



# THE LEGIONARY

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## BUSY SEASON AT THE WADE HAMPTON CAMP

### LT. GEN. WADE HAMPTON MEMORIAL SERVICE – APRIL 7, 2013

BY CHARLIE BRAY

This year's Wade Hampton Memorial Service was certainly one of the best we have ever held. Our speaker, Reverend Robert L. Slimp, spoke on the post-war years of Wade Hampton and what he was able to do to help South Carolina and the South get past Reconstruction.

We were fortunate this year that we had a large contingent of re-enactors participating in the memorial service. This event proved to be a state-supported event with some people coming significant distances to help make it a success.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Compatriot Arthur Quick and members of the Arthur T. Harley Camp 2010 of Dillon, SC.

Commander Bobby Epting of the 15th Regiment S.C. Volunteers Camp 51 of Lexington, SC and Camp member Travis Haynes also participated, along with Gary Byrd and others who were part of the rifle salute.

Mrs. Jan Stewart of Moncks Corner, SC provided a cannon and crew. Incidentally, Mrs. Stewart fell and did significant damage to her



*Honor guard en route to Wade Hampton's Grave*

rotator cuff prior to the salute. She and her group stayed on-site for the memorial service even though she was in a great deal of discomfort.

Wade Hampton Camp member Don Jones and his band provided music for the service and did an outstanding job.

I cannot thank these men and women enough for their contribution to make the Wade Hampton Memorial Service a success.

### H. L. HUNLEY AWARD PRESENTATION MAY 4, 2013

BY TERRY HUGHEY

Compatriot Terry Hughey, on behalf of the SCV and the Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp, presented the H. L. Hunley Award to Allyson Jordan, Cadet from Lexington High School, Air Force Junior ROTC program, on Saturday, May 4 at a program conducted at the Marriot Hotel in downtown Columbia.

The Hunley Award was presented to Cadet Jordan during the 2012-13 Awards Banquet Presentation to outstanding Cadets for the school year. Cadet Jordan, nominated by her instructors, Chief Master Sergeant Bruce Kulmac and Lt. Col. Jim Tucker, exemplified the high ideals and characteristics for a Hunley award recipient of honor, courage, and commitment.



*Compatriot Terry Hughey and Cadet Jordan*

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY DECORATION – MAY 9, 2013

BY REV. BOB SLIMP



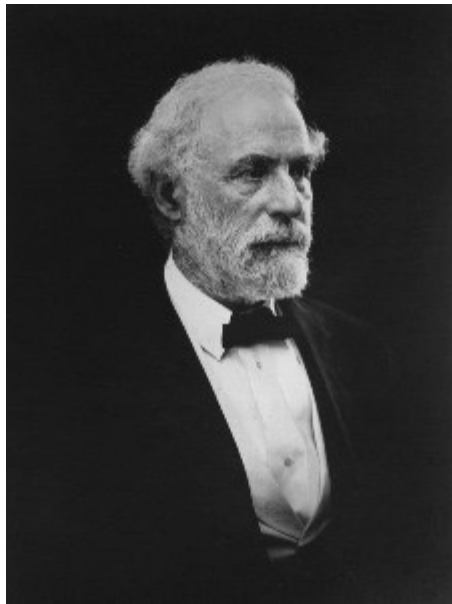
A group of most members of the Lt. General Wade Hampton SCV Camp, for the 6th year, decorated the historic cemetery at First Presbyterian Church to honor our veterans for Confederate Memorial Day. This was done by invitation of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia. Confederate Memorial Day always falls on May 10th; we decorated on May 9. Participating were Charles and Susan Bray, and Bob and Ursula Slimp from our Camp. Also helping were Ralph Mettze of the Lexington 15th Regiment SC Volunteers Camp 51, and Harriett Smoak, who is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Flags were placed at all of the graves of our heroes, and a beautiful white floral arrangement (shown in the image at the left) was donated for this occasion by Pampered Plants Florist, at 8816 Two Notch Rd. in Columbia, owned by Mr. Chris Winston. It was placed at the Truncated Column in the cemetery. This Column was part of the old South Carolina Statehouse when General Sherman sacked, looted, and burned Columbia in February 1865. It contains the names of all of the Confederate veterans who were members of First Presbyterian Church, 87 in all, though some are not buried at the cemetery.

Compatriots,

With the Battle For Columbia behind us, let us take time to offer our gratitude to all of those who made it possible. If I began to name all of you, I am certain I would leave someone out. Nevertheless, THANK YOU ALL!!

We had another year of the Confederate Memorial Day march without a hitch. This is great news in the social climate in which we live today. Thanks to J.D. for your efforts in this endeavor. Again, thanks to all of you who marched.

Studying General Lee over the past few years, I learned aspects of him that help me to understand who he was and what he stood for. After the war, Lee was sought after by Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. Washington College was hoping to have the General take the post of President of the College. Lee was remised of the offer; however, he would not let them down. Holding the post for five years, Lee gained financial support from Southern and Northern



sources. Lee was not only able to leave the College better, but he worked across party lines to accomplish his goal.

Now, I am not advocating letting our 'flag' down, but I do think we can come away with a lesson from our great leader. Like General Lee, we all have opportunities and goals. We also have aspirations of organizations of which we are members. I witness several of you from time to time outside our Camp meetings. I am honored and proud when we are out in public, and you are respectful and considerate of others without regard to race, religion, or creed. You are exemplifying the standards General Lee lived by, maybe not even being aware. You have a choice as Lee did.

Continue to educate and lead by examples to all the ones who are watching us. I look forward to seeing you all at the Camp meeting.

Continue your march.



## CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

WALTER W. LINDLER

### A TRIBUTE TO OUR MOMS

We have no choice as to who brings us into this world, and I am so thankful for My Mom. Whether our moms are with us or whether they are Angels with God, May is the month that we honor them.

There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of my mom and the things that she taught me that have made me a better person. I am sure that many of you feel the very same way.

Mom was the youngest of five children, and she was a baby when my other aunts were having children of their own. She was raised on a farm by her mother and father. My Grandpa was also a blacksmith. They didn't have many material things, but they did have an abundance of love for one another.

Unfortunately, my grandmother became ill, and Mom, being the only child still living at home, had to drop out of school in the 5th grade to care for her mom. She never regretted having to do that because of her love for her mom. Having said all of this, Mom was self-educated, and as the older people during that time, she had a great deal of common sense and there wasn't anything that she couldn't do.

Today's moms usually have to work, and in most cases, have to place their child in a day-care. How many of us were fortunate enough to

be able to come home from school and have our moms waiting to greet us with a tall glass of milk and a snack?

Like most of us, I am sure that things we felt we needed were not always what we received, but we never went without clothes on our backs or a warm house and plenty of love.

The most important thing was that I was raised in a Christian home and it was a must that I attend church, Sunday school, and vacation bible school in the summer. Being raised in the Lutheran faith was one of the most important phases of my life.

Chores around the house were always needed; some I enjoyed, but some I didn't at all. Looking back today, I realize that had I not been taught to do these things, I would not have some of the skills that have gone with me throughout my life.

She taught me to pray, write, brush my teeth, wash dishes, cook, and even how to operate her sewing machine. Mom was there when I was sick, and she became my nurse. Mom was a very caring and thoughtful lady who never met a stranger or backed away from a task of any kind. Having been raised on a farm, she dearly loved working in her yard and watching things grow. She raised beautiful vegetables that she always shared with the neighbors. She was pretty good with a .22 rifle, and the squirrels in the neighbor-

hood soon realized they didn't have a chance.

In later years, she cared for my grandmother in our home before she died, and cared for my dad when he became ill, and never one time did I hear her complain.

Mothers today are different from the mothers that we knew. I am sure we all have fond memories of our childhood and how much of an influence they had on our lives. The love they shared with us and the lessons they taught us are ten-fold.

I hope that we all have fond memories of growing up with our mothers and how much they contributed to our being the persons we are today.

Mothers are very special in many ways, and May being Mother's Day is a great and special time to remember them. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mom, call and visit, and if you no longer have her, please remember her in your prayers and give thanks to God for all she meant.

My fondest memory of my mother was on the day she died. The last thing we told each other was that we loved one another. I hope that we can all say that.

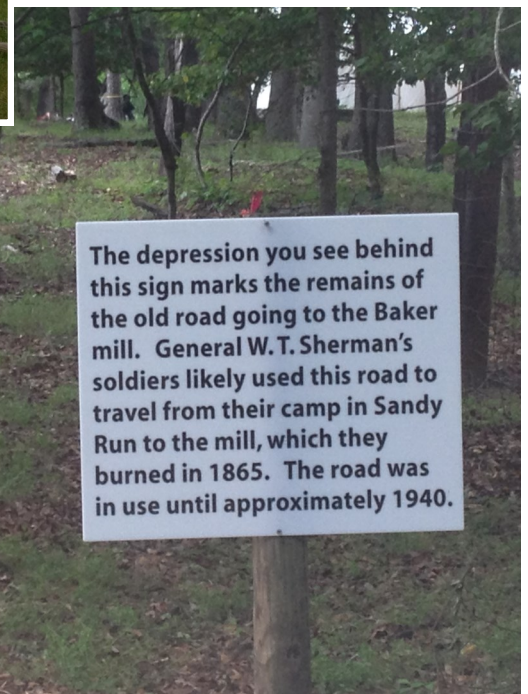
Mother, I LOVE YOU and Thanks. Happy Mother's Day. Rest now in God's Kingdom!!



# BATTLE FOR COLUMBIA

MAY 4, 2013

PICTURES BY CRAIG S. GLASS





This year's education day was adversely impacted by a scheduled make-up day in one school district, forecasted rain, as well as traffic issues on Interstate 26. We went into Education Day expecting a little over 600 children for the event but had 276 come through the gate.

Even though we had a smaller turnout than projected, we still provided a good event for the students. This year we were able to add the H. L. Hunley Traveling Exhibit which we had not been able to do for a couple of years, and it proved to

be a hit.

The re-enactment attendance for Saturday, May 4th was good despite dark skies and intermittent light rain. Added to the weather issues, we were competing with the Kenny Chesney concert which opened at 10:00 AM, a USC baseball game, and many other events. In spite of these things, we had 300 strong come through the gate. However, the re-enactment scheduled for May 5th had to be cancelled due to the weather. I spent the day at the battle site to

explain to those who braved the elements and showed up that the battle had been cancelled; fortunately, less than ten cars drove in.

As tough as it was for the three-day event, we will finish with money in the bank and hopefully will be able to put on this event next year. On behalf of the Battle For Columbia team, I would like to thank you members of the Wade Hampton Camp for your support which has enabled us to keep "Education Day" and the "Battle For Columbia" going.

## **ELMWOOD CEMETERY OBSERVANCE**

**BY CHARLIE BRAY**

*May 3, 2013 at Elmwood Cemetery*

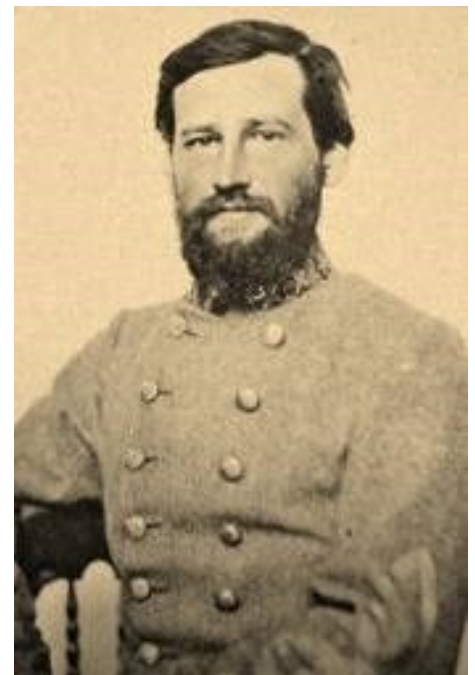
This year's observance of Confederate Memorial Day was held at Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia, SC. As in past years, the United Daughter's of the Confederacy (UDC) coordinated the event with support from the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Palmetto Battalion. The event this year was held under gray skies and fortunately no rain.

My disappointment this year is the same as it was in 2012. Once again, the attendance for the service was not good. Admittedly, there were many events going on in Columbia which possibly impacted attendance, as well as threatening weather.

Regardless of these factors, I feel as Sons of Confederate Veterans, taking one hour out of our lives to show our support for our ancestors requires a minimal effort. We as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have accepted the Charge given to us by Stephen Dill Lee, and once again I pray that in the future, we do a better job of living up to 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, born in Charleston, SC  
Commander General, United Confederate Veterans  
New Orleans, LA, 1906



It is hard for me to believe that I have already been a Camp member for a whole year, and at the same time, it seems as though it could not possibly have been that short. In May 2012, I joined as a descendant of David Poindexter Reeves, 1st Lt. 28th TN Rgt. (2nd Mountain Volunteers), Co. C, CSA. Today, I serve humbly as your Lt. Commander and have now come to see what this Camp has to offer.

In these past two months, I have participated or seen my first Wade Hampton Memorial Service, Battle For Columbia, and Confederate Memorial Day as a Compatriot in the Cause. And while attendance has varied at these and other events over the past year, I have seen that not only is there a strong commitment to the Charge to be found the Camp, but also how seriously many of us take our fraternal ties, and I have also learned just how much some of our members do behind the scenes.

As a young Compatriot who did not know any members upon joining, I felt both welcomed and challenged, and I appreciate all those who

took me under their wings. Editing *The Legionary* was an unexpected responsibility, but it came at the urging of our wise veteran members who knew that recruiting and keeping new members active is the lifeblood of any fraternal organization. I hope that all of us encourage our recent Initiates and future new Compatriots to get involved, as successful guidance is often just as rewarding for the mentor as it is for the new member and the Camp on the whole.

Since then, I was asked by Commander Turner to serve as Lt. Commander, and once again, I have felt welcomed and supported with this honor. Thank you all very much for this.

On May 4, I manned the Wade Hampton Camp table at the Battle For Columbia on a dreary day. It wasn't the best physical experience, with cold winds, drizzling skies, and a steel chair. Yet I was so pleased not only to see many of our Camp members there in a volunteer capacity, but to hear the stories of everyone who had made the event possible, from Education Day, to the Hunley exhibit, to the re-enactors, to

the setup/cleanup, to the circle of flags, and more, and even more. All day long I heard these stories, some about members whom I do not believe I have even met yet.

To those who have worked and always work behind the scenes, I offer a special thank you. I hope you will come out to our May Camp meeting and accept everyone's gratitude.

To those who have not been able to attend a meeting recently, I encourage you to join us as well. If you cannot make it for dinner, please do not shy from the meeting; we all welcome you to come simply for brotherhood in the Cause.

After one year here, I know that I still have much to learn and must take things one step at a time. But I am very optimistic for the prospects of the Wade Hampton Camp as we move forward through the rest of the Sesquicentennial and beyond, so long as we do so together.

Here's to another great year for the Wade Hampton Camp!

## CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE

**CHARLIE BRAY**



*Compatriot Marion Hutson and Mrs. Susan Bray at the Statehouse*

On May 10th, the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp observed Confederate Memorial Day, honoring our ancestors at the Confederate Soldier Statue in front of the Statehouse. As in past years, our Camp's stalwart member, Compatriot Marion Hutson, was on site at 7:00 AM with help from Past Camp Commander J. D. Holt. I have witnessed Compatriot Hutson for some time, and he is without a doubt as fine a representative of our "Southern Heritage" as anyone I have ever known. Here we have a man who has had two knee replacement surgeries and is going to have hip replacement surgery in July, and he still shows up to honor his ancestors, regardless of weather or physical discomfort.

In addition to Marion Hutson and J. D. Holt, other Camp members in attendance were Ben Boyd, Walter Carter, who is a new member, Danny Gregory, myself, and my wife, Susan. Out of a Camp of 172 current members, it is very frustrating we had such a poor turnout. I feel confident our adversaries are gleeful knowing that in a few years they will have won and the SCV is a non-issue, and our Southern Heritage will truly be a thing of the past. I wonder what our ancestors and Stephen Dill Lee, who gave us our Charge, would think, yet I am optimistic that the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 will again become energetic and supportive of our legacy as "Sons of the South".

## MY ANCESTOR: RICHARD HENRY FORTNER, 4TH AL REGT.

**ROBERT R. FORTNER**

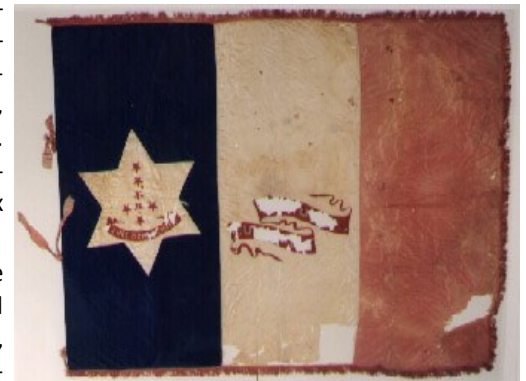
*Editor's Note: Compatriots, thank you for all of your personal submissions. I hope that this column, "My Ancestor", can be a mainstay and appear in every edition of *The Legionary*. Please submit short biographies of your Confederate ancestors such as this one to me at [craigsglass@gmail.com](mailto:craigsglass@gmail.com).*

Richard Henry Fortner was born in Sparta, Evergreen County, Alabama as the son of Monroe Fortner. His relation to me is great-great-Granduncle. Richard Henry enlisted at the age of seventeen in the 4th Alabama Regiment of the Conecuh Guard. Major Pinckney Bowles was Commander of this 54-member regiment. The 4th Alabama Regiment was

involved in about 50 battles, both large and small, in the states of Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, including specific engagements in or near Gettysburg, Petersburg, and Richmond. Richard Henry Fortner was mortally wounded in January, 1865 on Darbytown Road, southeast of Richmond, Virginia, and lies in an unmarked grave. He died a few days before General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House.

Richard will forever be 21 years of age and my hero. I wish I could have served with him during the heat, rain, and cold, sometimes without food, shelter, or other necessities of life.

*Flag of the Conecuh Guards per the Alabama Archives: [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov)*



### ***Important dates in the War for Southern Independence 150 years ago:***

- May 1, 1863 The Second Confederate National Flag, or "Stainless Banner", is officially adopted. It incorporates the Southern Cross design of the Battle Flag, originally suggested by South Carolinian William Porcher Miles.
- May 10, 1863 General Stonewall Jackson dies from wounds suffered at the Battle of Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863. His last words are, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."
- May 18, 1863 Federal forces begin the Siege of Vicksburg, MS. Women and children become forced to hide in caves and eat any animal (or other substance) they could find just to stay alive amidst constant shelling.
- June 20, 1863 West Virginia becomes the thirty-fifth state in the Union, proving that the United States Congress and President Abraham Lincoln found secession or dissolution acceptable, but only in favorable circumstances.
- (These and more 150<sup>th</sup> dates at CivilWar.org)*

**Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact  
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**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!**

NOTE: This month's The Legionary is not currently available online.

### **Next Camp Meeting:**

**Thursday, May 23, 2013**

**Seawell's Restaurant**

1125 Rosewood Dr., Columbia

Dinner at 6 PM for those who can

***Meeting at 7 PM for ALL!***



**Speaker: Krissy Dunn Johnson**

SC Confederate Relic Room

*"South Carolinians at the Battle of  
Gettysburg"*

**Y'all COME!!!!**

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