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## A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

### COMMANDERS CORNER

RUSTY RENTZ

Compatriots, we will have the opportunity to further and proclaim our Confederate Heritage on several occasions in the next two months. First, on Friday April 20, 2018 we will again sponsor our annual School and Education Day at the Culler farm. We have 300+ students and 60+ adults registered to attend. We will also attempt to clean the Confederate Monument in Lexington before the Confederate Memorial Day observance on Saturday May 5, 2018. We will also be cleaning the Confederate section of Elmwood Cemetery prior to May 5.

The statewide Confederate Memorial Day observance will be Saturday May 5, 2018 beginning at 10:00 am at the Confederate section of Elmwood Cemetery sponsored by the UDC. At the conclusion of this reverend observance we will proceed to the Statehouse for the SCV portion of the observance beginning at noon. I urge all compatriots to be in attendance for this observance. Yes, it may be warm, yes, it will take a couple hours from your Saturday, yes, you may be inconvenienced by having to stand and/or walk a mile or so. These are nothing in comparison to what your ancestor had to endure during the "War For Southern Independence."

Our camp observance will be on Confederate Memorial Day, May 10, 2018. We will again this year, as we have for 30 consecutive years, stand guard at the Confederate Soldiers Monument on the state House grounds. This year's observance will begin at noon due to another organization having a permit for this area concluding at noon.

In the very near future I will be getting with a stone cutter to place an order for Compatriot Walter Curry's GGG Grandmother's Confederate marker. He was twice turned down by the VA for a marker. Upon receipt of this marker a memorial service will be held in honor of her Confederate service. We are also contracting with a tree service for work on the oak tree at the Confederate section of Elmwood Cemetery. This is a huge tree in very close proximity to Confederate markers. The tree has huge dead limbs and is also very top heavy.

### 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*.

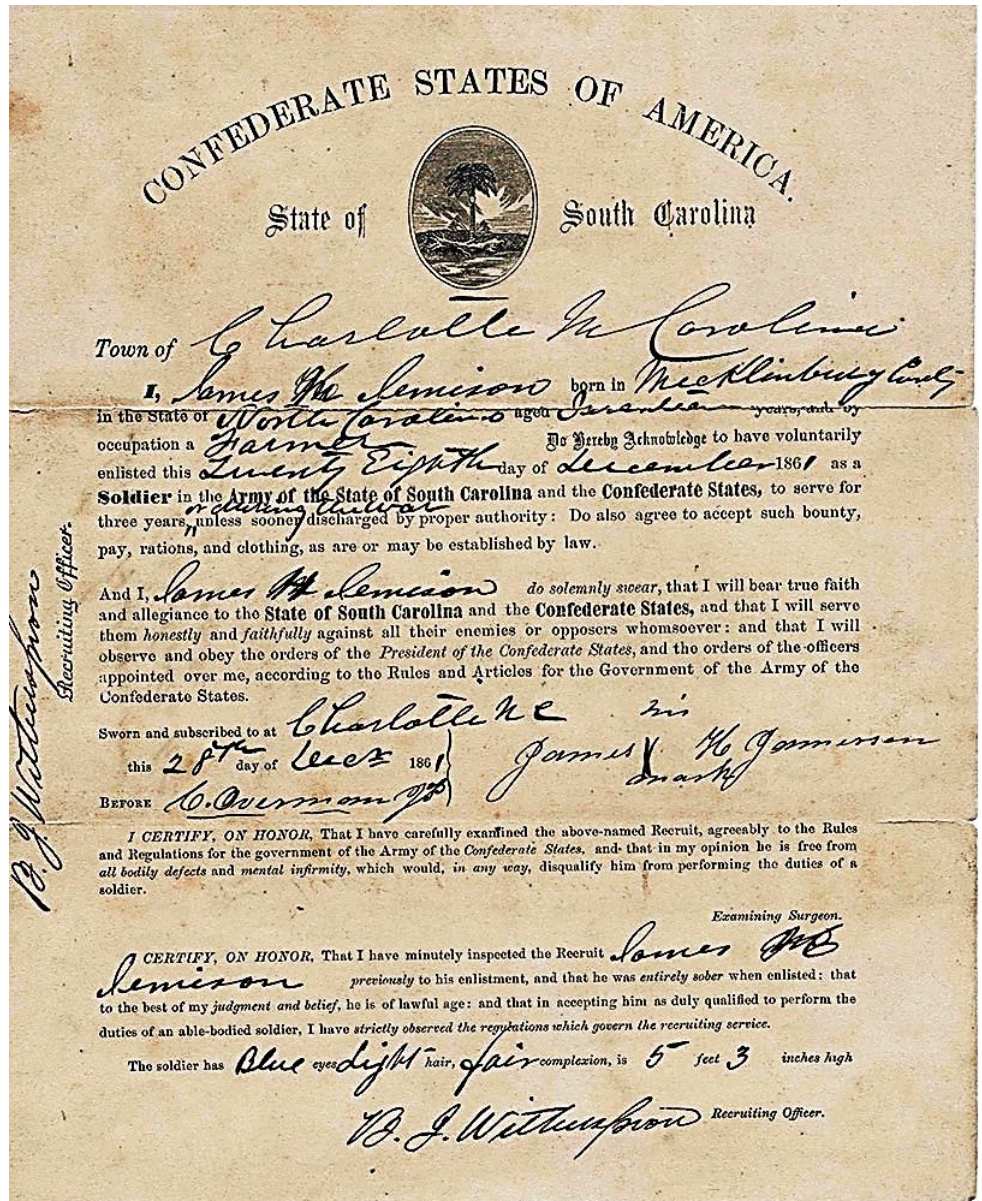
**Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee,**  
Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

Our meeting this month will be Thursday April 19, 2018 at Seawell's Restaurant beginning at 6:00 pm with a fine meal and Confederate fellowship. Our program will be provided by Bing Chambers. I encourage you to make plans to be in attendance and if you have not been out in a while we would like to see you.

~ Events of April ~

This Month (April), saw the adoption of 'America's First Military Draft'. On April 16, 1862, the Confederacy, in need of troops to fight in its armies, passed the Conscription Act, the first effective general military draft in America. When the WBTS began, the Confederacy had set its volunteers' terms of enlistment for one year. However, as the year mark neared, it became obvious that the war would last for much longer and that the Confederate armies would need more soldiers. So, in April 1862, the Confederacy passed the Conscription Act, which drafted healthy white men ages 18 to 35 for three-year terms (later acts would extend the ages first to 18 to 45, and later to 17 to 50). The Confederate Congress also extended the terms of those already serving under one-year enlistments for another two years (though the soldiers would effectively serve for the duration of the war).

The enlistment form includes Enlistment into the Army of South Carolina and the Army of the Confederate States in 1861. The individual enlisting is James Jemison who joins for the war the Army of South Carolina and the Army of the Confederacy! He was sworn in at Charlotte, NC as a farmer, illiterate he signs with an X, then the recruiting officer B. J. Witherspoon signs as well. These CSA recruiting documents are quite rare.



The act allowed those drafted to find substitutes to serve in their place (though this would be discontinued in December 1863) and exempted men serving in occupations deemed critical to the war effort or civilian life. In the fall of 1862, exemptions were also extended to those who owned or oversaw 20 or more slaves. I was unable to find a copy of a recruitment form that allowing exemptions that would print legibly to show. The cartoon shown below deals with the Conscription Act.



**SOUTHERN "VOLUNTEERS".**

CHAPLAINS WITNESS

WALTER W. "SOAPY" LINDLER

If, then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4 ESV

By definition, the name *believer* says that we all depend on things we can't see or feel. The Bible says that "nothing good lives in our sinful nature" (**Romans 7:18**), but it might not seem so to us. The Bible says that "Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (**1 John 2:2**), but we might not *feel* forgiven.

Sin and forgiveness aren't the only things hidden from our eyes. In today's reading, the apostle Paul states that a believer's whole *life* is now hidden with Christ in God. Paul is saying to believers, "Everything you do looks holy to God. Everything that ever happens to you is to your benefit. God has blessed you with an entire life of uninterrupted spiritual success." Paul is also saying, "This life is *hidden*."

It sure is. When we reflect on our efforts to live the way God wants us to, we see consistent failure. When a pile of trouble hits us, it can feel very much like we're being punished. Believers who see and feel such things may even begin to wonder, "Am I really a believer?"

In today's reading, Paul prides our eyes away from what we can see and feel, away from earthly things, and speaks God's Word to us: "You died..." he says. "You have been raised with Christ." The apostle Paul is talking about Baptism. Baptism is God's Word and promise of forgiveness, connected to water. Through Baptism, God works faith in our hearts and connects us to Jesus, who by his death and resurrection has taken away our sins. Baptism is a drowning of the sinful nature, and a resurrection to new spiritual life.

Paul says, "Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things." Looks can be deceiving, and feelings can't always be trusted. God has given us something better, something that will never change because it comes from him. When believers struggle with guilt and pain, God invites us to look past what we can see and feel. Our baptism tells us who we *are*.

***Dear Jesus, set my mind on things above. Amen***



Please keep our friend and compatriot Robert L. "Bob" Slimp and his family in your prayers during this emotionally stressful time in their lives by the loss Bob's wife Ursula.

***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 and Ann Smyth**

**Bob Slimp**



**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2018**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact / Web Site</b>
Palmetto Camp 22	May 3, 2018	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	May 2, 2018	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
15th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Apr. 26, 2018	Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Apr. 24, 2018	Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC
Battle for Columbia Education Day	April 20, 2018	Culler Farm – 1291 Valley Ridge Rd. Gaston, SC – Exit 125 I-26 East. Start time 9:00AM – 1:30PM.

SC Division Confederate Memorial Day	May 5, 2018	Elmwood Cemetery and S.C. Statehouse
Confederate Memorial Day	May 10, 2018	South Carolina State House – North Side Confederate Soldiers Monument 7:00am – 6:00pm
Lexington County Peach Festival	July 4, 2018	Wednesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> begins at 9:30am with a parade and over 100 Arts and Crafts exhibits. Wade Hampton Camp will have a booth at this years festival.

**ADJUTANT’S DESK**

**CHARLIE BRAY**

First, I want to add to what Commander Rentz stated in his column regarding the Confederate Memorial Day observance at the State House scheduled for Thursday, May 10. In the past I have sent the request to the Department of Administration requesting the area around the Soldier monument for Confederate Memorial Day observance. This year the University of South Carolina ROTC got their request in before us. When I found out we had a problem I asked what is the earliest a request can be filed and was told 1 year in advance. I will send our request to the Department of Administration for 2019 on May 11 which will insure we have the site at the Soldiers Monument next year.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Elmwood Cemetery cleanup Thursday, April 5 (**Bill and Anita Calliham, Jimmy and Shirly Miles, Fred Morrison, Scott James, Charlie Bray and Rob Baker**). The morning was perfect, and we were finished in 1 ½ hours. There were two reasons for scheduling this cleanup the first being Bob Slimp’s wife Ursula’s whose funeral was Friday, May 6 and the family burial site is adjacent to the Confederate Cemetery which was in need of cleanup. The second reason was to prepare for Confederate Cemetery for Confederate Memorial Day observance on Saturday, May 5.



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Susan, found the following in a book entitled “Today Is Mine” written by Leroy Brownlow, and after reading it I couldn’t help but think it describes what is happening too our culture today.

**Abhor Evil:**

One sure lesson history teaches is: The more association with evil, the less evil it appears. The commonness of vice makes it seem harmless and respectable. But neither ugliness gets pretty nor wrong right, we just get accustomed to viewing them. We change, not the evils we once decried. Thus, through a gradual process, environment can tempt the purest to pursue the things once despised.

Letst we come to adore what we now abhor, may we refrain from taking the simple but deadly steps: association with evil, condonation of evil, approval of evil, embrace of evil and addiction to evil.

*Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,  
As to be hated needs but to be seen;  
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.*

—Alexander Pope  
1688-1744

*Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that  
which is good. — Romans 12:9*



## City votes to remove Confederate monument in Madison cemetery



The Madison City Council on Tuesday, April 10 approved removing a monument for Confederate soldiers buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Nearly eight months after Mayor Paul Soglin ordered a plaque at the Confederate Rest section to be taken out of the publicly owned cemetery, council members, on a voice vote, unanimously approved taking down a second stone monument, known as a cenotaph, that names the 140 soldiers buried in the northern-most cemetery for Confederate soldiers.

"When I think of the countless slaves that were killed, there was no monument, there was no marker, there was no headstone, and no signs saying who died here," said Ald. Barbara Harrington-McKinney, 1st District.

Council members also voted down 13-5 an amendment by Ald. David Ahrens, 15th District, that would have put an interpretative sign outside the graveyard explaining that the soldiers died as prisoners of war at the Camp Randall military base, as well as the current controversy behind Confederate monuments.

The city's Landmarks and Parks commissions both recommended adding a sign to contextualize the site.

But Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff said people seeking the history of Confederate Rest can find out who is buried there and how the graveyard came to be in ways other than a sign.

"We don't have interpretative signs on all the other things that (are) at Forest Hill Cemetery," Bidar-Sielaff, 5th District, said. "There is plenty of history of Madison that one could have signs for and put in context."

Alds. Paul Skidmore, Mike Verveer, Zach Wood, Steve King and Ahrens supported adding a sign. Alds. Maurice Cheeks and Denise DeMarb were absent Tuesday.

Ultimately, the council decided to go in the direction of the Equal Opportunities Commission, which had recommended removing the cenotaph, while members of Madison's Landmarks and Parks commissions favored leaving it in place.

The cenotaph was installed in 1906 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy -- an organization Soglin has called racist and bigoted.

Due to a delayed flight, Soglin was absent from the discussion Tuesday night.

"The Daughters of the Confederacy" are a pernicious, racist, active group," said Kathleen Nichols, a former Dane County Board supervisor. "It needs to go."

But Madison resident David Blaska says the cenotaph does not glorify the cause of the Confederacy, but rather acts as a way to identify the dead and honor a woman, Alice Whiting Waterman, who maintained the graves and is also buried there.

We found the structure does not extol the Confederacy or the secession, but functions as a grave marker," said Landmarks Commission Chairman Stu Levitan.

The city council and the three commissions all agreed that the removed plaque, which was installed in 1981 and describes the dead as "valiant Confederate soldiers" and "unsung heroes," should not be returned to the Near West Side cemetery.

Soglin ordered the plaque to be taken out of the cemetery, 1 Speedway Road, after a protest over a Confederate statue in Virginia that involved white supremacists resulted in one counter protestor being killed in August.


"Sometimes I feel a little torn in that these are people who fought for something and they are warriors too, but they were fighting for something that meant that many of us were less than people and less than citizens," said Ald. Arvina Martin, 11<sup>th</sup> district.

The city will offer the 1981 plaque and 1906 cenotaph to the Wisconsin State Historical Society or the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, but not to a private person or a private organization.

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

- Apr. 6, 1861 Abraham Lincoln sends a message to Governor Pickens informing him that Fort Sumter will be re-provisioned and that if the effort is resisted the fort will be reinforced.
- Apr. 14, 1861 During the formal surrender of Fort Sumter Private Daniel Hough dies when the cannon he was loading (for the Union's 100-gun salute to the U.S. flag) discharges prematurely. He is the first man to die in the Civil War. A second man is mortally wounded.
- Apr. 1, 1862 Island No. 10, Tennessee - a small detachment of Union soldiers took some small boats, quietly traveled on the Mississippi River to Island No. 10, and landed. They managed to quickly overtake the Confederate guards, spiked 6 guns, and return back to their boats.
- Apr. 22, 1862 Aransas Bay, TX - a small group of Confederate raiders captured several Union launches.
- Apr. 7, 1863 Amite River, Louisiana - the Federal steamer USS Baratavia was traveling on the Amite River. It had been sent on a reconnaissance mission. A group of Confederates spotted the ship and attacked it. The ship was eventually captured by the Confederates.
- Apr. 21, 1864 Natchitoches, LA - On April 21, the Confederates saw the Union rear guard as the Federals were retreating from Grand Encore. They were on their way to Cloutierville. The Union force was being commanded by Brig. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks. The Confederates, commanded by Brig. Gen. Gabriel C. Wharton, attacked the rear guard. This forced the Federals to abandon their positions in Natchitoches.
- Apr. 5, 1865 Maple Cyprus, NC - Col. J.N. Whitford, of the 76th North Carolina Infantry, sent a few Confederate detachments on a mission to destroy Union ships in the area. They found and burned the Union steamer, USS Mystic, near Maple Cypress.

**Camp Meeting**  
**THURSDAY, APR. 19**  
**6:00 P.M.**



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