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## AFTER ACTION REPORT: MAY 1-3, 2009

The annual reenactment of the Battle of Columbia reached yet another summit, as over three hundred and fifty reenactors, eight sutlers and several educational stations descended upon Sandy Run (exit mile marker I25 off of Interstate 26) for the Annual battle. Friday saw several hundred students in attendance with chaperones for School Days. All stations offered insight into 1865 and provided 1st person experiences to the delight of the audience. The students were filled with questions ranging from novice to distinguish. At the state capital building, volunteers read the list of the South Carolina Confederate casualties killed during the war. The reading of each name was followed by the towing of the bell and brought a chill and tear of gratitude for their sacrifices. The food was filled with good ole Southern recipes and all demonstrated the hospitality that South Carolina is noted.

Saturday witnessed the memorial service and dedication at the Elmwood Cemetery, a march to the capital under the leadership of Colonel St. Clair, speeches beneath the shadow of the statue of the Southern Sentinel on the capitol grounds with the battle flag saluting the audience with every gust of wind.

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## CONFEDERATE DEAD HONORED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETARY

By Rev. Bob Slimp

I am happy to report that our Wade Hampton Camp's taking on the honorable task of decorating the graves of our Confederate heroes who lay buried in the Cemetery at the historical old First Presbyterian Church at Marion and Lady Streets was the subject of scores of good and enthusiastic comments. 28 Confederate soldiers lay buried there, and a total of 85 members of the church served in the Confederate Army, many of whom fell defending our Southland. We placed a Confederate flag at each of the graves. In addition the ladies of the Columbia Camp of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, placed two beautiful wreaths made of magnolia leaves at the truncated column in the cemetery. This column had been a part of the old State House which was burned by Sherman's terrorists during the sack and destruction of Columbia in February, 1865. Two other monuments of special interest to the UDC were also decorated by Mrs. Edith Purvis.

We were allowed by the Church to decorate the cemetery on Tuesday, May 5, and we were told to leave them up until the evening of May 11.

Some of our compatriots who worked hard on this project were Ricky Badger, Rob Baker, Ralph Meetze and others. Ursula and I were taken on a tour of the cemetery by Chandler McNair, an Elder of the Church who is in charge of the cemetery committee, he gave Ursula a map and then took us to every grave site, which we marked on the map with a red dot.

The cemetery is so located, that it is difficult to enter the church without passing through at least a part of it.

This story has a wonderful ending. We were invited on May 13, to come back again next year and decorate it again. My prayer is that other churches will follow this example. Other of our compatriots helped to decorate Trinity Cathedral, which has been decorated for the past several years.

Since May is Memorial Month, I wish to conclude with a poem by Henry Timrod, entitled Ode. He composed this poem for our Confederate dead and read it at the first ever Memorial Service in South Carolina for our fallen heroes. It was held in June, 1866 at Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston. ("Ode" printed on the next page -Ed.)

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

ROBERT "DOC" SPIGNER

Compatriots—

Greetings of this Grand and Glorious Day!

The camp has been very busy for the first four Months of this year. We had a wonderful Lee- Jackson Banquet. The Camp sold 52 bags of Vidalia Onions. The Battle for Columbia went off without a hitch, I have received letters from re-enactors, teachers from school day and some of the spectators and all of them have commented on how well organized and enjoyable this years event was. We had one of the best years for attendance of re-enactors. Saturday Nigh was busy with a birthday party, street dance and Gen. Lee got married. If you didn't come out, you

missed a great weekend. I want to thank everyone that came out and helped in any small way. It takes a large number of men and women to put on this great weekend. The spectator attendance this year was one of the lowest. Without generous contributions from Camp members we wouldn't break even. We can not continue this camp project without more camp members helping out. We have some great speakers lined up for the summer months so come out and enjoy your camp. I hope to see you there. May the good Lord above bless your home and family with health and safety.

Your Humble Servant,  
Robert "Doc" Spigner

## CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

HOWARD HUGHES

Dictionary.com lists these synonyms for the word "remnant": remainder, residue, residuum, rest, remains

Those aren't exactly terms that would cause most folks to puff up with pride were they to be deemed as such by others; in fact, to be considered "residue" could be downright hurtful—if not fighting words—to some were they called that to their face.

Satan often uses our pride to shove us headlong down the wrong path toward all kinds of messes—and sometimes we make it pretty easy for him to do so because when he tosses us the bait we eagerly go off with it half-cocked and don't examine things properly before we speak or act, resulting, at best, only in making fools of ourselves or, at worst, acting un-Christian. Let's be honest—typically it's both.

In 1998, Rev. Dr. A. Purnell Bailey wrote the following in his "Our Daily Bread" newspaper column:

Jay Leno, on a national TV program, asked some high school graduates to name some of the Ten Commandments. He drew a blank. Not one graduate could name a single

commandment. Yet the laws of our country are based in large part on the revelation God gave to Moses.

God keeps to Himself a remnant of believers! Consider Japan, which for centuries had a ban on Christians showing any expression of their belief, and especially forbade any gathering for worship. Yet when worship was allowed, it was discovered that believers had kept their Bibles and worshipped underground.

In China in recent times, Christian worship was condemned and normal expressions of faith were punished. Yet God kept unto Himself a remnant of believers. Today their churches flourish fed from the seed of underground faithful.

Russia, a land of great faith, had a remnant of believers under the Communist regimes when Atheism was proclaimed by the state. In recent years, when the bans were lifted, it was found all along that God had kept unto Himself faithful believers.

Take heart, God is almighty!

*Lift up prayers for the remnant that is left.*  
--Isaiah 37:4 †

## ACC BREAKS WITH NCAA IN BID

By Paul Strelow

Calling the policy "unfair" to South Carolina, the Atlantic Coast Conference decided earlier this year it no longer would mimic the NCAA's ban on predetermined championship events in the state, a league official said Thursday.

On Wednesday, the ACC announced Myrtle Beach had been awarded the conference's baseball tournament for three years, beginning in 2011. The league also considered a bid

from Greenville among the five finalists.

The NCAA's ban is in place so long as the Confederate flag continues to fly on the grounds of the state capitol. It began in 2001. Both the ACC and Southeastern Conference quietly fell in step with college athletics' governing body, although the SEC had its women's basketball tournament in Greenville two years ago when Atlanta withdrew as the planned site.

But Davis Whitfield, ACC

## Ode: Sung on the Occasion of Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead

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 laurel in the earth  
The blossom of your fame is blown,  
And somewhere, waiting for its birth,  
The shaft is in the stone!

Meanwhile, behalf the tardy years  
Which kept in trust your storied tombs,  
Behold! your sisters bring their tears,  
And these memorial blooms

Small tributes! but your shades will  
smile  
More proudly on these wreaths to-day,  
Than when some cannon-moulded pile  
Shall overlook this bay.

Stoop, angels, hither from the skies!  
There is no holier spot of ground  
Than where defeated valour lies,  
By mourning beauty crowned.



*Henry Simonds*

associate commissioner and director of championships, said the league chose to quit punishing prospective host sites if they could produce a proactive plan for handling the flag controversy should their site be picked.

"For a while, we tried to take the same stance with the flag issue and predetermined sites," Whitfield said. "But as this issue has gone on, we looked at it and felt it was a bit unfair to South Carolina.

"Obviously it's a South Carolina issue, and one that has not necessarily been  
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Upon returning to the battlefield, the troops went back to their camps and offered presentations to those touring. At 12:30 and 2:30, Meet the Generals was held at the amphitheatre. General Lee, Grant, Jackson, Polk, Armistead, Pendleton and Kemper presented stirring renditions of their exploits during the war. The sound of shot and shell brought those brave enough to weather the rain to witness the battle. The event was held on a picture perfect fortification, with earthen breastworks and several artillery pieces attempting to repulse the advance of General Sherman's army. General Lee worked the

lines and gave explanations of what was transpiring.

A beautiful period wedding was conducted at 7:00 that evening. David Chaltas (General Lee) and Ciara Lee (Mrs. Lucy Pickens) exchanged the same wedding vows administered at General John Hunt Morgan's wedding. The rose ceremony brought tears to several guests' eyes. The wedding was conducted by Reverend Binion, who portrays Bishop Polk. The reception was only dampened by the rain but could not extinguish the spirit of those in attendance. The period

dance continued despite the rain and all went away pleased with the festivities.

Sunday's sunshine brought a renewal to the land, as did the period church service conducted by Mike. Meet the Generals was followed by another grand battle from the brave boys in blue and gray. The event was well orchestrated and plans are already being made for next year to be even bigger and better. Our compliments go out to all who worked so hard to make the Battle for Columbia a complete success. ❏

## TOURNAMENT

at the forefront the last few years. It wasn't something we spent a lot of time on, I would say. ... It certainly is still an issue. But both sites did a good job of addressing the issue in a manner we're comfortable with; that's the main thing."

Myrtle Beach's bid was spearheaded by North Johnson, general manager of the Myrtle Beach Pelicans.

Johnson said U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., the nation's highest-ranking black congressman, wrote a letter to the ACC endorsing Myrtle Beach's candidacy.

Should the flag controversy stir locally come tournament time, Johnson said the city's chamber of commerce has enlisted a public relations firm to help resolve any issues that arise.

"We don't fly the flag here at the ballpark; that was our first comment to the ACC," Johnson said. "It's not on any of our

public buildings.

"We're understanding of the situation, but we're not overly concerned about it. We've taken all steps necessary to ensure the ACC it won't be an issue."

Lonnie Randolph, state president of the NAACP, said he planned to contact the ACC on Thursday to ask why it was moving "backwards."

As the flag debate has quieted in recent years, Randolph said he has spoken with the SEC more frequently than the ACC about the NCAA's ban.

"We have not had a lot of communication with [the ACC], unfortunately," Randolph said. "The SEC has shown a lot more interest."

"[SEC commissioner] Mike [Slive] has been very receptive to at least listening to our concerns. The ACC has not been as receptive, but we still will

communicate."

Economics had little to do with the decision to eschew the state ban, Whitfield said, suggesting that Myrtle Beach's selection over four other sites Greenville; Jacksonville, Fla., the tourney host from 2005-08; Greensboro, N.C., and Winston-Salem, N.C. amounted to "splitting hairs" of the sites' relatively equal financial bids.

Whitfield said the choice came down to the logistical advantages Myrtle Beach afforded.

Myrtle Beach's attraction was a central location among the conference's members, offering a trip that would be more attractive to fans in what still could be a difficult economic time.

Source: *The Suns News*. Myrtle Beach, SC. May 13, 2009

## COLUMBIA AND THE BURDEN OF HISTORY

PAUL C. GRAHAM, EDITOR

The City of Columbia may have forgotten their history, but we have not. While the City and her officials scurry like roaches when the light of history reveals their willful ignorance and/or deception, we are doing our part to see that the true history of the South, especially our little corner of it, is presented to future generations.

A short while back I visited the City's official web site and like most city or town web sites, they give a "history" of the city. Sure, it is not intended to be anything more than a short overview and not a scholarly tome, there are a couple of events that are conspicuously absent. This unedited quote is from the section entitled *The 1800's*:

*Columbia became chartered in 1854, with an elected mayor and six aldermen. Two years later, they had a police force*

*consisting of a full-time chief and nine patrolmen. The starting salary for the patrolmen was \$16 per month.*

*Abram Blanding, the town's first school*

*teacher and attorney, built Columbia's first waterworks. Pumping water with a steam*

*engine to a wooden tank, water was carried by cast iron and lead pipes to the homes and businesses of the city.*

*The city purchased the system from Blanding at a third of his investment in 1835. As a tribute to Blanding, the town council*

*later changed the name of Walnut Street to Blanding Street. Growth continued, with the first annexations of the suburbs in 1870.*

Apparently NOTHING happened in the City of note from 1854 to 1870... NOTHING! According to our official City web site, the secession convention was not noteworthy, neither was the withdrawal from the Union by SC and ensuing War in which many of Columbia's sons fought and died. Certainly there was no reason to mention that Columbia was burned to the ground by U.S. troops and her citizens

suffered ever form of insult and degradation imaginable.

These omissions, of course, were intentional. Our history, for them, is a burden and they believe it is their duty to efface all things Southern for the sake of progress or whatever other Yankee idea they hope will make them a buck. Our honor, however, is not for sale, neither is the honor of our fathers. Their city may have "forgotten" them, but we never will!

This is just one more example of why we need support our camp as we protect the history and good name of our Confederate forebears. Please help us educate our friends and neighbors regarding the true history of our home by volunteering your time or means to the events like the *Battle for Columbia* and other worthy camp projects. The real and ongoing *Battle for Columbia* will only be won by educating our people.

Come on, boys, join the fight! ❏



# ODDS 'N ENDS

## FROM THE CAMP SCRAPBOOK



Decorating Graves at First Presbyterian Cemetery



Standing guard on Confederate Memorial Day, SC State Capitol



Cmdr. Spigner Present HL Hunley Award to Michael Richardson, Spring Valley ROTC



Students lean about the Hunley and its Crew  
Battle for Columbia Education Day



Students look on as medic reenactor extracts a bullet!  
Battle for Columbia Education Day

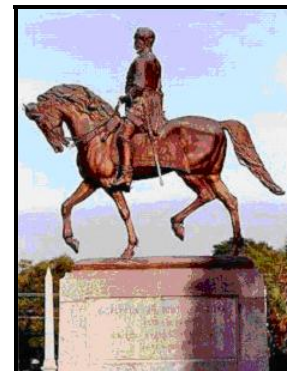
### Miscellaneous Photos from *The Battle for Columbia*



## Important Dates in *The War of Northern Aggression*:

- May 06, 1861: Arkansas and Tennessee vote to secede from the Union.
- May 16, 1861: Confederate Congress admits Tennessee into the Confederacy.
- May 20, 1861: North Carolina becomes the 11th and final full state to secede from the Union.
- May 24, 1861: Yankee troops first set foot on Southern soil.
- May 08, 1862: Valley Campaign, Battle of McDowell, VA is a victory for Gen. Jackson.
- May 01, 1863: Battle of Chancellorsville, VA begins.
- May 02, 1863: Battle of Chancellorsville: Gen. Jackson's flank movement is successful. Later he is accidentally wounded by his own men.
- May 03, 1863: Battle of Chancellorsville: Federals frontal assault fails at Fredericksburg.
- May 05, 1863: Battle of the Wilderness, VA, begins.
- May 18, 1863: The Federal assault on Vicksburg begins.
- May 27, 1863: At Port Hudson, LA, the 13,000 man Federal army attacks the 4,500 Confederate defenders in the 1st assault on the post. After heavy Federal loses, the attack fails.
- May 07, 1864: In Northern Georgia, U.S. Gen. Sherman, with 3 armies numbering 100,000 men, begin their barbaric march to Atlanta.
- May 10, 1864: Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson dies of his wounds of May 2nd.
- May 10, 1864: Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, VA.
- May 11, 1864: Battle of Yellow Tavern, VA. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart is mortally wounded in his cavalry battle outside of Richmond.
- May 12, 1864: Gen. J.E.B. Stuart dies.
- May 21, 1865: Under the command of Lt. Waddell, the CSS *Shenandoah* enters the sea of Okhotsk, looking for Yankee whalers.
- May 22, 1865: C.S. President Jefferson Davis is imprisoned at Ft. Monroe, VA.

**Next Camp Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 28th**  
**6:00 p.m.**



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