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## THOUGHTS ON JACKSON AND LEE

by Rev. Robert Slimp

Every January and all over the south, real Southerners meet to raise a glass of buttermilk or lemonade to toast the birthday of Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, our two greatest military heroes. Of course we toast them in other months as well, but Lee's birthday is January 19th and Jackson's is January 21st.

No American General comes close to matching their battlefield accomplishments until World War II, when we get to Generals Douglas MacArthur and George Patton. Though they were both on the losing side, Lee and Jackson are universally admired the world over. Their tactics are still studied in all major military academies of the world.

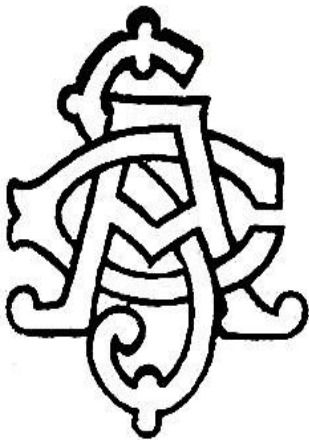
Following the War for Southern Independence, Lee was showered with offers of lucrative jobs both in his own country and the United Kingdom. Lee, unlike today's lesser generals who leap at book contracts, and fat fees as CEO's despite a rather

*See Jackson and Lee, page 3*



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

J.D. HOLT



*Once you get them running, you stay right on top of them, and that way a small force can defeat a large one every time... Only thus can a weaker country cope with a stronger; it must make up in activity what it lacks in strength. ~ Gen Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson*

Over the past few years, the SCV's organizational numbers have considerably dwindled in size. There are several theories to the real cause of this reduction in numbers, but regardless, our organization is trying this year to take a proactive approach to increase numbers within our ranks. Fortunately for the Wade Hampton Camp have seen our overall numbers grow, albeit very slowly. There are other Camps, including some here in the Columbia area, that have seen their ranks literally cut in half. Additionally, several small Camps in the SC division have endangered their ability to remain chartered because they do not have sufficient members to qualify as a Camp.

I realize that I preach to the choir when I talk to Compatriots about the importance of the SCV and defending the Confederate Soldier's good name. So I try to discuss the importance of family, heritage, and passing along a legacy to our children and grandchildren. I also realize that the 25% of the Wade Hampton Camp that I see on a monthly basis have very similar beliefs to my own. So, it is only when we have the opportunity to talk to people outside the SCV that I feel significant progress is made with regards to

improving our organization's size, stature and image.

As Commander, I am blessed to be able to not only witness this first hand, but I also receive feedback from other Compatriots who represent the SCV at history events, or in the community schools, churches, and other civic organizations. This is where our cause truly shines. The mainstream media is unable to filter, spin, or change the content of our message at these venues. There is no "political correctness" involved when we reach out to these small groups of people who wish to learn about history or family.

I certainly recognize the importance of strength in numbers, and it is my hope that the SCV will grow well beyond any size that I could ever imagine. But in order to obtain consistent, long term growth over several generations, the SCV has an uphill fight against exponentially greater odds. In the mean time, our numbers may not compare with those that wish our demise, but we must continue to make up in activity what we lack in strength.

*See Corner, page 3*

## Compatriots:

Membership dues were due 1 August 2011. As of the printing of this letter we have 143 members and 9 associate members that have renewed their memberships with the Camp. I do not wish to embarrass anyone by listing names of the members that may have forgotten to send their dues in. It happens, we sometimes just lay it down and something gets put on top of it and it is hidden forever. With that in mind, I also do not

want to waste camp funds by sending out a bunch of letters reminding everyone. So what I am going to do is list membership numbers of those members that have forgotten to send in their dues, please check your membership number against this list:

2983, 6932, 13156, 21581, 21980, 23556, 31002, 32295, 33057, 35317, 37846, 49290, 99248, 203028, 206732, 230377, 230876, 232412, 234273, 234274, 238216, 242705, 242906, 242908, 244304, 245549,

248170, 248179, 255520, 295711, 298287, 300599, 303226, 312164, 313261, 313492, 313494, 313703, 315250, 316400, 316401, 316623,

If your membership number is here please make contact with me as soon as possible, so that we can get you current with your dues. I had rather you donate to one of our funds than have to pay late fees. I sent all Associate Members a letter in August. ☾

# CAMP ANNOUNCEMENT

JEFF O'CAIN

Gentlemen,

I just now received a great message! One our own has been honored with the 6th highest decoration awarded by the nation, the Legion of Merit. Know that my friend, Bill Hollingsworth, has been an SCV compatriot for about 25 years and served as Camp Commander of the Lt. Gen. Wade

Hampton Camp #273 in Columbia in I think 1996-7. He has served 5 tours in the war zone. He brings great pride and honor to the SCV. Know he has taken, displayed and photographed a large ANV flag in every deployment and especially from within Saddam's very own palace in Baghdad. It goes with him everywhere!

My personal feeling is that this exceptional accomplishment warrants high recognition and full exposure in the **Palmetto Partisan** and especially the **Confederate Veteran**. Those of you in a position of command should see to it the "troops" have something to cheer about! ☾

# CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

WALTER W. LINDLER

## WHERE GOD WANTS US

*Psalm 147: "HE HEALETH THE BROKEN IN HEART AND BANDETH UP THEIR WOUNDS".*

As I was listening to an Alan Jackson song, "The day the world stopped turning", it brought back many memories of that tragic day "9/11". I began to wonder about all the people who lost their lives and also those who survived the tragedy. What about all the people that for some reason were not at their work place or the twin towers that morning?

Do you know where you were that day? I was traveling down I-20 going to Myrtle Beach when I heard the news on the radio. I thought at first it was a joke or prank and not true at all. Then I found out it was really happening. IT WAS REAL. I could not believe what I was hearing. "My God what is happening to our

country"? Then I really began to wonder what God's plan was for me that day...

I heard a story of a business man whom I will never meet, but I know God wanted me to listen to his story. He was CEO of a large security company that invited the remaining company members, of a company who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers, to share their office space. He told these people, with a very shaky voice, why they were alive and counterparts did not live through this tragedy. He began by telling of the head of a company in the towers whose son started kindergarten. He was late for work; therefore his life was spared.

An interesting story of another survivor was the gentleman who had just put on a new pair of shoes that morning and on the way to work got a blister on his foot and had to stop by the drugstore to get a band aid. Because of this his life was spared

as well.

Now when I am complaining of having to sit in traffic or because I have missed my elevator or having to answer an annoying phone call, I pause and remind myself: I am exactly where God wants me to be this very moment. He is always in control.

These are just a few examples of that day. I hope that God will continue to bless you with all the annoying little things in life.

May 10, 2011 is Confederate Memorial Day. I know that the war had to be God's plan because he wanted our soldiers right where they were during the Civil War. Remember our ancestors and honor them for what they sacrificed for us to have a better way of life.

*Psalm 116:12 "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me"* ☾?



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mediocre record, refused to profit from the fame earned at the expense of so many young men's lives. He turned down the gifts and job offers and instead accepted the position of President of Washington College (now Washington and Lee). His salary was \$1,500 per year. Probably a majority of his students would be soldiers who fought for him and he wanted to see them, and all his students get a good education.

Americans in all regions would do well to recommend Lee's life as a model for their sons. Lee came as close to being perfect a human being as one can be in this life. He was tall, handsome and brilliant. He finished second in his class at West Point without a single demerit. He married Mary Custis, a direct descendant of George Washington, and again, unlike some of our leaders these days, kept his wedding vows and loved and cherished his wife.

Lee was a hero long before the South seceded from the Union. He was a true hero of the Mexican War and showed such sterling character, both in war and as superintendent of West Point, that he was the first choice to lead the Yankee armies in their invasion of the South. Now think for a moment what decisions Lee faced.

He was by choice a professional soldier, and he was being offered the highest position that a professional could hope for. Furthermore, he had come to the conclusion that slaves should be freed, and he had set the example of freeing his own. As a professional soldier, he must have known that

the Confederate States would be outmanned, outgunned, out railroaded and out-industrialized almost from the beginning. He also knew that within a very few months, the Southern coast would be blockaded. The South without a miracle would lose the unequal contest. A lesser man would have put ambition first and have accepted the offered positions.

But Lee could not bear to make war on his native state of Virginia, which he considered his country and where all his friends lived. He declined the offer and resigned his commission. He accepted the position as commander of all Virginia forces and later on, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, one of the most outstanding armies in history.

He showed such brilliance on the battlefield that he is ranked among the greats in the history of mankind. Indeed, his tactical genius kept the South alive much longer than would otherwise have been possible. Especially after the loss of his brilliant "right arm" Stonewall Jackson, who many consider virtually Lee's equal. They thought alike and would cooperate in such a way as to easily win campaigns against a far superior enemy.

More than one of Lee's generals said, "as a soldier, the men respected him; as a man, they loved him." During the conflict he shared the hardships of the men, often sleeping on the ground. Any presents sent to him were passed along to his men. He wore a plain uniform. He never spoke

ill of anyone, even his enemies.

He always gave God credit for his victories, but he always accepted personal responsibility for his defeats. He was a devout Christian. He often said when the subject of his faith came up, "I am nothing but a poor sinner trusting in Jesus Christ for my salvation". He said of God, "I tremble for my country when I hear of confidence expressed in me. I know too well my weakness and that our only hope is in God." Lee also said, "In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength."

His son tells a story that illustrates how revered he was. After the war, Lee's sons answered a knock on their front door in Lexington. They found a big Irish sergeant still wearing his old Confederate uniform. He was carrying a big basket of good food. He had heard that Lee and his family didn't have enough to eat and having served with him throughout the war, could not stand that thought. Lee's sons were assuring him that no one was hungry, when General Lee came to the door. He convinced the sergeant that he would accept the gift only if he could give it to the wounded men in the hospital. The sergeant grabbed Lee in a bear hug and said, with tears streaming down his face, "Goodbye, General Lee. God bless ye, You're still thinking of your men and we all love you for it." I doubt if any sergeant has hugged a general since then. ☪

## CORNER

I urge ALL Compatriots to actively discuss your Confederate heritage at work, church, and school; with your friends, your family, and your coworkers. Talk about the great things your great, great grandfather did. Or if all you know is a name, rank and where

they were from, tell that too. You might be surprised to learn that the person you are talking to is a distant (or not so distant) relative.

As always, I hope everyone will attend our next camp meeting scheduled

for September 22 at Seawell's. ☪

## IN MEMORIAM

We lost one of our associate members last month, Mr. James H. Gressette, Jr. (Feb. 3 1943 - Aug. 17 2011) James had a Bachelors degree in history and was a member of multiple organizations. A small list of some of the organizations that he was a member of; Military Order of the Stars and Bars Lt. Gen. Maxcy Gregg Chapter # 98 Columbia, SC - Col. Olin M. Dantzler Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Orangeburg, SC - Associate member of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp #273 - The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution - NRA and the list goes on. ☪

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Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact  
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**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!**

## Important Dates in The Southern Rebellion

- Sep. 05, 1861 – A Charleston Mercury (SC) editorial calls for a Confederate offensive against Washington, DC to force the U.S. to defend themselves.
- Sep. 11, 1861 – Gen. Lee begins the five day Cheat Mountain, VA campaign.
- Sep. 20, 1861 – Federals surrender Lexington, MO.
- Sep. 24, 1861 – Confederate Congress adopts the Confederacy seal.
- Sep. 03, 1861 – Confederate forces enter KY from TN. This movement ends the “neutrality” of KY and has many repercussions.
- Sep. 01, 1862 – Second Manassas Campaign. Fighting at Chantilly, VA.
- Sep. 07, 1862 – Gen. Lee’s forces are concentrated at Frederick, MD.
- Sep. 15, 1862 – Twelve thousand prisoners and the town of Harper’s Ferry are captured by Stonewall Jackson’s command.
- Sep. 17, 1862 – Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg), MD. It is the bloodiest day in American history. For
- Sep. 23, 1862 – Federals burn Randolph, TN.
- Sep. 20, 1862 – The South raises the age limit for conscription of troops to 45.
- Sep. 04, 1863 – Engagement at Hog Eye, AK
- Sep. 13, 1863 – Twenty crewmen of the USS Rattler are captured by Confederate Cavalry while attending church services in Rodney, MS.
- Sep. 19, 1863 – Battle of Chickamauga begins
- Sep. 04, 1864 – Gen. John Hunt killed at Greenville, TN.
- Sep. 06, 1864 – The eight major bombardment of Charleston, SC begins. Almost 600 rounds are fired against Confederate defenders of Fort Sumter.
- Sep. 16, 1864 – From Verona, MS, Gen. Forrest leads 4,500 cavalry and mounted infantry on a month raid against Federals in northern AL and middle TN both armies, the total killed, wounded, or missing total over 26,000
- Sep. 24, 1864 – In the Shenandoah Valley, Union forces begin to burn barns, crops, and other civilian property.
- Sep. 20, 1864 – Confederate guerilla leader, “Bloody Bill” Anderson attacks the town of Centralia, MO.

## September Camp Meeting

**THURSDAY, SEPT 22ND  
6 O’CLOCK P.M.**



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