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## A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

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BILLY PITTMAN

Compatriots, I will start first with reminding you that **we will not have our May meeting**, again due to the coronavirus issue. The UDC and SCV events for Confederate Memorial Day were (at this writing, past tense) cancelled and the WHC's memorial guard event at the monument at the state house is also cancelled. I am hoping for a better outlook for June so we will see what another month holds for us. That said, I want to make a few comments about Confederate Memorial Day. Confederate Memorial Day is recognized by our state to remember those who serve to protect their country and their state during the war to prevent southern independence. There are many events that take place throughout the south in the states that recognize Confederate Memorial Day. Of course, this year the events that we normally have in SC have been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. I felt led to think about the concept of whether, or how, an event or a place resonates with the soul, as it pertains to our ancestors. Now, that can vary from person to person, so I acknowledge that up front. The places that resonate with me and where I feel the price that was paid for us tend to be in the cemeteries that hold the remains of our brave warriors. A couple of other good examples (of mine) are the cemetery at Elmwood and in Magnolia cemetery in Charleston. I also "feel it" at battlefields like Gettysburg where, in 2018, I can't explain what hit me, but after we (groups of reenactors from SC and NC) marched across the battlefield to the stone wall in silence, I felt the most profound sadness overwhelm me and drive me to immediate tears knowing what we lost there and not only in lives and wounds. Some of the blood spilled on that field was by my own ancestors, one of whom didn't survive. I was walking where they walked. In my mind, I was hearing the cannons, the gunfire, the chaos. When we got to 100 yards of the stone wall, we stopped, and our Colonel told us what they were experiencing at this point from infantry fire. That was when it hit me. Speaking for myself only here, but I don't always "feel it" at every event that takes place and I really am not fond of doing anything for or in the public view. I honestly am not interested in any public spotlight, even though I've dutifully been in that public view many times. Where do you "feel it"? Is it at a family cemetery where a Confederate relative is buried? I could feel it when I visited my gg grandfather's marker in NC and other Confederate ancestors of mine rest there as well. That connection is real. I wish I could thank them for their bravery, tell them how proud I am of them and just talk to them about that what they went through. I would love to hear firsthand their experiences, but I'll have that chance one day when we're all reunited in Christ. I honestly think that the time spent in the silence at the cemeteries with only the flapping sound of flags or the still solemnness of a battlefield is what impacts me the most. I "feel it" when maintaining a cemetery (something I should do more of), and simply when I rake leaves from around their headstones. No crowds, no noise, no public display, no unsolicited distractions or debates with strangers on the cause of the war - just being alone with my thoughts in a place where the best of the south and America rests in peace. The last line on the SC Monument to the Confederate Dead reads, "that at home they would not be forgotten". Amen to that. The picture below was taken 9-May-2020 following the clean-up of the Confederate section in Elmwood cemetery. Flags were placed at all graves of those men who stepped up in response to their

new nation and their states call to arms in defense of their country. It is their memory and sacrifice I honor and defend, and this is where I “feel it”. Carry on.



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## The La Paz Incident

The La Paz incident occurred on May 20, 1863 at the mining town of La Paz, Arizona, and was the westernmost armed confrontation of the American Civil War.

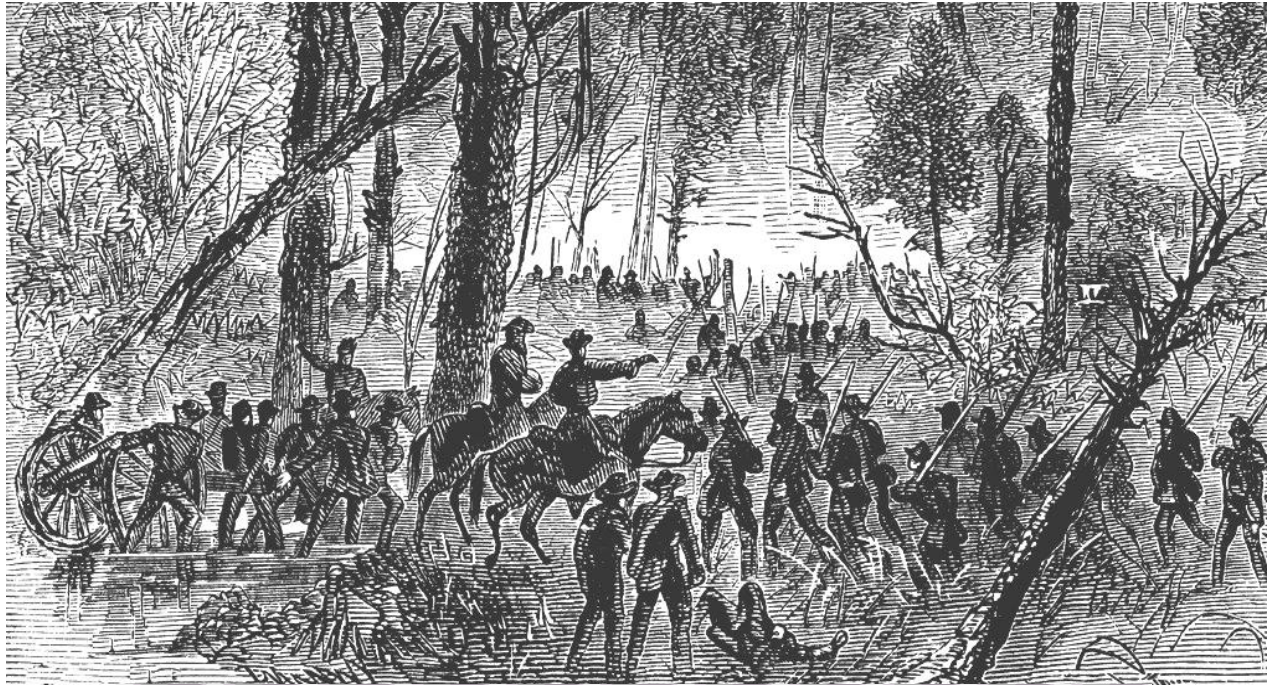
After the Confederates established their own Arizona Territory at Mesilla, New Mexico, in February 1862, the Union sent the California Column east to reinforce the Union Army engaged in the New Mexico Campaign. Confederate cavalry briefly occupied Tucson from February 28 until early May 1862 but withdrew soon after the skirmish at Picacho Peak. The following year General James H. Carleton arrested several California secessionists bound for Texas and detained them at Fort Yuma; William "Frog" Edwards was one of these detainees. La Paz was one of a handful of mining settlements that had been established along the Colorado River. It was situated along an important army supply route that had been in use since the Yuma War. The army used the Colorado River to supply garrisons in Arizona. On the evening of May 20, 1863, the Colorado River steamer *Cocopah* arrived at La Paz in route to Fort Mohave. A small party of soldiers, under the command of Lieutenant James A. Hale of the 4th California Infantry, disembarked to purchase supplies at Cohn's Store.

Lurking in the shadows was William "Frog" Edwards, only recently released from jail at Fort Yuma. As the soldiers approached the store, Edwards opened fire with his revolver. Private Ferdinand Behn was killed instantly, Private Truston Wentworth was mortally wounded and died the following day, Private Thomas Gainor was severely wounded, but recovered. One bystander was also struck and suffered a serious wound. Lieutenant Hale immediately searched the town with his remaining men but did not find Edwards. Lieutenant Hale returned to Fort Yuma aboard the *Cocopah* with his dead and wounded the following day. In response to Edwards' attack, a troop of forty men was deployed to hunt him down. Edwards was found several days later in the desert, where he apparently died of exposure and dehydration.

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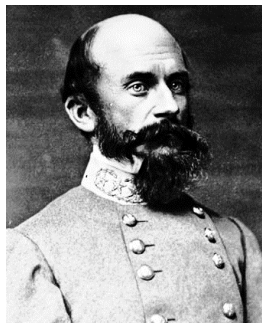




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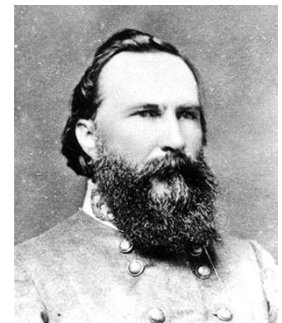
**General  
Robert E. Lee**



**Lt. Gen.  
Richard S. Ewell**



**Maj. Gen.  
Ambrose Powell Hill, Jr.**



**Lt. Gen.  
James Longstreet**

This Month (May), in 1864, saw the first battle between Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The Battle of the wilderness erupted late in the morning of May 5, 1864, as Maj. Gen. Gouverneur K. Warren's Union V Corps attacked Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell's Second Corps on the Orange Turnpike southwest of the old Chancellorsville battlefield. Although Federal infantry managed to break through at several points, the Confederate line held. Fighting shifted to the south as Lt. Gen. A.P. Hill's Third Corps engaged Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock's II Corps and elements of Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick's VI Corps for control of the Orange Plank Road and Brock Road intersection. Darkness brought an end to the fighting with Hancock in firm control of the junction. At daylight on May 6, Hancock attacked west along the Orange Plank Road and smashed through Hill's line. Fortunately for Lee, reinforcements arrived under Lt. Gen. James Longstreet in time to stabilize the position. A series of Confederate attacks throughout the day pushed back the Union infantry, however, Lee was unable to break the Federal line therefore the battle was tactically inconclusive.



**Lt. General**  
**Ulysses S. Grant**



**Maj. Gen.**  
**Gouverneur K. Warren**



**Maj. Gen.**  
**Winfield S. Hancock**



**Maj. Gen.**  
**John Sedgwick**

**CHAPLAINS WITNESS**

**WALTER W. "SOAPY" LINDLER**

**ACTS 2:25-28**

*I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.*

This passage provides us with is a powerful message in dealing with today's issues. What has been talked about for years, a global pandemic, has now occurred. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to drastically change our lives. Worldwide governments have instituted policies requiring citizens to shelter in place, social distance, wear facemasks, and face a temporary or total loss of jobs. The rapid swings in the stock market and its impact on savings and retirement was brought on by an unseen enemy COVID-19. Many of us are frightened, feel abandoned and have lost sight of God's message. If we picture the Lord always before us, keeping us steadfast through every storm, we will not be shaken. God will make known to us the right path to take and in Him, there is a fullness of joy.

*Thank You, Lord, for taking every fear, anxiety, and worry, and replacing it with true joy. At Your right hand, we will not be shaken. We will rejoice in hope and be filled with resounding joy in Your presence. In Jesus' holy name, 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.



**Bill Calliham**

**Bob Slimp**



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2019

The meeting dates posted have most likely been cancelled. If you are thinking about attending meetings at any of the listed camps I recommend you check with a member you know and verify the meeting date is valid.

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Hampton Redshirts	June 2, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM <b>1st Tuesday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum – 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	June 3, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	June 4, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
SC 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 2069	May. 18, 2020	Meets 7:00PM <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15 <sup>th</sup> Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	May 26, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	May 26, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC



## ADJUTANT'S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

Just a reminder, in June we will receive our 2020 membership renewals. I encourage each member when he receives his renewal statement to please send it in as soon as possible.

### Membership Renewal Information

Beginning June 1 SCV HQ will be mailing out your Membership Renewal Statement (MRS). I encourage each of you to renew your membership upon receipt of your MRS statement.

### SCV HQ Fiscal Year – August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021

#### Renewing Members:

• National \$35.00

SC Division \$10.00

WHC-273 \$15.00

Total Dues: **\$60.00**

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## Quote: Confederate Veteran Magazine, October 1913, page 471

**"Abraham Lincoln once asked General (Winfield) Scott this question:**

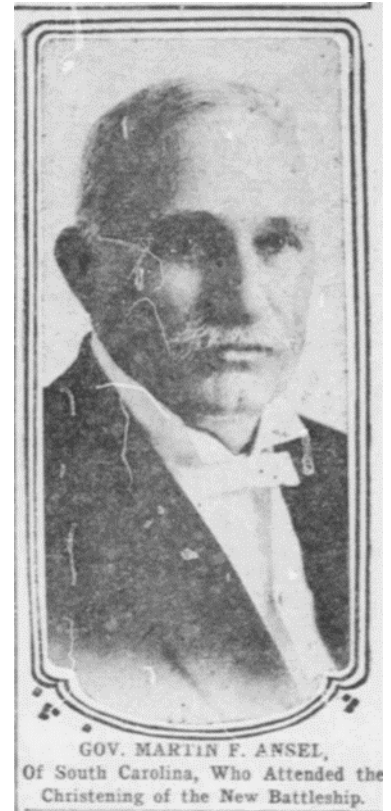
**"Why is it that you were once able to take Mexico City in three months with five thousand men, and we have been unable to take Richmond with one hundred thousand men?"**

**"I will tell you," said General Scott.**

**"The men who took us into Mexico City are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond."**



After commissioning late in 1910.



## LAUNCH BATTLESHIP AT CRAMP YARDS



### MISS FREDERICA ANSEL CHRISTENS THE GIANT SOUTH CAROLINA.

The South Carolina Named by Daughter of Governor Ansel. Philadelphia. July 11.—Amid the din of steam whistles ashore and afloat and the cheering of thousands of persons assembled to witness the affair, the "all big pm" battleship South Carolina was launched at 12:05 p. m. to-day at Cramps' shipyard, on the Delaware River. As the latest addition to the American navy slipped into the water. Miss Frederica Calvert Ansel, daughter of Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, broke the traditional bottle of wine against the prow of the great hull and gave the big sea fighter its name. Surrounding the attractive girl stood a group, including her father and his military staff., many officials of the Navy Department, the commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, officials of the city, officers of the Italian warship Ettore Fieramosca, now in port, and hundreds of other invited guests.

There was no hitch to the launching, and after tugs had warped the big hull into the dock, the invited guests proceeded to the famous mold loft of Cramps', where many a launching feast has been spread, and sat down to luncheon. The party sat at a centre table, and the usual toasts to the new ship, the President of the United States, the navy, and the fair sponsor of the South Carolina were drunk.

Later in the afternoon the Governor and his party were entertained by local citizens, and to-night the Governor and his staff will be the guests of the Southern Club.

The South Carolina has a length between perpendiculars of 450 feet, a breadth of 80 feet and her mean draft will be 24 feet 6 inches. Her normal displacement will be 16,000 tons and full load displacement 17,000. The vessel's reciprocating engines will have 17,000 horsepower and are expected to develop a speed of at least 18 1/2 knots, the contract figure. Her bunker capacity will be 2,100 tons.

The main battery of the South Carolina will consist of eight 12-inch breechloading rifles, mounted in four turrets, and so arranged that each gun can fire two shots a minute. These guns will be able to fire on either broadside, and will permit sixteen 350-pound projectiles to be discharged every minute. The South Carolina will

also have a battery of about thirty guns of various sizes, to afford protection from torpedo boats and destroyers, and will carry an armament of submerged torpedo tubes.

The waterline belt will extend practically up to the main deck, and will be located according to the most approved design. An official description of the battleship says that under no conditions could it be open to such criticisms as have been recently made 'on earlier designs as to the location of this belt. The South Carolina will be provided with a protective deck at about the middle of this armor, varying in thickness from one and a half to three inches. The South Carolina will have two of the most modern cage types of military masts, similar to those recently tested on the monitor Florida, and two funnels.

The contract price for the huge ship, exclusive of armor and armament, is \$3,540,000. Including the armor, armament and outfit, the battleship will cost about \$7,000,000. She will be turned over to the government on December 21, 1909, and when in commission will carry a total complement of officers and crew of nearly 900 men.

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### More Pictures from Elmwood Cemetery:



### 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**



### ***Recruit, Recruit, Recruit***

***Individuals Interested in joining the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 should contact***  
***Compatriot Bryan Pittman***

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***WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN***



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

- May 9, 1861      **San Lucas Springs, Texas** – US Lt. Col. Reeves commanding 6 companies of the 8th U.S. Infantry near San Lucas Springs was forced to surrender to CSA Col. Earl Van Dorn. Along with the infantry, several officers who were on leave were also captured.
- May 29-June 1, 1861      **Battle of Aquia Creek, VA** – USN Cmdr. James H. Wards 3 gunboats bombarded Confederate coastal batteries at the mouth of Aquia Creek for 3 days during the blockade of Chesapeake Bay. This inconclusive encounter results in 10 dead.
- May 20, 1862      **Crooked River, FL** – On this date a Union raid on the Virginia Central Railroad at Jackson's River Depot. The depot was located about 10 miles from Covington. The raiders were able to destroy several bridges in the area.
- May 26, 1862      **Licking, MO** – On this date a Confederate force was near Licking, at Crow's Station, when they spotted a Union wagon train heading their way. When the train was within range, the Confederates attacked it. The wagon train was partially destroyed with the remainder managing to escape.
- May 2, 1863      **Centre, AL** – On this date Col. Abel D. Streight's Union raiders had reached the town of Centre. Shortly after their, Brig. Gen. [Nathan B. Forrest](#) and his cavalry arrived. A brief skirmish ensued with the retreat of the Federals once again.
- May 10, 1863      **Fort Beauregard, Louisiana** - A Union flotilla of 4 gunships were traveling on the Ouachita River. They arrived at Ft. Beauregard and began shelling the fort. Little damage was inflicted and the flotilla left the area.
- May 16, 1864      **Dunn's Bayou, LA** – On this date a duel occurred between the Confederate shore batteries and 2 wooden Union gunboats and a transport. All three ships were lost in the fight.

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WE WILL NOT  
MEET IN MAY**



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