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Compatriots, we have an honorable heritage that deserves our continued promoting and defending when need be. Our membership has varied interest in this period of our Southern History. Some members are historians, some are collectors of artifacts, some enjoy the political aspect of the organization, some are re-enactors, some love going to schools and some members just appreciate being able to still associate with like minded CONFEDERATES.

With that said I hope you were able to participate in some of the activities during the month of May to honor our ancestors. We again this year sponsored an education day on Friday May 5, 2017 at the Culler farm. On Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7 we co-sponsored the Battle at Congaree Creek, also at the Culler farm. Also on Saturday May 6, 2017 we gathered at the Confederate Section of Elmwood Cemetery to pay tribute to Confederate Soldiers. At the conclusion of this service there was a procession to the Statehouse for an SCV sponsored service to again honor our HEROES. On Wednesday May 10, 2017, we stood guard at the Confederate Soldier's Monument at the Statehouse as we have done for the last thirty consecutive years.

There are many areas we need to concentrate on as a camp but one is recruiting new members with new blood, new ideas and energy that will propel our camp forward. It has been quite some time since we inducted a new member. Let's bring a guest to the next camp meeting and follow up on any persons you have brought but have not joined.

Our next meeting will be at Seawell's Restaurant at 6:00 pm on Thursday May 18, 2017. Our program will be provided by Joe Matheson and his subject will be "The Angel of Marye's Heights", the story of Richard Kirkland from Kershaw County, South Carolina. Make an effort to be in attendance.

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,



Picture – Library of Congress depicting the last meeting of Generals Lee & Jackson

~ Events of May ~

This Month (May), in 1863, saw a great victory for Confederate forces in Virginia and a tragic loss at the same time.

The Battle of Chancellorsville, April 30–May 6, 1863, resulted in a Confederate victory that stopped an attempted flanking movement by Maj. Gen. Joseph "Fighting Joe" Hooker's Army of the Potomac against the left of Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. This was mainly accomplished by the brilliant flanking movement of Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's "foot cavalry" who moved around the Union right and surprised and routed Hooker's flank.

The Southern victory was sadly diminished by the tragic loss of Lt. Gen. Jackson, who was mortally wounded by his own men while on a night reconnaissance, who mistook him and his staff for Union cavalry, a loss that would have far-reaching effects on the remaining conduct of the war.



Gen. Joseph "Fighting Joe" Hooker



Lt. Gen.
Thomas "Stonewall"
Jackson





CHAPLAINS WITNESS

WALTER LINDLER

THERE WERE LOUD VOICES IN HEAVEN, SAYING, "THE KINGDOM OF THE WORLD HAS BECOME THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS MESSIAH, AND HE WILL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER."

We shouldn't read this as doom and gloom, but instead we should read it in the light of the kingdom that Jesus modeled, and spoke to and began to usher in. By doing this it would mean that our present world of disease, violence, greed, hurt, and inequality would become the kingdom of love, compassion, care, and living in mercy, and in this kingdom of God that will reign forever and ever.

Radical love, radical mercy, radical compassion would completely disrupt the kingdom of our present world. Feet would be dug in, voices would be raised to screaming matches, ultimatums would be given. But love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and care would rule the world. This would cause metaphorical lightning, earthquakes, and roaring thunder. We are invited to take part in God's kingdom.

We pray today for Rev. and Mrs. Slimp and Mr. and Mrs. Smythe and all others who need our thoughts and prayers.

"LIFE-GIVING GOD, MAY WE CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR KINGDOM, AND MAY THIS KINGDOM OF LOVE REIGN FOREVER." AMEN



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.



**Bob & Ursula Slimp
Bill & Anne Smyth**



ADJUTANT'S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

By the time, you receive this month's Legionary we will have completed our annual Confederate Memorial Day observances at Elmwood Cemetery and the SC Statehouse, the Battle at Congaree Creek (BatCC) education day and the BatCC reenactments and South Carolina's official Confederate Memorial Day observance on May 10, 2017. The Wade Hampton Camp has done a tremendous job in supporting our efforts in getting our message out through the events we hold or participate in and I want to thank everyone who has either physically or monetarily helped.

One of our tasks now is to bring new members into the camp. We ended the renewal period and our membership has dropped to 155. I encourage each of you to try to recruit members as we will need everyone to help defend and preserve our "Southern" heritage. If you need inspiration for the heritage fight that lies ahead I think the following poem "The Barefooted Boys" should provide it. It reminds us of the horror and hardship our ancestors suffered which makes our fight to honor their sacrifice seem so easy in comparison.

By the sword of St. Michael
 The old dragon through;
 By David his sling
 And the giant he slew;
 Let us write us a rhyme,
 As a record to tell
 How the South on a time
 Stormed the ramparts of Hell
 With her barefooted boys!

Had the South in her border
 A hero to spare,
 Or a heart at her altar,
 Lo! its life's blood was there!
 And the black battle-grime
 Might never disguise
 The smile of the South
 On the lips and the eyes
 Of her barefooted boys!

There's a grandeur in fight,
 And a terror the while,
 But none like the light
 Of that terrible smile --
 The smile of the South,
 When the storm-cloud unrolls
 The lightening that loosens
 The wrath in the souls
 Of her barefooted boys!

It withered the foe
 Like the red light that runs
 Through the dead forest leaves,
 And he fled from his guns!
 Grew the smile to a laugh,
 Rose the laugh to a yell.
 As the iron-clad hoofs
 Clattered back into Hell
 From our barefooted boys!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Palmetto Camp 22	June 1, 2017	Meets 6:30PM 1st Thursday of the Month – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 th Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	June 7, 2017	Meets 7:00PM 1st Wednesday of the Month – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
15th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	May 30, 2017	Meets 6:30PM last Tuesday of the Month – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	May 30, 2017	Meets 7:00PM Last Tuesday of the Month – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC
Confederate Ghost Walk	Oct. ? & ?, 2017 to be announced.	26th Confederate Ghost Walk Magnolia Cemetery 70 Cunningham Ave. Charleston, SC http://csatrust.org
Lexington Veterans Day Parade	Sunday-Nov. 5, 2017	Details to be provided
Columbia Veterans Day Parade	Saturday-Nov. 11, 2017	Details to be provided
Christmas in Cayce	Saturday-Dec. 2, 2017	Details to be provided





This is article #5 in a series regarding Confederate generals. Research reveals that there were at least four unique Confederate major generals who warrant our attention. The brigadier generals will be addressed later in article #6.

Camille Armand Jules Marie, Prince de Polignac (Feb. 16, 1832 – Nov. 15, 1913) born in Millemont, Seine-et-Oise, France

- ✦ French nobleman who served with the Confederacy
- ✦ Born into famous French noble family, grandmother, Gabrielle closest friend to Queen Marie-Antoinette.
- ✦ Father was Jules, Prince de Polignac, supporter of absolute monarchy & chief minister to King Charles X of France.
- ✦ Polignac studied mathematics & music at St. Stanislas College in 1840s & traveled to Central America to study geography, political economy and native plant life.
- ✦ Served with the French Army in Crimean War 1854-1855.
- ✦ Served on staffs of generals P.G.T Beauregard and Braxton Bragg and participated in Battle of Shiloh and Siege of Corinth.
- ✦ Battlefield promotion to major general & commanded a Texas infantry brigade at Battle of Mansfield, Red River Campaign, Pleasant Hill, and service in Arkansas.
- ✦ Affectionately known by his Confederate troops as "Prince Polecat" since they could not pronounce his name.
- ✦ After the U.S. Civil War, returned to the French Army as a brigadier general commanding a division in Franco-Prussian War 1870-1871.
- ✦ He died in Paris at age 81, the last living Confederate major general. Buried with his wife's family in Germany in Hauptfriedhof, Frankfurt-am-Main.



George Washington Custis Lee (Sept. 16, 1832 – Feb. 18, 1913) born at Fort Monroe, VA

- ✦ George Washington Custis Lee was eldest son of Robert E. Lee and Mary Anna Custis Lee.
- ✦ Grandfather was George Washington Custis who was step-grandson & adopted son of George Washington.
- ✦ Admitted to West Point at age 17 & graduated first in his class in 1854.
- ✦ His father was USMA Superintendent his 3rd & 4th years, a classmate was J.E.B Stuart.
- ✦ Aide-de-camp to President Jefferson Davis.
- ✦ Worked primarily as an engineer in building fortifications.
- ✦ Commanded troops in defense of Richmond & was captured at Saylor's Creek.
- ✦ Post war was a professor at VMI & succeeded his father as VMI President.
- ✦ Sued U.S Government successfully in 1877 to regain title to family mansion, Arlington House & plantation which had become Arlington National Cemetery-sold the property to U.S. Government in 1883 for \$150,000.
- ✦ Buried in the Lee Chapel at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA.



🏆 Fitzhugh Lee (Nov. 19, 1835 – Apr. 28, 1905) born at Clermont in Fairfax County, VA




















- 👤 Fitzhugh Lee was grandson of "Light Horse Harry" Lee, a nephew of Robert E. Lee and Samuel Cooper, and cousin of George Washington Custis Lee, W.H.F. "Rooney" Lee, and Robert E. Lee, Jr.
- 👤 His father, Captain Sydney Smith Lee served under Commodore Perry in Japanese waters. His mother, Ana Maria Mason Lee, was granddaughter of George Mason USMA Class of 1856. Saw action in Texas against Comanches as a cavalry officer & was severely wounded in 1859.
- 👤 Staff officer to Brig Gen Richard S. Ewell at First Battle of Bull Run.
- 👤 Commanded 1st VA Cavalry under Col. J.E.B. Stuart & saw combat in Northern VA Campaign, Catlett's Station, Maryland Campaign of 1862, Kelly's Ford, Battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863, Battle of Carlisle, Gettysburg, Overland & Petersburg Campaigns in 1864, and Shenandoah Valley.
- 👤 At Third Winchester, three horses shot out from under him & he was severely wounded
- 👤 Post war, was Governor of VA 1886-1890 & appointed consul-general at Havana in 1896.
- 👤 Maj General, U.S. Army in Spanish-American War commanding 7th Army Corps-one of four former Confederate generals serving US Volunteers (Matthew Butler, Joseph Wheeler & Thomas L. Rosser).
- 👤 Military governor of Havana & Pinar del Rio in 1899.
- 👤 Commanded Department of the Missouri, retiring in 1901
- 👤 Buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, VA



🏆 George Pickett (Jan. 16, 1825-Jul. 30, 1875) born in Richmond, VA

- 👤 USMA Class 1846 graduating last in his class as the "goat" & was popular & player of pranks
- 👤 Served with 8th infantry Regiment in Mexican-American War at Battle of Chapultepec in 1847 was wounded and carried U.S. Flag over a wall gaining national recognition. Pickett was a colorful general, rode a sleek black horse named "Old Black" & wore an elegant uniform of gold buttons & highly polished boots
- 👤 Commanded a brigade in Peninsula Campaign, at battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Gaines Mill and was wounded.
- 👤 Commanded a division under Longstreet & fought at Gettysburg, famous for "Pickett's Charge" resulting in a bloodbath with his three brigade commanders and thirteen regimental commanders all casualties.
- 👤 Commanded Department of Southern Virginia & North Carolina where he ordered the execution of 22 Confederate deserters.
- 👤 Commanded troops at Battle of Appomattox Courthouse & surrendered with Lee's army on April 9, 1865.
- 👤 Post war, June 23, 1873 House Resolution resulted in his pardon for deserter executions.
- 👤 Pickett was both glorified and haunted by Gettysburg.
- 👤 Fort Pickett in Blackstone, VA is named in his honor.
- 👤 He is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA



-  “Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. Captain, that is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave.”
-  “The hardships of forced marches are often more painful than the dangers of battle”
-  “The only true rule for cavalry is to follow the enemy as long as he retreats.”
-  “Then, Sir, we will give them the bayonet!”
-  ***Stonewall Jackson’s reply to Colonel B.E Bee when he reported that the enemy were beating them back.*** At the first battle of Bull Run, July 1861.
-  “Under divine blessing, we must rely on the bayonet when firearms cannot be furnished”
-  ***Stonewall Jackson, letter accompanying his requisition for 1000 pikes.***
April 1861
-  “Don’t say it’s impossible! Turn your command over to the next officer. If he can’t do it, I’ll find someone who can, even if I have to take him from the ranks!”
-  “Who could not conquer with such troops as these?”
-  “The time for war has not yet come, but it will come, and that soon; and when it does come, my advice is to draw the sword and throw away the scabbard.”
-  “I yield to no man in sympathy for the gallant men under my command; but I am obliged to sweat them tonight, so that I may save their blood tomorrow.”
-  “Once you get them running, you stay right on top of them, and that way a small force can defeat a large one every time... Only thus can a weaker country cope with a stronger; it must make up in activity what it lacks in strength.”
-  “My troops may fail to take a position, but are never driven from one!”
-  “Yesterday we fought a great battle and gained a great victory, for which all the glory is due to God alone. Although under a heavy fire for several continuous hours I received only one wound, the breaking of the longest finger of my left hand; but the doctor says the finger may be saved.”
-  “Nothing justifies profanity.”
-  “My duty is to obey orders.”
-  “I like liquor — its taste and its effects — and that is just the reason why I never drink it.”
-  “I see from the number of physicians that you think my condition dangerous, but I thank God, if it is His will, that I am ready to go. — It is the Lord's Day; my wish is fulfilled. — I have always desired to die on Sunday.”
-  “Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees.” (Last coherent words on his deathbed)


	<p><u>RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER</u></p> <p>Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact Scott James, Ph. (803) 781-1836, E-mail wscottjames@bellsouth.net or Adjutant Charles Bray, Ph. (803) 749-1042, E-mail cdbiii@bellsouth.net WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!</p>	
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Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

- May 16-18, 1860 Republican Convention is held in Chicago, Illinois. William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase and Abraham Lincoln of Illinois are the leading contenders from a field of 12 candidates. Lincoln wins on the third ballot. Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, an outspoken, long-time abolitionist is chosen for vice-president.
- May 29, 1861 Battle of Aquia Creek was an exchange of cannon fire between Union Navy gunboats and Confederate shore batteries on the Potomac River at its confluence with Aquia Creek in Stafford County, Virginia. The battle was tactically inconclusive.
- May 31, 1862 Joseph E. Johnston severely wounded during the Battle of Fair Oaks, VA and borne from the field.
- May 4, 1863 General "Fighting Joe" Hooker's Army of the Potomac is defeated by Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia as it crosses the Rappahannock on the way to Richmond
- May 7, 1863 Major General Earl Van Dorn is killed by a jealous husband, a doctor whose wife Van Dorn had been seeing.
- May 4, 1864 The battle of Cloyd's Mountain took place between Union forces under General George Crook and Confederate forces under General Albert Jenkins. Future Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley both fought at Cloyd's Mountain. After an hour of some of the most intense fighting of the Civil War, Union forces prevailed and the Confederates withdrew
- May 9, 1864 Gen. John Sedgwick [US] is killed by a Confederate sharpshooter at the battle of Spotsylvania. Horatio Wright replaces him.

May Camp Meeting
THURSDAY, MAY 18
6 O'CLOCK P.M.



SEAWELL'S RESTAURANT
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC

SPEAKER
 Joe Mathison – "The Angel of Mayres Heights"

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