your editorial on a name for our Confederate war with great interest. I have often thought of many objections to "Civil War," "War between the States." As it was a war between the Northern and Southern sections of the United States, I have ventured to suggest "INTERSECTIONAL WAR" as an appropriate name, which ought to be unobjectionable on both sides of the sectional line. If our G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] fellow-citizens would adopt some such name instead of "War of the Rebellion," it would be a fraternal greeting worthy of the chivalry of

American soldiers, and a lasting peace offering which Confederate soldiers would prize. (*Confederate Veteran*, Vol. II, No. 5, May 1894)

Mr. [William J.] Fewel opposes Judge Sage's name for the war: I take issue with Judge George R. Sage as to the name of our war. He suggest "Rebellion." No; no, never. If secession was right, we were not rebels; if it was wrong, then we were. Now what are you going to do with those gallant fellow that believed in the right of secession? Let us be consistent. Don't let us belittle our conquerors who, during the four years of war, never admitted that we were out of the Union; but just as soon as we furl for the last time the stars and bars, then we found out that we were out of the Union. During the war we thought that we were out; but, no, no. When it closed we thought we were back; but, no, no. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." The name of "rebel" is all right for our patriot fathers of seventy-six, but the Confederate soldier was never a rebel.

Rev. John R. Deering, Versailles, Ky., writes about it: As to name, I protest

against "Rebellion." Yankee use has intensified its inherent hatefulness. I approve heartily your choice: "Confederate War;" so it *was in fact*. The States waging it were confederated States.

(*Confederate Veteran*, Vol. II, No. 6, June 1894)

"The late unpleasantness" was the term used by an able advocate for the office in Nashville recently. The speaker was not old enough to have been a soldier, but was much the senior of a young lady who heard him, and who expressed sharp disapprobation to the friend standing by her. She said: "The expression does not show sufficient courtesy or dignity to the event." It is repeated here not only in complement to the young lady, but as a plea to correspondents. Even veterans will write of it as "the late war."

(*Confederate Veteran*, Vol. II, No. 7, July 1894)



Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact
Compatriot Scott James: Phone (803) 781-1836, E-mail wscottjames@bellsouth.net
WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

SERVICE

Unless we have inclement weather, all attending are cordially invited to visit the ruined six Corinthian columns which are all that are left at Hampton's home, located at Millwood off Garners Ferry Road.

General Wade Hampton III is South Carolina's greatest Confederate military hero. He is also the statesman who ended the cruel Reconstruction Era

following his election as Governor in 1876. From 1879 until 1891, Wade Hampton served two terms as a United States Senator from the Palmetto State, where he served with such distinction that he was one of the most influential statesmen of his day.

His influence is well summed up on the epitaph on his tombstone: "True hearted, whole hearted, faithful and loyal."

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we owe it to the honor of this great man, to be present on this occasion.

We should also invite family, friends, and any acquaintances, who would profit by knowing more of this great soldier, statesman and South Carolinian, whose last words were: "God bless all of my people both black and white." ☩

DAVIS



Events will be held throughout the Southern states to mark the bicentennial of Davis' birth on June 3, 1808, in Fairview, Ky. He lived there the first few years of his life before his family moved to Wilkinson County in Mississippi. He returned to the Bluegrass State to attend Transylvania College in Lexington before receiving an appointment to West Point, graduating in 1828 at age 20. Kentucky's celebration will take place June 6 through 8 at the Davis Obelisk in Fairview.

The reopening of Beauvoir will be the obvious highlight of the year's festivities. After the devastation of the hurricane, the exterior of the mansion has been rebuilt to 1852 standards, according to Mr. Hayes-Davis. It has "all of the external framing done—the windows, doors, all

done to the way it was. It's a brand-new 1852 house," Mr. Hayes-Davis said recently.

Architects and conservators came into the demolished structure and scraped down walls and frames to be able to replicate the exact colors in which it had been painted.

Amazingly, most of the original shutters were intact and could be reused with some minor repairs.

The interior still will have to be redone, according to Mr. Hayes-Davis, and that is anticipated to take another two to three years.

However, the restored Beauvoir is "a stronger entire house, with steel cables running from the floor and foundation up to the roof," he said. The rehabilitators used the basic floor plans of original owner James Brown to assure authenticity in the rebuilding process, and it will remain the oldest house on the Gulf Coast.

Several other buildings on the premises were destroyed and are not scheduled to be rebuilt. The presidential library, for instance, is in what is now considered the high water/flood area. An entirely new structure will be built 150 feet farther west, with 8-foot concrete piers supporting it above the ground.

Mr. Hayes-Davis said many of the furnishings and artifacts were lost in the storm's surge and winds and have yet to be replaced. Some of the furnishings were spared; with water a foot deep, they floated within the destroyed walls, and some could be

salvaged.

Negotiations are under way for production of a 4½-hour documentary on Davis' life, to be released in the fall.

The nationwide events are being led by members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans along with local heritage organizations, which also have offered their support to the bicentennial effort. ★

Source: *The Washington Times*, February 16, 2008. (www.washingtontimes.com)

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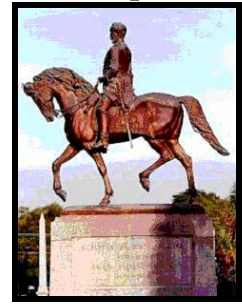
TO YOU, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, WE SUBMIT THE VINDICATION OF THE CAUSE FOR WHICH WE FOUGHT; TO YOUR STRENGTH WILL BE GIVEN THE DEFENSE OF THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S GOOD NAME, THE GUARDIANSHIP OF HIS HISTORY, THE EMULATION OF HIS VIRTUES, THE PERPETUATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES HE LOVED AND WHICH MADE 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.

Important Dates in *The Intersectional War*:

- Mar. 2, 1861: Texas is admitted into the Confederacy. At Galveston, the Federal Revenue Cutter *Henry Dodge* is seized by Texas State Troops.
- Mar. 4, 1861: Lincoln is inaugurated president, and newspaper editorials in the South proclaim that this means war.
- Mar. 4, 1862: Confederate troops enter Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Mar. 6, 1862: The Battle of Elkhorn Tavern (Pea Ridge) commences.
- Mar. 9, 1862: Battle of the *Monitor* and the CSS *Virginia* in Hampton Roads, VA
- Mar. 11, 1861: The Confederate Congress unanimously adopts the Constitution of the C.S.A.
- Mar. 13, 1865: President Davis signs legislation allowing Negroes in the Confederate Army. Gen. Lee acts promptly and soon black troops are seen in Confederate uniforms in Richmond.
- Mar. 16, 1861: Jefferson Davis arrives in Montgomery, AL to accept the post of Provisional President of the newly organized C.S.A.
- Mar. 17, 1864: Confederate forces attack Federal occupied Corpus Christi, TX.
- Mar. 18, 1862: Judah P. Benjamin appointed Confederate Secretary of State.
- Mar. 21, 1865: The Battle of Bentonville concludes. It was the last significant effort to halt Sherman's advance.
- Mar. 22, 1864: After a heavy snowfall in Richmond, Confederate soldiers engage in a grand snowball fight.
- Mar. 24, 1864: Confederate Cavalry under Gen. N.B. Forrest, captures Union City, TN.
- Mar. 29, 1865: Appomattox campaign begins. Near Petersburg, VA, there is heavy fighting near the junction of Boydton & Quaker roads.

Y'all Come!!!

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, Mar. 20th
6:00 p.m.



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