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COMMANDERS CORNER

BILLY PITTMAN

Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton camp September 17 meeting is cancelled. Polling results of members who would attend indicates only a handful of camp members would attend.

Compatriots, I am once again compelled to inform you that (at this writing) I am not sure if we will have a September meeting. Like prior months, Adjutant Charlie Bray will be sending an email to see if we will have enough people who will commit to attending. Please be on the lookout for it and if you plan to attend, please respond in the affirmative and as soon as you can. Whether we have a meeting or not in this current health scare environment is incumbent upon the commitment to attend by camp members. It really is up to you, but we have to have enough notice to plan for it. Unfortunately, we also had a speaker cancellation for September due to Covid virus concerns, so we might have to revert to Plan B or Plan C speaker-wise if we do have a meeting. If nothing else, I have some really good fishing stories but a speaker knowledgeable of our glorious Confederate history or Yankee sins would be a much better idea.

I mentioned this earlier in the year, but it's been so long honestly I can't recall if it was in a prior Legionary or the Lee-Jackson banquet or maybe the February meeting, but 2020 will be the end of my term as Commander. My hat will not be in the ring for the role next year due partially to additional responsibilities that I will be assuming at work in 2021 but mostly due to the fact that my wife and I are actively looking to relocate and/or buy land well outside of Columbia. We have looked at a lot of places, even putting in an offer recently, but nothing has come to fruition yet. The search continues for us but I'm confident that when it's right, God will make it happen. I am trusting Him completely in the search and I believe it will work out in due time. I am confident though that I'm going to be spread thin time-wise next year and I will not have the available time to effectively lead the camp. The long term health of the camp is important to me and part of being a leader is vision and making sure we head in the right direction. I would have much preferred to end my term on a normal year having all of our meetings and events, and soaking up as much insight as I could from some great speakers but that didn't happen because of the hand we were dealt. This Coronavirus situation has dictated so much in our lives this year, but is that really what should concern Americans? Given the national riots that surely have pleased the devil himself, the lawlessness, the lack of respect for law and order and the unfortunate rise of the weak-chinned, soy-infused, skinny-jean wearing Marxists around the country, the virus seems to be the least of our worries! I will hold back a few adjectives for another time, but in the cultural and political environment we are living in, the camp deserves full attention by its Commander to try and counter it. All of us should be recruiting, even if we can't have regular meetings. Numbers are more important than ever. And, if you haven't renewed for next year, please contact Charlie and do so ASAP.

I have done my best to serve you for these two years and consider it a great honor to serve as Commander of the WHC. I served to honor my ancestors and yours and it was well worth it to me. Knowing the responsibility of my particular role, I want to say thanks to all past Commanders for their service and effort. That said, the

WHC will need someone in the ranks to step up and seek this role in the upcoming camp elections. As for me, I will still be as active as I can in the SCV and will never stop telling the true story of the Confederate soldier wherever the opportunity presents.

On another subject, but due to the Coronavirus, there hasn't been a lot of extra-curricular camp activities since the Elmwood cemetery cleanup back in May, but on June 27th, Compatriots Charlie Bray, Rusty Rentz, Randy Pittman, David West and I replaced the flags, cleaned up and cut the grass at the Jefferson Davis Highway marker and flag site on US Highway 1. Thanks to each of them for taking their time to make this happen. More recently, it was cleaned up again and I'm not sure which camp member did it, but you know who you are and I thank you. I know that others in our camp routinely clean up cemeteries and serve in other ways, so thank you as well!

In a world that wants to dishonor our ancestors and force people to forget them, it should just make us dig in more. If anything, we should know now more than ever that ***THEY WERE RIGHT!*** It's why I'm flying 4 different Confederate flags (and a Betsy Ross flag for the record) at my house right now. Let them proudly fly! The bravery of the Confederate soldier and the ***NEVER LOST*** cause of preferring individual liberty, state's rights and a limited, small government to a centralized empire run by a few hundred elitists (and the occasional tyrant like dis-Honest Abe) are being vindicated right before our eyes. Almost everything that many of our Confederate leaders and soldiers said would happen if we lost that war is happening. It is no surprise that this full scale attack on the south, its history, its heroes, its cemeteries and its monuments has led to national consequences.

I am concerned for the future of the republic like I'm sure many people are, but I do not fear because I'm a Christian and this is only a stopping off place for me, but I think some things need to be said. This is the last I am going to address current events for a while. It's exhausting to be frank, so I will focus more on our southern history next month. But it certainly seems like we are at a crossroads, maybe one not seen since 1860. The south, even with its historically stalwart, predictable, orderly foundation, can only stop this train for so long. The south is unfortunately in a more perilous position not as unified in its thinking as in the past, having been inundated with northern migration and, in most cases, the political attitudes that have come with it. Most disturbing is the young, guilt-ridden southerner who has bought into the self-hating indoctrination being spoon fed into him for decades by a long string of socialist educators using northern teaching standards and guidelines. The south represents the last faith-based, moral and mannered governor for this out of control centralized government engine, one that is growing far too fond of the controlling, socialist policies like those seen in floundering 3rd world nations across the globe. If the south is damaged and can't outvote its northern counterparts, the union might transform into a true democracy, where the mob rules the day and laws are enforced unequally and likely based on your political beliefs. We've seen some of that already, where local governments and politicians immediately fall in line with the mob when they fear them more than vote of the average American.

Ironically, I think the union falls if the south can't save it. At a minimum, it's an unhealthy union, a shell of a republic that remains. The south seems to be the only area of the country that still has a relative handle on its own affairs and demands respect for law and order and property rights, while also protecting our individual rights. Some of the evil that is happening around the country right now will not fly with the people of the south. I have never been more proud to be a southerner than now, knowing that these northern elitist strongholds are in many ways reaping what they have sown. Having listened to them bash the south for so long as backward hillbillies, it's somewhat rewarding to watch them so quickly revert to the stone age in the form of unregulated cavemen, but I don't wish it on them and I take no joy in it and I pray for them as General Lee would advise. The latter three points is also what differentiates me as a God-fearing southerner, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

The south, its symbols and our heritage was the first victim in this campaign against our country. Tactically and politically, it made sense. Someone somewhere pulling the strings knows the truth, that the south is the most patriotic part of the country with many of its sons serving in the armed forces and represents a significant threat to their Marxist goals. To dispirit the southerner would be advantageous to a revolutionary. It's no wonder why other areas of the country have spiraled downhill so rapidly. They simply do not possess what we still (tenuously) retain here.

In my opinion, the attack on the entire south and now the union started with our former governor who gave credibility to the destruction by removing the Confederate battle flag from its rightful place of flying in the memorial position on the Confederate monument at the State House. Having absolutely nothing to do with anything, it was purely a political move by a spineless liar that started this ball rolling and has resulted in untold loss of lives and billions in damage. Her decision was a cowardly move, classic symbolism over substance, a real injustice to our ancestors and this country.

Thanks to all of these events sparked by her opportunistic and illogical pandering, now the America haters are literally talking about moving the Washington Monument! Can you imagine? Confederate monument destruction, quiet politicians and willing politicians eventually led to other monuments being destroyed. Law enforcement stood by, following orders of liberal mayors and town councils instead of adhering to the oath they took to the constitution and the people. Then there were riots, burned businesses, howling and evil in the streets, seized cities and cultural and political revolution. I've seen that somewhere in history....more than once...maybe people should learn from history. We don't even need to look back very far, just ponder on the fall of Venezuela and how that took place.

As a result of willing politicians and do-nothing politicians, nothing is sacred in this country right now, including our national anthem and US flag. Athletes who should be in the entertainment business apparently make the rules now, with Mississippi even changing their state flag because it is rumored that an SEC football player had a problem with it. They ran that up the chain until they got the vote they wanted. I'm not sure if that's true, it is just something I was told, but it certainly would not shock me. No matter whether that story is true or not, it is a fact that the people of Mississippi who have voted overwhelmingly before to keep their state flag do not count because they were cut out of the decision this time. The ignorance and arrogance of those who seek to destroy our history and country is offensive to anyone with a fully functioning brain and I suspect the silent majority will speak soon. We will certainly have to tell the truth about our southern history more than ever. We can't let it end with us. My Dad taught me to see opportunity and I think people these days are craving the truth.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at 6:00 at Seawell's but again, it's not a certainty unless there are enough commits early enough. Be on the lookout for Charlie's email. In the meantime, Compatriots, I pray for your safety and for peace. For those dealing with any sickness or health issue, I pray for your complete healing and thank God in advance for it. Deo Vindice. Carry on.



LT. COMMANDER'S TENT

(JIM HARLEY)

~ Events of September ~

September 16, 1863, saw the battle of Stirling's Plantation also known as the Battle of Fordoche Bridge.



Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Banks

Following the Union defeat at the Second Battle of Sabine Pass earlier in the month, Maj. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks intended to occupy important locations in Texas. He decided to send troops up the Bayou Teche, disembark them on the plains and march overland to Texas. Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant sent him a division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Napoleon J.T. Dana to garrison Morganza and prevent Rebel troops from operating on the Atchafalaya River. A 1,000-man detachment, under the command of Lt. Col. J.B. Leake, was at Stirling's Plantation to guard the road to the Atchafalaya River and deter any enemy troops



Lt. Col. Joseph B. Leake

from passing by. Brig. Gen. Alfred Mouton, commander of the Sub-District of Southwestern Louisiana, decided that he had a favorable opportunity to defeat the Union forces around Fordoche Bridge.



Brig. Gen. Alfred Mouton

On September 19, Brig. Gen. Alfred Mouton instructed Brig. Gen. Tom Green to prepare for an attack. Mouton provided Green with reinforcements and gave the order to attack on the 25th. Green's force began crossing the Atchafalaya River on the 28th, and all were over after midnight of the 29th. At dawn on the 29th, Green's men marched out. Confederate cavalry began skirmishing with Union pickets at Fordoche Bridge before noon and continued for about a half hour. Green's other troops then hit the Union force, drove them and captured many, although most of the Federal cavalry found an escape route. Although Dana sent reinforcements, mud and rain slowed their progress and



Brig. Gen. Thomas Green

allowed Green to get away.

Only a few Union infantry managed to escape. The Federals lost 16 dead, 45 wounded, and 454 prisoners. Confederate losses were 26 dead, 85 wounded and ten missing. Additionally, the Confederates took two ten pounder parrot rifles with caissons, two new ambulances, one hospital wagon loaded with medical supplies, and all of the arms of the captured men. Green quickly consolidated his prisoners and spoils and moved back to the river, crossing it as quickly as possible. The prisoners were then marched via Alexandria, Natchitoches, Mansfield and Shreveport to the Camp Ford prison camp near Tyler, Texas, where they arrived on October 23, 1863.

CHAPLAINS WITNESS

WALTER W. "SOAPY" LINDLER

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. Proverbs 13:12 ESV

Compatriots, for the past 6 months I have struggled with living in a COVID world, the turmoil taking place throughout our country, the removal of history and monuments and having to watch streaming church services to name a few of the issues impacting Susan and me. I realized in my case that "Hope" was fading. I had to ask myself what is hope and what does the Bible say about hope.

Is there hope? Have you ever asked parents, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles as well as close friends who just buried a loved one, a man diagnosed with Cancer, Or someone in the grip of depression?

Not only is hope a basic ingredient in life; it is the hunger of every human heart. Someone said, "Keep hoping; you keep living. Stop hoping; you die—inside."

What is the hope that enables us to go on living, even when things go terribly wrong?

For Christians, it begins with the vision that Jesus rules the world today; Christ's rule calls for making all things right so that everyone can live fully, as God intends. This hope leads to the passion that everyone will know God's love and forgiveness and Jesus' victory over sin and death. And this hope is revealed in mission—bringing the joyful light of Jesus into every dark corner of this world, especially into people's hearts.

Jesus is ***"the way and the truth and the life"*** (John 14:6). He is the one way to hope and a full life!

If we know this is true, can we put this hope aside and keep it to ourselves, knowing that many will never know the way to true life and peace? That would be a strange response to the hope-filled vision, passion, and mission of Jesus himself.

The first verse in the modern Christian song "In Christ Alone" written by Keith Getty and Stewart Townsend provides the direction for each of us to have hope: "In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song"?

Dear Lord, thank you for shining the light of your grace into the darkness of my soul. Continue to fill me with your hope so that I may share it with others, to your praise. 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 Slimp



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The posted meeting dates 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 still valid.**

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Hampton Redshirts	Oct. 6, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM 1st Tuesday of the Month – Cayce Museum – 1800 12 th Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Oct. 7, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM 1st Wednesday of the Month – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	Oct. 1, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM 1st Thursday of the Month – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 th Street, Cayce, SC
SC 17 th Regiment Camp 2069	Sept. 21, 2020	Meets 7:00PM Third Monday of the Month – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15 th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Sept. 29, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM Last Tuesday of the Month – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Sept. 29, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM Last Tuesday of the Month – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC

ADJUTANT'S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

As of **September 6, dues have been paid by 92%** of camp members which leaves **12 non-renewed**. I would love to see everyone renew their membership for the 2021 fiscal year. Our new SCV Commander in Chief Larry McCluney has **waived the dues late fee to October 31**. Dues paid after October 31 will incur a \$5.00 late fee from SCV Headquarters. I encourage each member whose dues are still outstanding to submit them as soon as possible. Today, September 6 I have mailed "ALL"

renewal packages to those members who have renewed their membership. Should you have any questions my contact information is:

Home TN: 803-749-1042 / Cell TN: 803-414-6808 / Email: cdbiii@bellsouth.net

Quote: Thomas Jefferson

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them"

Beating the Blockade – Emily St. Pierre



This painting is quite possibly a collaboration between Wm. G. Yorke and his 15 year old son; Wm. H. Yorke. The Charleston-based Confederate blockade runner Emily St. Pierre; is shown wearing the British ensign and hove to under the guns of the Federal sloop-of-war U.S.S. James Adger; a sixteen gun paddle steamer with a topsail schooner rig; passing her stern to leeward with guns run out. All sails on the Union vessel are furling and she is under power. One of the sloop's boats is shown alongside the British vessel debarking a boarding party. Armed Federals may also be seen on the St Pierre's deck. A second boat is seen pulling away containing an armed party with possibly the ship's captain for questioning. This painting was descended through the family of the Emily St. Pierre's steward who; in an interesting historical note; assisted the ship's master; Captain Wilson and two crew members in recapturing the vessel from the American prize crew.

The Emily St. Pierre was another blockade-runner, owned by the Trenholm Company. Her captain was William Wilson, a Scotsman. On 18th March 1862 after sailing from Calcutta, the ship was nearing the bar at Charleston, when the captain of one of the blockading ships, the USS James Adger, having this vessel on his list of suspected ships, stopped the Emily St. Pierre on the grounds of contraband. The Federal captain also pointed out the name 'Charleston' was found on many of the items and ships name had been scraped from her stern, plus the fact Wilson himself had been seen throwing a package over the side, adding to the overall suspicions.



Following its capture, the Confederate seamen were removed from the ship except for the cook, Louis Schelvin and a steward, Matthew Montgomery, plus Captain Wilson who was ordered to take his ship to Philadelphia. This determined Scotsman however, hatched a plan to recapture his ship and he drew the cook and the steward into his plan. Whilst Lieutenant Josiah Stone, the acting master, was on watch duty, they bound and gagged the mate while he was asleep. In another room the engineer was treated in a similar manner. Captain Wilson then requested that Lieutenant Stone should come to his cabin on the pretext of checking a chart, as he was not sure they were correct. On the way Stone was threatened with an iron bar, at which point the steward who was following them, gagged him so he could not raise the alarm. Captain Wilson, now having taken the Lieutenant's gun, ushered three men into a hatch, saying it was on the orders of the Lieutenant, and locked them in. The helmsman was also put in the hatch at gunpoint. As the watch from below stumbled out onto the deck they were tied up in pairs. One reckless crewman drew a knife and was

immediately shot for his foolhardiness. This quickly induced the others to surrender. In total there were fourteen in the prize party, including the mate and Lieutenant Stone.

Captain Wilson had now regained control of his vessel but remained some 3,000 miles from Liverpool with only the cook, and a steward, who could neither reef, nor steer. Eventually the Emily's new prisoners agreed to assist as best they could although there was only one of them who could steer a little. The Captain had to lie aloft and perform the duties normally done by the seamen on board as he could tell a storm was brewing. Later, after the storm passed, he worked for twelve hours, rigging up a jury rudder as the tiller had been damaged.

A month later on 21 April 1862, the ship finally anchored safely in the River Mersey. The British as a whole saluted the enterprise of Captain Wilson. It is also reported, with Charles Kuhn Prioleau, of Messrs Fraser, Trenholm and Co. beside him, the valiant Captain Wilson, stepping ashore, tired and disheveled from a lack of sleep, regaled many an eager audience of his recent escapade. The Emily St. Pierre ship was one of the first to fly the Confederate flag in Liverpool having first flown the Southern flag whilst she was in Calcutta.

On the 3rd May 1861 Captain Wilson received a presentation of a gold Chronometer and china Tea Service paid for by 170 local merchants. Additionally, the Mercantile Marine Service Association presented him with a gold Medal and a sum of £2,000 was paid by the owners. Both Louis Schelvin, and Matthew Montgomery were each presented with a purse of twenty guineas and a silver Medal. The owners also gave them £300 each.

The CHARGE

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. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906



Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

- Sept. 2, 1861 **Pensacola, FL** – A Confederate force entered Pensacola after Union forces had earlier abandoned the U.S. dry-dock. The Confederates proceeded to destroy the docks, denying use of them by the Union naval forces.
- Sept. 4, 1861 **Shelbina, MO** – A Confederate force entered the town of Shelbina. They engaged the local Union force, commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbut. The Federals were soon forced to leave the town, leaving it to the Confederates to occupy.
- Sept 2, 1862 **Spencer Court House, WV** – A Confederate cavalry raid, commanded by Brig. Gen. Albert G. Jenkins, arrived at the Spencer Court House. There, they discovered a Union force nearby. The cavalry attacked the Federals, forcing them to surrender.
- Sept. 21, 1863 **Rossville, TN** – On this date Brig. Gen. Nathan B. Forrest led 400 Confederate cavalry towards Rossville when they came upon a rear guard of Union cavalry. The Confederates drove the Federals into Chattanooga.
- Sept. 27, 1863 **Moffatt's Station, AR** – a force, commanded by Col. Jo Shelby, were heading towards the Arkansas River as they approached Moffatt's Station they met about 200 men of the Union's 1st Arkansas Infantry. The Federals took cover among the trees and opened fire. The Confederate cavalry dismounted and formed up for a charge. Once the Confederates formed up, they charged the Federals and scattered them.
- Sept 11, 1864 **Sycamore Church, VA** – Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton and a Confederate raiding party attacked a smaller Union force at Sycamore Church. The Union force was composed of the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry and the 1st District of Columbia Cavalry. The Confederates managed to push the Federals back to Coggin's Point.

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