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## A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

### COMMANDERS CORNER

RUSTY RENTZ

Compatriots, since our last meeting the camp has been busy. We sponsored our annual School and Education Day at the Culler Farm on April 20, 2018. There were in excess of 300 students and some 50+ teachers/parents in attendance. The event was a success as the students and adults both enjoyed themselves and informed us they had learned something they did not know before.

As a tribute to our Confederate ancestors and their fellow soldiers we cleaned the Confederate section of Elmwood Cemetery on two occasions in preparation for the 30+ years of the UDC service and the SCV service on the first Saturday in May. Compatriot Dr. Walter Curry delivered the program at Elmwood Cemetery while Compatriot Dr. Paul Noe delivered the program at the State House. While our camp was represented fairly well I wonder where the rest of our members were on this day.

On Thursday May 10, 2018, in 95 degree heat, Wade Hampton Camp members stood guard at the Confederate Soldier's Monument on the State House grounds.

There are many opportunities through out the year for your participation. I would encourage you to look for opportunities to support the camp and your ancestor.

In the next several months the camp will participate in the memorial service for Compatriot Curry's GGG Grandmother who served the Confederacy. As plans are finalized members will be made aware of this historic occasion and I hope you will make plans to be in attendance.

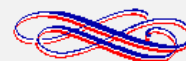
Our meeting this month will be Thursday May 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Seawell's Restaurant. Our program will be provided by Joe Long and his topic will be Brig. Gen. Maxcy Gregg. If you have not attended a meeting in a while we would like for you to come and join like minded Confederates.

### 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,**

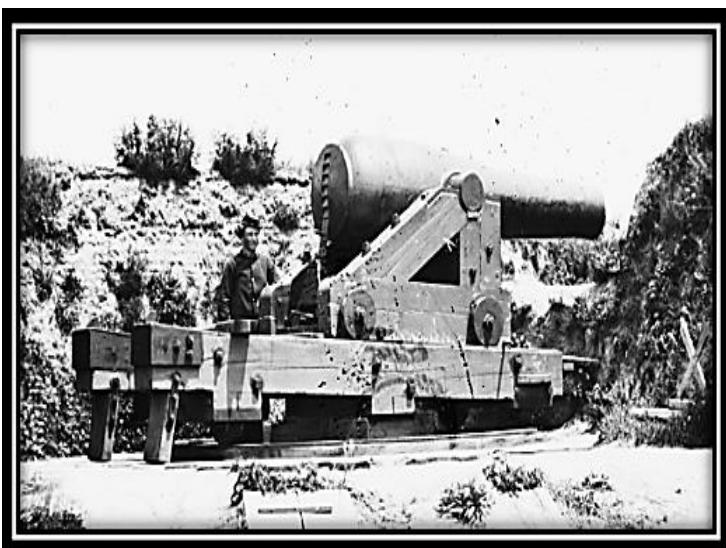
Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906



## ~ Events of May ~

This Month (May), saw the first attack on a force of Confederate soldiers, sailors, and marines at Fort Darling at Drewry's Bluff, Virginia, under the command of Captain Augustus H. Drewry. The fort was armed with one 10" Columbiad and two 8" Columbiads behind significant earthworks.

The assault came on 15 May 1862 when a Union naval flotilla of five Federal gunboats including the 'Ironclads' USS Monitor and USS Galena attempted to destroy the fort and run upriver toward Richmond. The gunboats were unsuccessful in their attempt to destroy the fort and withdrew after a four-hour battle. The USS Monitor proved unable to elevate her guns high enough to hit the fort on the 90' bluff, while the USS Galena takes heavy punishment and the other gunboats did not have enough firepower to do the job. Confederate fire from the fort and adjacent batteries rained down on the five gunboats with great accuracy and effect, killing 14 and wounding 13 with the Confederates losing half that number.



CSA Columbiad - Fort Darling



USS Galena

**"Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer." — Psalms 66:20**

In looking back upon the character of our prayers, if we do it honestly, we shall be filled with wonder that God has ever answered them. There may be some who think their prayers worthy of acceptance-as the Pharisee did; but the true Christian, in a more enlightened retrospect, weeps over his prayers, and if he could retrace his steps he would desire to pray more earnestly. Remember, Christian, how cold thy prayers have been. When in thy closet thou shouldst have wrestled as Jacob did; but instead thereof, thy petitions have been faint and few-far removed from that humble, believing, persevering faith, which cries, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." Yet, wonderful to say, God has heard these cold prayers of thine, and not only heard, but answered them. Reflect also, how infrequent have been thy prayers, unless thou hast been in trouble, and then thou hast gone often to the mercy-seat: but when deliverance has come, where has been thy constant supplication? Yet, notwithstanding thou hast ceased to pray as once thou didst, God has not ceased to bless. When thou hast neglected the mercy-seat, God has not deserted it, but the bright light of the Shekinah has always been visible between the wings of the cherubim. Oh! it is marvelous that the Lord should regard those intermittent spasms of importunity which come and go with our necessities. What a God is he thus to hear the prayers of those who come to him when they have pressing wants but neglect him when they have received a mercy; who approach him when they are forced to come, but who almost forget to address him when mercies are plentiful, and sorrows are few. Let his gracious kindness in hearing such prayers touch our hearts, so that we may henceforth be found "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

**Lord of the nations and Savior of our souls, we live our lives—one step after another—without knowing what that next stride will bring. When we look back over our path, we can now see how close to tragedy we have come at times. When we look ahead, we wonder how we will avoid disaster. But you know. In you we put our trust. Keep watching our steps. Amen.**



Please keep our friend and compatriot Bill Smyth and his family in your prayers during this emotionally stressful time in their lives by the loss Bill's wife Ann.

**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 Smyth**

**Bob Slimp**








Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Palmetto Camp 22	June 7, 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	June 6, 2018	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
SC 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 2069	May 21, 2018	Meets 7:00PM <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	May 29, 2018	Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	May 29, 2018	Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC
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

I want to add to what Commander Rentz stated in his column regarding the Confederate Memorial Day observance at Elmwood Cemetery and the State House. We had camp members who did a fantastic job in cleaning and beautifying the Confederate cemetery for our Confederate Memorial Day observance. The clean-up process was not done in one scheduled effort but took place several times throughout April.

-  Saturday, April 5 at 9:00am we met at Elmwood Cemetery at the Confederate section when we gathered for the first cleanup.
-  Sunday, April 22 was a non-scheduled clean-up when two members realized they had a conflict on the scheduled clean-up day on Saturday, April 28.
-  Saturday, April 28 we had the final clean-up.

These scheduled clean-ups were not the only thing happening during this time. Bill and Anita Calliham spent a considerable amount of time planting flowers, placing straw in the flower beds and hauling water to the cemetery to water the new plantings and they are still watering the plants.

I want to recognize the following camp members for their efforts in making the Confederate section of Elmwood cemetery beautiful for Confederate Memorial Day.

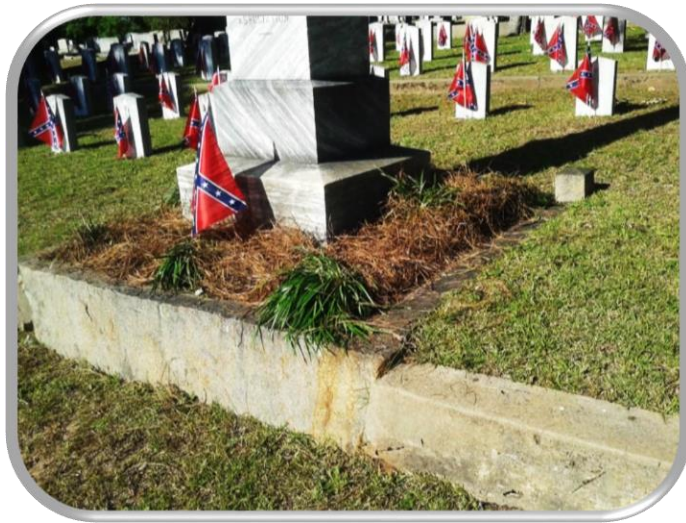
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|  Scott James    |  Bill and Anita Calliham |  Farroll Gunter |
|  Billy Pittman  |  Rusty Rentz             |  Bill Moody     |
|  Randy Pittman  |  Fred Morrison           |  Rhett Ingram   |
|  Mark Mills     |  Reggie Millar           |  Charlie Bray   |
|  Johnny Stroman |  Jimmy and Shirly Miles  |  |



Billy Pittman's truck with bags of debris.



Final clean-up day and the crisp flags have been placed for Confederate Memorial Day.



Unknown Soldiers Monument  
Unveiled Friday, October 20, 1899  
Fresh straw and Liriope.



Soldiers Marker  
Dedicated May 11, 1895  
Fresh straw and plantings.

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## CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 10, 2018

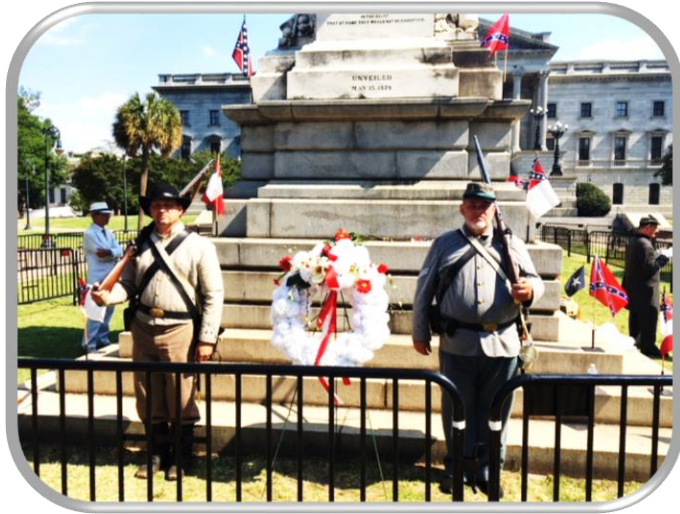
CHARLIE BRAY

Once again, the Wade Hampton Camp observed the official South Carolina Confederate Memorial Day by standing vigil at the Confederate Soldier monument in front of the State House. This year was different due to a scheduling conflict with the USC ROTC which required us to begin the vigil at 12:00 Noon and ended it at 5:00 PM. We were honored again this year to have representatives from the Pee Dee Rifles camp and their flag participating with us. As in years past we had the opportunity to speak to many people, both local and out of state and met many supportive individuals.



For those who have not participated in our Memorial Day observance at the State House you will see from the pictures that the State House security force has separated us with a double fence from those who might be hostile.

I want to thank Johnny Stroman, Marion Hutson, Reggie Miller, Rusty Rentz, Bill and Anita Calliham, Mark Mills, Billy Pittman, Ron Dorgay, Charles Dorgay and Susan Bray for participating in the observance.



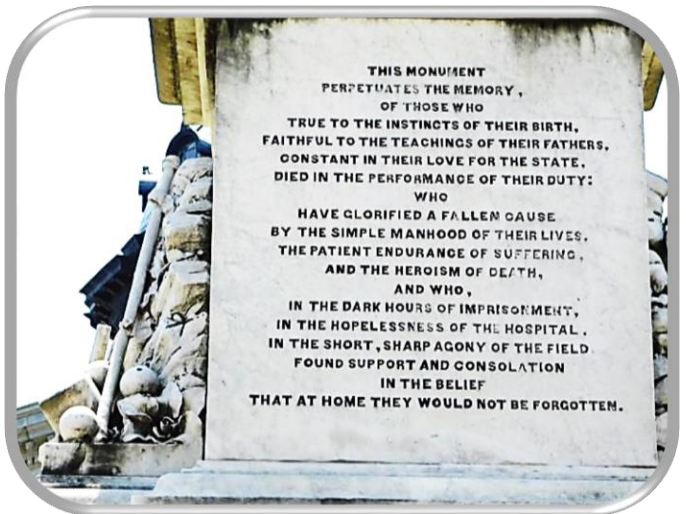
Billy Pittman and Reggie Miller



Johnny Stroman and Reggie Miller



Billy Pittman and Susan Bray



Soldiers Monument Inscription

	<p><b><u>RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER</u></b></p>	
<p>Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact          Billy Pitman, Ph. (803) 939-9652, E-mail <a href="mailto:billfish@sc.rr.com.net">billfish@sc.rr.com.net</a> or          Adjutant Charles Bray, Ph. (803) 749-1042, E-mail <a href="mailto:cdbiii@bellsouth.net">cdbiii@bellsouth.net</a>  <b>WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!</b></p>		

Not that a reminder was needed, but the following is continued evidence that nothing is safe regarding America's history and those that have had a part in it.

**york daily record**  
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## Stephen Foster's statue now lives in a lot next to a dog park



The bronze sculpture of Pittsburgh-born songwriter Stephen Foster by Giuseppe Moretti, stands near the entrance of the Carnegie Music Hall at Schenley Plaza in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

(Pittsburgh) -- A 118-year-old statue of the "Oh! Susanna" songwriter was removed from a Pittsburgh park earlier today after criticism that the work is demeaning because it includes a slave sitting at his feet, plucking a banjo.

In October, the Pittsburgh Art Commission voted to take the Stephen Foster sculpture out of Schenley Plaza and find it a new home. For now, it will remain in a storage lot, out of the public view.

On Thursday, workers used straps and construction equipment to lift the 10-foot-bronze statue off its base. It was strapped to a flatbed truck and taken away.

The Giuseppe Moretti

statue was completed in 1900 and thousands attended its dedication.

The shoeless banjo player is based on "Uncle Ned," a fictional slave and subject of a song by the same name. Critics have long decried the statue as racist.

"It's the single most offensive display of public art in Pittsburgh, hands down," Paradise Gray, a hip-hop activist, musician and writer, told the Post-Gazette in August. "It permanently depicts the black man at the white man's feet."

Others say it highlights that Foster was inspired by black spirituals. Some historians contend the 1848 song is actually an early, subtle anti-slavery song.

A statue honoring an African-American woman will be put up in its place. Residents can submit nominations.

Foster, a Pittsburgh native, is often called the father of American music and was known for enduring tunes from the 1800s.

His songs include "Camptown Races," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Beautiful Dreamer" and "Old Folks at Home" (Swanee Song).

He died penniless in New York City in 1864 at age 37.



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

- May 1, 1861 Trans-Mississippi – In the west, the Union issues a call for volunteers in Nebraska.
- May 2, 1861 The hitherto unknown Col. Jackson picks officers for their ability, instead of having the militia elect them, as had previously been the rule. He establishes the principles of discipline, administration, and drill, which turns volunteers into effective fighting men.
- May 16, 1862 In a 3-day battle at Princeton, western Virginia, Union troops lose 30 killed and 70 wounded to the Confederate 2 killed and 14 wounded.
- May 20, 1862 At the height of the war, President Lincoln signs the homestead Act, making quarter sections (160 acres) of government land available to homesteaders willing to improve the land over a period of 5 years.
- May 2, 1863 Jackson leads 25,000 Confederates on a flanking march around the Union army, while Gen. Lee faces the Army of the Potomac with just 15,000 men. The gamble works because Union Gen. Hooker thinks the Confederates are retreating which allows the flanking maneuver to work. Later that night "Stonewall" Jackson is accidentally shot by his own men while scouting ahead.
- May 1, 1864 Confederate troops capture the Union transport Emma at David's Ferry.
- May 11, 1864 Yellow Tavern, VA – J.E.B. Stuart's Cavalry hold off superior numbers of Union cavalry. Sitting on his horse behind a line of dismounted troops, Stuart fires his pistol at the advancing Federals, crying, "Steady, men, steady. Give it to them!" Then he reels to in the saddle, mortally wounded. Fitzhugh Lee, the "Cavalier of Dixie" is taken to the rear to die.
- May 25, 18 Mobile, AL – A warehouse containing 20 tons of gunpowder captured from the Confederates explodes. Some 300 casualties are reported, and extensive damage is caused to the dockyard area.

**Camp Meeting**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 24**  
**6:00 P.M.**



**SEAWELL'S**  
**1125 Rosewood Drive**  
**Columbia, SC**

**Speaker**  
**Compatriot Joe Long**

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