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*"A Fraternal Organization of Southern Men"*

## Battle For Columbia a Rousing Success Again

The second annual Battle For Columbia proved an unqualified success.

Thousands of spectators lined the field in Sandy Run to watch hundreds of Confederate and Federal troops re-enact life in the 1860s, on the battlefield and in camps.

The site drew raves from both those within the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp and outsiders. Commander Jeff O'Cain recognized the many who made it possible, beginning with Compatriot John Culler.

"There's literally no accolades to describe a man like our own John Culler, who turned a working farm into a living history site unequalled in all of America," Commander O'Cain said. "He's truly a man amongst men and one of our most dedicated and loyal Camp members. Without John and his family, BFC would simply not have happened."

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A Confederate cavalryman holds off Yankee troops during action at the Battle For Columbia. Hundreds of re-enactors, thousands of spectators and beautiful weather made for an outstanding event.

## Confederate Forefathers Remembered on Memorial Day

This year's Confederate Memorial Day was one to remember.

Nearly 500 people turned out for ceremonies at Elmwood Cemetery honoring our Confederate forefathers, including scores of re-enactors dressed in War Between The States garb, on May 7. **(For more pictures, see Page 5.)**

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Veterans and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars spoke and re-enactor volleys rang through the cemetery, paying tribute to the brave troops who fought so valiantly for the cause in which they believed.

More than a dozen members of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp were on hand, including Rusty Rentz, Don Gordon, Maurice Bessinger and Bob Slimp.

Many on hand at Elmwood then marched

from the cemetery to the State House, where speakers remembered the sacrifice and dedication of Confederate troops and the men and women who supported them.

A few days later, many took time on May 10, when Confederate Memorial Day is officially celebrated, to stand watch on the State House grounds over the marker to Confederate soldiers and sailors, and the statue honoring Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton.

## Tribute to Lake Murray's Confederate Veterans Nearing Reality

The Lake Murray Confederate Monument is close to becoming a reality.

In 1999, compatriot Bing Chambers became aware of old SCE&G records from 1928-1929 that detailed the identities of persons left at rest beneath the rising Saluda River waters that became Lake Murray.

Using those records, he identified the

Confederate soldiers among them and proposed the raising of a monument in their honor as a project for his camp, Camp 51 in Lexington. After years of site searches, monument company interviews, negotiations and site surveys, design renderings and proposals, and fund-raising promotions and events, Bing can see progress.

"The first breakthrough came after I was informed by the corporate land owners of their decision to deny us access to their site after 18 months of negotiation," he said. "Wayne Roberts of the Lexington Camp then discovered the possibility of placing the

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# Kudos to Those Who Fulfilled Their Obligations

**A** living, breathing Civil War lesson" read the headline on the front page of The State Saturday morning.

The photo of hundreds of children waving Confederate flags literally moved me to tears. Our first Living History & Education Day had been a resounding and huge success, and even The State couldn't find anything negative to report.

The enthusiastic response from every last one of the near 1,000 attendees was something I was not completely prepared for.

The glowing comments from the teachers and parents were a fitting testimony to the exceptional work of Rusty Rentz, Larry Bates and small number of dedicated guides and instructors.

I cannot find words to express my appreciation and gratitude to those who stepped forward and spent a most rewarding Friday morning with those who will be our future: the kids.

Unlike all other school day events I have attended, the Battle for Columbia Living History & Education Day delivered a well organized and perfectly structured learning opportunity with little or no distractions.

There was no "carnival atmosphere" that had been the universal complaint from all other events I had surveyed. In its 73 years this Camp has never before fulfilled its obligations to The Charge any better. Those of you who missed it, missed the most satisfying experience I have ever had in the SCV...period!

With the publication of an excellent 12-page program in The Lexington Chronicle on Thursday, the continued build-up of hundreds of infantry, cavalry and artillery, and the arrival of many vendors and sutlers, everyone anxiously awaited the gates opening Saturday morning.

The weather was literally sent from heaven! Early Saturday morning a great number of re-enactors, period civilians, including a stately red clad British 1860's

## Commander's Corner

By Jeff O'Cain

liaison, Col. Fremantle, boarded buses for Elmwood Cemetery and the Confederate Memorial Day services.

A respectable crowd of several thousand attended Saturday's spectacular battle where the Confederates rallied and won the day as the Federals attempted to make a frontal assault on Ft. Mick.

**I am so grateful to the 30 or so men who stepped forward to insure its success. They have unquestionably fulfilled their solemn obligations to The Charge as never before.**

To the cheers of the entire crowd the cavalry not only rescued the defenseless civilians roused by the rampaging Federal cavalry from the burning Culler Homestead, but thundered surprisingly from the center of the long spectator gallery onto the field of battle and attacked the Federal artillery before turning their Forrest-style attack onto the Federal infantry rear.

With pressure being brought by relentless fire from Ft. Mick, a surprise Confederate flanking attack and the encircling Rebel cavalry, hundreds of attacking Yankees were wiped out or captured as they attempted to breach the impregnable and enduring Ft. Mick.

The spirit of the fort's namesake and former Camp mascot, Mickey, was definitely there, and he would have been so proud. I only wish he had been there to see it.

Unfortunately, however, too many of you missed it as well.

After a very long and hard day, all the fine re-enactors were treated to Maurice's BBQ, beer, bluegrass and a performance of The Great Civil War Exposition Theater.

H.K. Edgerton led all in the singing of Dixie. He had earlier in the day helped man Ft. Mick as its sole black Confederate defender. He was joined by a lone Citadel cadet in period uniform, Adam Byerly, Commander of the Citadel's Star of the West Camp.

On Sunday the Federals prevailed when a very costly all-out assault on Ft. Mick overwhelming the gallant Confederate defenders who fought literally to the last man. As the Federals charged and breached the walls of the fort they were met with fierce hand-to-hand combat.

Every man fought hard to prevent the Federals from striking and capturing the fort's war-torn battle colors.

At the conclusion of each battle an impressive, moving salute by all the soldiers was given to America's men and women in uniform, and especially to Lance Corporal Joshua Torrence, a Palmetto Battalion member recently killed in Iraq.

And big Dixie played so loudly I'm sure it was heard all the way to Columbia.

The 2nd edition of the Battle for Columbia is now complete.

I am so grateful to the 30 or so men who stepped forward to insure its success. They have unquestionably fulfilled their solemn obligations to The Charge as never before.

The Camp is greatly indebted for your service, enthusiasm, resourcefulness and dedication.

It is men like you that make my service as Camp Commander so very rewarding and fulfilling. Thank you, gentlemen.

Your ancestors are very proud of you.

## Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."*

-Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, New Orleans, La., April 25, 1906.

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## Lieutenant's Ledger

By Tommy Rollings

### The Few Carried the Many When it Counted Most

**T**he 2nd Annual Battle for Columbia has now come and gone.

The event once again allowed many men of character to step forward and honor their commitment to The Charge.

The event itself and Education Day went off splendidly. The re-enactors, teachers, students, and spectators all enjoyed their experience. The event staff has now become polished in their areas of responsibility and things flowed more smoothly than last year.

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So why am I disappointed?

I am disappointed that a 300-plus man camp can produce less than 20 men willing to seize an opportunity to improve the Camp's financial standing and at the same time educate the public to the true history of The South.

Doesn't sound like the Camp of the Year does it?

Basically the same fine crew of men who prepared for and staffed the event last year were on hand again this year. I thank God for all of them.

If you did not contribute you should know that they were there in your place, standing tall in front of teachers and students on Education Day and in front of their Ancestors all weekend long.

A good number of men assisted with Education Day as Guides and my hat is off to all of you. You took your oath to the Camp and your Confederate Ancestors seriously. Your Ancestors are surely proud of you!

We're going into the future, come on and go with us.

## By Remembering Confederacy, We Remember Our Southern Ancestors

**I** did enjoy attending our Special National Convention in Concord, N.C., on April 23, along with our Commander, Jeff O'Cain, Richard Johnson and Bob Davis.

It was the biggest, briefest and most efficient Convention in SCV history. Both resolutions were passed by votes of 96 percent and 93 percent respectfully. The first amendment removed all but the last three past commanders from the National Executive Committee, the second removed the Commander of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars from the NEC.

Commander in Chief Denne Sweeny is firmly in Command as per his election last July, and those who would have seized the SCV thoroughly routed. Both the "Southern Tradition Service," Friday night at First Baptist Church in Lexington and the Battle For Columbia were huge successes.

I am going to devote the rest of this column to Confederate Memorial Day. If we are to survive as a Southern people we must remember our ancestors, preserve our culture and prevent future attacks from eroding our love and loyalty toward the cherished landmarks of our heritage.

We must educate our people as to why the War for Southern Independence was fought. General Robert E. Lee stated: "All that the South has ever desired was the Union as established by our forefathers should be preserved and that the government as originally organized should be administered by purity and truth."

In other words, the South fought to preserve its way of life after it was invaded by the North. The Yankees were the aggressors. From the day that he was elected president on, Abraham Lincoln was determined to invade the South and he made certain that he would force the South to fire the first shot of the war at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor.

### Hampton Camp Member Readies for Graduation



The Lt. Gen Wade Hampton Camp would like to recognize Compatriot Travis Pitts, who will be graduating from Whitteknoll High School on May 27.

Travis, the grandson of Compatriot Freddie Barr, has been a member of the camp for several years.

At Whitteknoll High he has taken part in

## Chaplain's Pulpit

Bob Slimp

Our ancestors were Celts from Scotland and Ireland, English and Germans, and French Huguenots, all of whom settled in our Southland. They brought their Christian faith with them.

Their Christianity produced a strong sense of regional loyalty and a tenacious devotion to family and friends. Coupled with the fact that the South was basically an agrarian society which made for a very pleasant and peaceful lifestyle, it is easy to understand why Southern people both soldier and civilian, fought so desperately to preserve their way of life.

Without a doubt, when the Southern men left their homes to go to the battle front, they went with a deep sense of personal pride, devotion and honor to defend their farms, their homes and firesides, the families, and cultural and religious values.

The Northerners at first came to America for the same reasons as the Southerners, but by the early 1800s they began to change from an agrarian to an industrial society. They depended on factories and ship building and commerce.

Most of the churches became liberal, humanistic and in theology, Unitarian, and so began to replace the Biblical Gospel of Christ with the Social Gospel, that called for, among other things, the abolition of slavery. As their trade with Europe increased, they wanted to make money from high tariffs.

Lincoln himself said that he had to invade the South, because he could not raise the tax money he needed to build a more industrial national as long as Southern harbors remained free ports for international trade.

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chorus for four years and is presently in the Honor Choir. He has been a member of National Junior ROTC for four years, where he has been promoted to the rank of ensign, and has also been listed among the Who's Who Among High School Seniors.

Travis is also a member of the National Honor Roll.

Congratulations, Travis, you've done the Camp proud.

## Battle

The event, held May 7-8, couldn't have happened without the hard work of more than two dozen others:

David Forbes and national SCV Field Representative Jack Marlar handled the first "Musket & Cannon Fire Booth" with aplomb;

Earl Eargle, Theron Krell and Jim Shirley manned the Quartermaster booth, while J.D. Holt sold redshirts;

Don Jones played all day Saturday with *Sweetwater* and again in the evening with *Ridgehill*, while Steve Fulmer and Jim and Mildred Harmon worked tirelessly at the front gate;

Rusty Rentz and Larry Bates did spectacular work in putting together and helping pull off the Living History and Education Day, May 6;

Jim Nettles, Marty Johnson, Layne Waters, Ralph Culler and Charles Hardy manned the transport carts, while Bill Suber and Eddie Killian registered all the re-enactors;

Kyle Killian, with help from soon-to-be Camp member Greg Matthews, built a great "dry goods store" in Ft. Mick. Greg Matthews, Charlie Culler and Ralph Culler also built an impressive four-building "Culler Homestead" on the battlefield, just to burn it all down;

The Camp's great re-enactors - Bobby Good-

win, Dwight Bachman, Jim Harley, Fred Barr, Ron Dorgay, David Forbes, Eddie Killian, Kyle Killian, Federal drummer Sam Brown, Audrey Peele, Mark Irwin, Lee Honeycutt, Jim Harmon, Barrett Burgess and all of Culpepper's three-gun artillery crews - did themselves proud;

Allen Koon's fine construction of the massive fort walls, picket pits and support with the Saturday's pyrotechnics lent added credibility.

J.B. Hensley's fine work on the spectator rope barriers and signage was invaluable;

Others who deserve note include: Charlie Culler, John's brother; Bobby Aaron, John's nephew; and Brandon Aaron and Charlie Culler, John's nephews; for help everyday on a myriad of projects and essential work;

The ladies in the Sandy Run Association, Ida Culler, Angie Culler, Joni Culler, Peg Nelson, and too many more to list;

Roger Hill of the Calhoun County Council, Sheriff Tommy Summers and Deputy Richard Herron, Fire and EMS Chief Herbert Geiger;

Charles Dorgay, Ron's brother, for his help on LED, and Gary Lackey, Johnny Knotts and Farroll Gunter for site work;

Charles Bray, Paul Graham, Joe Long, Johnny Bishop as guides and/or instructors on LED;

Paul and Maurice Bessinger for their unbelievable gift of breakfast and BBQ for 400;

Layne Water's indispensable help keeping Commander O'Cain calm under pressure, Bill Barley's excellent three-day professional photographic coverage, Dr. Marnie Hook for the use of his golf cart, and Charles and McKenzie Holland for cleaning up the big tent;

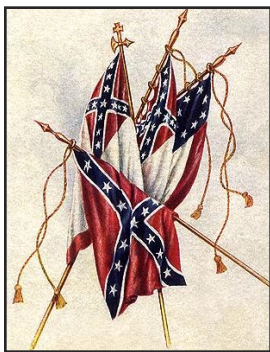
Division Guardian E.M. Clark for help with BFC electrical installations.

The great support of Jerry Bellune and *The Lexington Chronicle*; our grand sponsor Michael Corley, General Manager of Love Chevrolet; Red Sponsor Mike Hutchins, owner of the Frank's Carwash Company; Pine Crest Marine; Addy Dodge; Camp member Chris Lambeth; Allstate sponsor; Confederate Relic Room & Museum; Southern Patriot Shop; Astro Glass, Southern States Mint; and Bolen Law Firm.

Last, but certainly not least, was the work of Commander O'Cain, who sacrificed untold hours to help make the 2005 Battle For Columbia all it could be. As usual, Jeff has led by example, and helped the camp fulfill its obligation to the SCV Charge as never before.

## Confederates 1, Vanderbilt 0

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Vanderbilt University would violate a decades-old contract if it stripped the word "Confederate" from the name of a dormitory built with the help of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a court ruling released Wednesday said.



The heritage group donated a third of the building's cost. In return, the name Confederate Memorial Hall was chiseled into stone over the main entrance.

The state appeals court said Vanderbilt must leave the name intact or pay the group the current value of the \$50,000 given when the building was constructed in 1935. It was not immediately clear what that amount would be in today's dollars.

The ruling overturns a lower court decision that the private liberal arts university had the right to remove the name. Vanderbilt Chancellor Gordon Gee cited the need to create a welcoming environment and diversity efforts when he announced in 2002 the school's intention to drop the word. Confederate heritage groups denounced the move, saying the university was trying to rewrite history and reject Southern culture.

Vanderbilt spokesman Michael Schoenfeld said the school has not decided whether to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

He added: "We continue to believe that Vanderbilt did the right thing for the right reasons to put to rest, or attempt to put to rest, a decades-long controversy."



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# New Antietam Museum Chronicles Battlefield Medicine

**SHARPSBURG, Md.** - On the single bloodiest day in American history, military doctors worked hellishly to save Union and Confederate lives with the most advanced technology they had: the bone saw.

So many arms and legs were removed at the Battle of Antietam that big-city newspapers caricatured the average military surgeon as Dr. Sawbones and the Army of the Potomac's chief battlefield surgeon instituted reforms to ensure that amputations were not performed unnecessarily.

And yet, the surgeons probably did not amputate enough limbs, said George Wunderlich, executive director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick.

Wunderlich, citing accounts from a British military observer and the Union's chief battlefield surgeon, suggested that a shortage of chloroform, used as a general anesthetic, hindered the ability to perform surgery. Soldiers who might have survived, minus a limb, instead died of infections, he said.

These accounts, along with exhibits of Civil War-era medical equipment, are on display at the new Pry House Field Hospital Museum at Antietam National Battlefield. The museum, which is owned by the National Park Service and leased to Frederick's Civil War medicine museum, opened April 28. The site includes the Pry farmhouse, built in 1844 from bricks fired on the banks of Antietam Creek, and a barn that became a hospital ward for soldiers.

Much of Antietam's history has become almost legendary: the carnage, unsurpassed by either Pearl Harbor or Sept. 11, 2001, that

halted Gen. Robert E. Lee's first try at invading the North; the Union's serendipitous discovery of Lee's plans on a piece of paper wrapped around some cigars; and Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan's frustrating inability to crush Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, even with the rebels' backs pinned to the Potomac River.

But the new museum takes an unusual view, intended to shed more light on medical practices of the time.

For example, three-fourths of all operations were amputations, and all but about 10 percent -- contrary to Hollywood's depiction of people biting on bullets -- were done with anesthetic, Wunderlich said. And more of the work focused on treating disease, such as dysentery and typhoid, than tending to wounds.

Blood ran freely on Sept. 17, 1862, when one group of Americans dressed in blue and another clad in gray clashed in the cornfields and country lanes near a small German sect's whitewashed church in western Maryland. The Pry farm offered a spectacular view of the action.

"You would have seen three different scenes," Wunderlich said.

From the farmhouse, for example, McClellan oversaw the battle, the museum's panels explain. A visitor that day might have observed Union mapmakers, adjutants, orderlies and junior officers working out the business of dispatching orders and receiving reports. Some staff officers lugged the Pry's upholstered furniture up the knoll directly behind the house to view the battle unfolding, Wunderlich said. Though somewhat obscured now by trees, the panorama still in-

cludes Bloody Lane and Miller Cornfield, a lush green field cut to stubble by the opening volleys of the battle.

"The second scene, you would have seen Dr. Jonathan Letterman's staff. They would have been doing something completely different," Wunderlich said: rounding up medical supplies from Baltimore to Frederick and supervising the ambulances deployed in the fields around the farmhouse. Staff members also set up the hospitals that soon filled with soldiers.

It was from the Pry house that McClellan directed the battle. Union Maj. Gen. Joseph "Fighting Joe" Hooker underwent surgery on an injured foot in the house, a scene re-created at the sparse museum. It's also where President Lincoln stopped to pay his respects to Maj. Gen. Israel Bush Richardson, who was gravely wounded by golf-ball-size shot fired by Confederate forces. Lincoln also had come to view the battlefield and meet with McClellan in an attempt to rouse the ever-reluctant general to pursue the Confederates more aggressively.

The house also illustrates the economic toll on civilians. Before the battle, Philip and Elizabeth Cost Pry operated a prosperous farm. But the battle nearly destroyed them financially.

Wunderlich said Pry submitted his damage claim to the U.S. government -- including seven large hogs at \$7 each, five barrels of flour at \$7 each, 900 bushels of corn at 50 cents a bushel and 8,074 pieces of timber from his "worm rail" fence. He did not receive any compensation until the late 1870s.

*-The Washington Post*

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## Monument

monument at Corley Road Park in Lexington when he learned of its upcoming renovation. After several meetings with council and committees, this site was secured thanks to Wayne's presentations."

The second breakthrough came when Bing happened to stop by Phillip's Granite Co. while in Winnsboro on business.

He met with Mr. H. G. Phillips, Chairman, and, like other occasions in the past few years with other monument companies, explained the project and the camp's needs. However, at this opportunity, he took a different approach. Rather than asking for a design recommendation and then the cost, he instead disclosed the camp's available funds for the monument, and then asked what Phillip's Granite might be able to design and provide for that amount.

At the end of a tour of his plant on that day, Mr. Phillips committed to considering

it and responding, which was very refreshing compared to some experiences in the past.

"I supplied him with all of the names and memorial wording the next week, and, after 10 days, he called me to meet with him again," Bing said. "At this meeting, he had a rough rendering of an outstanding design. Then, incredibly, he committed to building, inscribing and installing it for the money we have available.

"His benevolence includes a massive, granite, 9 x 4 foot long base that was not included in his original offer, but he decided to donate because he didn't think the monument would 'look quite right without it,' " Bing added.

Bing said he's not surprised by Mr. Phillips' generosity.

"He is a gentleman of the first order, and, I am certain, as generous with every-

one in everything he does," Bing said. "He told me he has become as excited about this project and its purpose as we are. He even said that, at first, he 'lost sleep thinking about it' because he wanted to be certain his design would be impressive enough for the purpose.

But Mr. Phillips said he would have no part of our placing his company name on the monument in recognition, no matter how unobtrusive or obscure the engraving. He said he wanted to do this because he believes in what we are doing. He is committed to attending the dedication.

The monument has been funded, and continues to be, by the sale of memorial bricks that will be laid as a floor around it. If you have yet to buy your brick or bricks, please get in touch with Bing right away. The floor will be going down in the near future and you don't want to miss out.

## In the Confederation

### What's Going On

#### Georiga SCV Honor Fallen Confederate

Savannah-area Sons of Confederate Veterans recently honored Pvt. Chesley Alderman at the family cemetery in Bulloch County, Ga. Family historians recently discovered his name on the Confederate Roll of Honor.

Wounded on the first day at Gettysburg, Alderman risked his life as a volunteer medic during the battle.

"When everyone else was crouching down to miss the bullets, he was sitting up in a wagon, trying to save fellow soldiers," said historian Smith Banks.

Alderman was wounded again, and Union troops captured him. He died days later in a prison camp.

Descendants don't know where they buried him, but they dedicated a new marker in his memory today.

## Remember

It was obvious that Lincoln and many others in the North wanted war and were determined to replace States' Rights with a much stronger Union Government.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne knew what defeat would mean to the South when he stated: "Surrender means that the history of this historic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; learn from Northern school books, their version of the war, and taught to regard our gallant dead as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects of derision."

After the Lincoln policy of "total war" against the Southern people, and the burning of its towns and cities commenced, Cleburne was proven right.

Reconstruction was imposed to utterly demoralize the Southern people.

But even in defeat the people of the South were determined not to give up their beloved home and, by the end of the 1870s, they in part had recovered it.

The North failed to destroy Southern pride, culture and Biblical Christianity.

Our duty today, as we remember our

ancestors, who fought for the Constitution handed down to us by our forefathers, is to win the battle against the all out cultural war being waged by our enemies against us, including some traitors who have turned their backs on their native South.

If we win, we must above all continue to honor our Confederate ancestors and the principles for which they fought and gave their lives.

Most importantly we must continue to honor the God they worshiped and the Bible which was the rule and guide for their faith and practice.

Let us always live up to "The Charge" gives us by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee.

I am going to close by quoting a poem by the "poet laureate of the Confederacy"

Henry Timrod, himself a Confederate combat veteran and outstanding man of letters, composed this poem for the first Confederate Memorial Day, held June 16, 1866, at Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston.

For that occasion, the poem was set to music. It is simply entitled "Ode" and many scholars consider it Timrod's very best poem.

## Important May Dates to Remember

### Notable Confederate Birthdays

May 1: Maj. Gen. John Bankhead Magruder

May 9: Brig. Gen. William Edmondson 'Grumble' Jones\*

May 14: Brig. Gen. George Pierce Doles\*

May 16: Gen. Kirby Smith

May 19: Brig. Gen. Felix Kirk Zollicoffer\*

May 24: Maj. Gen. Charles Clark

May 28: Brig. General Alpheus Baker, Abbeville District

May 28: Gen. P.G.T Beauregard

May 29: Maj. Gen. Robert Emmett Rodes\*

May 31: Maj. Gen. William Fitzhugh Lee

May 31: Maj. Gen. Stephen Dodson Ramseur\*

\*Died in Confederate service

### Coming Events

May 19: Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Meeting, Seawell's, 6 p.m.

May 21-22: Battle of Central, Central, S.C.

## Missouri Tables Bill to Allow Flag on Graves

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** - The House of Representatives tabled a bill Thursday that would have allowed the state park board to decide whether the Confederate flag should again fly over Missouri's historical

gravesites.

Supporters said the bill was about paying tribute to Confederate soldiers.

"For me this isn't an issue of racism," said Rep. Jim Avery, R-Crestwood. "This is an issue of respecting soldiers who died in this country and they are Confederate soldiers."

## Ode

By Henry Timrod

Sleep sweetly in your humble graves.

Sleep martyrs of a fallen cause

Though yet no marble column craves

The pilgrim here to pause

In seeds of laurels in the earth

The garlands of your fame are sown;

And, somewhere, waiting for its birth,

The shaft is in the stone

Meanwhile, your sisters for the years

Which hold in trust your storied tombs,

Bring all they now can give you - tears,

And these memorial blooms

Small tributes, but your shades will smile

As proudly on these wreaths today,

As when some cannon-molded pile

Shall overlook this Bay.

Stoop angels hither from the skies!

There is no holier spot of ground

Than where defeated valor lies

By mourning beauty crowned.

## Important Dates in the War of Northern Aggression

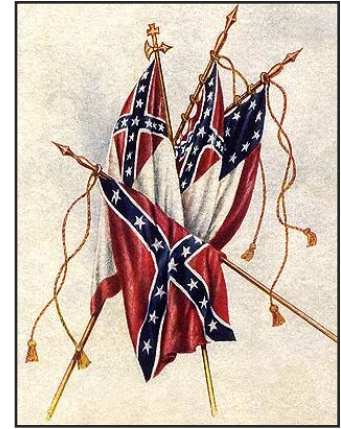
- May 3, 1863: Battle of Chancellorsville. Gen. Robert E. Lee outmaneuvers Federals despite being greatly outnumbered.
- May 5, 1864: Battle of the Wilderness. Federals suffer 18,400 casualties; Confederates 11,400.
- May 6, 1861: Arkansas secedes from the Union.
- May 8, 1862: Confederates repulse Federals at McDowell, Va., in Peninsula Campaign.
- May 10, 1863: Gen. Thomas E. "Stonewall" Jackson dies.
- May 15, 1862: Confederate defenders turn back Federal gunboats at Drewry's Bluff, Va.
- May 15, 1862: Federals thumped at Princeton Courthouse, W.Va., by Confederates under Brig. Gen. Humphery Marshall in Peninsula Campaign action.
- May 15, 1864: Confederates send Yankees packing at New Market, Va.
- May 23, 1862: Confederates capture nearly 900 Yankees at Front Royal, Va.
- May 20, 1861: North Carolina secedes from the Union.
- May 25, 1862: Stonewall Jackson routs Federals at Winchester, Va., inflicting more than 2,000 casualties in decisive battle in Valley Campaign.
- May 31, 1862: Battle of Seven Pines, Va. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston wounded, command transferred to Robert. E Lee.

## Words To Remember

"Surrender means that the history of this historic struggle will be written by the enemy."

- Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne

Next Camp Meeting  
Thursday, May 19



6 p.m. at Seawell's  
Restaurant, on Rosewood

## Scripture Thought

"Be not delighted in the paths of the wicked, neither let the way of evil men please thee. Flee from it, pass not by it: go aside, and forsake it."

-Proverbs 4:14-15

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