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## *A Fraternal Organization of Southern Men*

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**Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton camp October 22 meeting is cancelled.** Polling results of members who would attend indicates only a handful of camp members would attend.

I read an article the other day that asked a great question. If 15.3 million American soldiers died today, would it get attention? Would it get attention for generations? Justifiably, the answer would be yes. If millions more were maimed, had limbs amputated and dealt with disease, can you imagine this not being worth remembering? Would it have a HUGE impact on the lives of their families? The answer is clearly *yes*. This enormous figure would be the number of soldiers killed in present day terms if they were killed in the same proportion as Confederate soldiers during Lincoln's war. The people who are tearing down the monuments to these men either don't know the enormity of the war, don't care about the enormity of the war, but either way they are evil and devoid of human decency. The politicians that are allowing it are far more cowardly than those with the spray paint. Where are they? Why aren't they boldly making this argument in the statehouse and standing up for us? I have personally talked with some of these elected officials about the offense that the assault on our Confederate history is causing and all I see and hear is capitulation and crickets. We elected them to be our representatives and they have made the decision to sacrifice our ancestor's memories at the altar of appeasement in order to make it easier to get reelected. It's a cross they are not going to bear anymore, it's brand equity that they can't risk. There's an old saying that the lack of conflict does not equal peace and I suspect a lot of these turncoat politicians across this country will be surprised next election. Why do I only hear from them when they want money for their campaigns? Their hand is always outstretched this time of year but closed tight when you ask them to do something.

I have heard it said that those who only look to the past are blind in one eye, but those who only look to the future are blind in both eyes. If it isn't abundantly clear that history is being erased, no longer taught, forgotten and buried then I don't know what it will take to get that point across to our apathetic fellow citizens. The south has a history of courage from day one. It's sons have been there in every conflict since Lincoln's war serving admirably and if truth be known, probably doing most of the fighting, but it's a region now being treated as a vanquished people ripe for reeducation....or reconstruction by our northern "betters" and southern apologists. If there remains the few of us who have air in our lungs to tell the truth, we should continue to tell it and fight the good fight. When they are done tearing up the country and destroying every vestige of the Confederacy, I suspect they'll come for that air next.

We are fortunate enough to have a lot of heroes from the south to look to, and I would contend that the north has far fewer, probably a source of angst for them and a source of continued derision upon us. Patrick Cleburne, for example, was a tactical, forward thinker with ideas that probably should have been implemented earlier in the war. Known as the Stonewall of the West, he was admired by friend and foe. Time after time, Cleburne's lines would hold. He bravely charged forward with his men at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864

knowing it was an ill-fated mission due to circumstances beyond his control. The 36-year old Major General was killed in a hail of gun fire. One of his quotes that has always struck me goes as follows: "Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers their version of the War, will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision." How true and how prophetic. It is playing out exactly as he said it would. I think the generations have become progressively less wise and brilliant, even though many today consider themselves leagues above those who came before us.

History is important. We need to know who we are, where we come from and what has led up to this point. Lincoln's war took place right where mostly we live in the southland, not in France or England. It's part of us forever. It's who we are. The scars remain on the landscape. Their blood flows in our veins. Our Confederate dead are buried *here*, some in known places, some in unknown places. It's worth remembering Lincoln's war because our people were there when their state asked them to stand up and they fought valiantly with everything they had, and they gave their own blood and lives for it. Now their states pay them back by joining in on the derision.

Erasing history is extremely dangerous for any society. Better put, erasing the *memories* and the understanding of it is extremely dangerous because whether people like it or not, that history is written in stone. General Lee was here, and they can't change it. He earned his spot in history and nothing said about him by far lesser men changes who he really was. It's the people, attacks from apologist southerners and northern propagandists, and their arrogant present-day interpretations that have changed, not the history. It's hard to believe that someone can be taught to hate themselves, their heritage, and even their own great-great granddad. I've met and talked to some of these people, it's incredulous that they have been convinced to hate their own blood from 150 years ago. Imagine doing that to any other group in this country! It's time this abuse of the southern people stops!

The other side of this coin is what exactly does someone get out of erasing history, tearing down monuments, vandalizing cemeteries, attacking people, destroying businesses, and insulting generations of Americans about their very own? Well, as seen globally, it's the precursor to revolution and what we are seeing today is not the revolution that our founders believed in. It's much more sinister and Marxist in nature where the collective, not the individual is valued. Law and order are based on ever moving, fluid secular foundations, not the absolute truths and guidance given to us by a sovereign God. It is a 180 degree change of course and not one that is going to lead to any kind of peace or justice. In fact, neither will exist but they will tell you it does, but like you, I know how it will play out because I have some basic understanding of history. Have you seen the videos where people, mostly in their 20's and college "educated", are asked basic facts about recent history on YouTube? Have you seen their blank, half smiling, ignorant expressions? Have you seen how they laugh it off as if the question doesn't really matter because that was a long time ago? The only thing on their mind is where is the nearest Starbucks or bar. They know nothing about the founding of this country or even *who we fought!* They know nothing about World War II, which countries were allies, or what led to it. They know very little about Vietnam unless a Dad or uncle told them a story or two. Yet, we are somehow supposed to believe they know everything there is to know about Lincoln's war, that they are educated and morally righteous enough to judge with 100% certainty that the Confederate soldier was a traitor to his "country"? It would be funny if it wasn't so tragic. I am embarrassed and hurt that this country has chosen to wage war on my and your ancestors. I feel less a part of it now, they've done that to me and there's not much changing that anytime soon.

I like to listen to bluegrass music occasionally because I like hearing good banjo players, but the fact is, it slows things down, reminds me of better days and helps to relax my mind. I heard a song the other day by **The Petersen's** called "**All My Tears**" that really resonates with me. When I hear that song, I am reminded that while this world is in chaos, in God's house, there is true order and justice. Whether your ancestor is in a known grave or a mass grave somewhere, God knows his name and he will not be forgotten. I know that God values everyone and He has vindicated the Confederate soldier because he knows his heart, and like many who have been called to do the same, he fought courageously to defend his home. No matter what the people on this Earth do to dishonor his memory, in the end, God is the only one who can judge. These are the words to "**All My Tears**":

*When I go don't cry for me,  
In my Father's arms I'll be.  
The wounds this world left on my  
soul  
Will all be healed, and I'll be whole.*

*Sun and moon will be replaced  
With the light of Jesus' face  
And I will not be ashamed  
For my Savior knows my name*

*It don't matter where you bury me  
Because I'll be home, and I'll be free  
No, it don't matter where I lay  
All my tears be washed away*

*Gold and silver blind the eye  
Temporary riches lie  
Come and eat from Heaven's store  
Come and drink, and thirst no more*

*So, weep not for me my friend  
When my time below does end  
For my soul belongs to Him  
Who will raise the dead again.*

*It don't matter where you bury me  
Because I'll be home, and I'll be free  
No, it don't matter where I lay  
All my tears be washed away*



Yes, this picture is tough to look at, but it's the reality of what our Confederate ancestors faced and how some of them met their end. This is what I see in my mind when I hear that song. The monuments were erected to remember our own breathing, living people who gave their all to defend us. No different than the reason northern monuments still stand. Why then shouldn't ours stand? Better question knowing the level of sacrifice paid: ***Why aren't there MORE of them?!!*** They were erected to help us to remember and grieve their loss. Anyone who would try to deny us that solemn consolation and tear down our monuments and memorials to our people is doing the devil's work.

So, look upon that battle flag with pride. It means what it always meant and nothing more. It is the flag of my Confederate ancestors and yours, defended mightily with courage and honor.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th at 6:00 at Seawell's but again, I'm not sure it will happen at this writing. Be on the lookout for Charlie's email. In the mean-time Compatriots, take care of yourselves and I hope to see you soon. Carry on.

## **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.

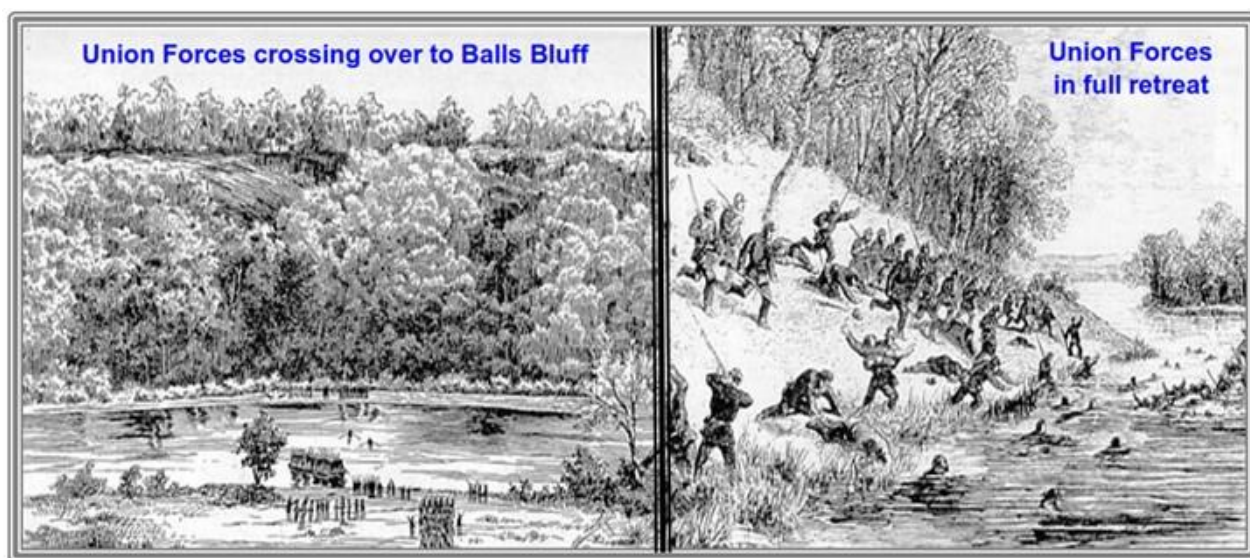


**Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General**  
**United Confederate Veterans,**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906**



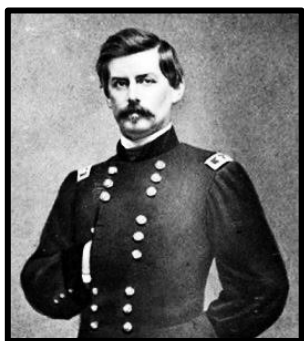
## **Recruit, Recruit, Recruit**

**Individuals Interested in joining the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 should  
contact Compatriot Bryan Pittman  
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### ~ Events of October ~

This Month (October), in 1861, witnessed a small but Influential Confederate victory.



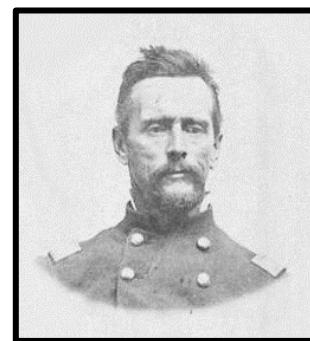
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George B. McClellan



Union General  
Charles P. Stone



Union Colonel  
Charles Devens



Union Captain  
Chase Philbrick

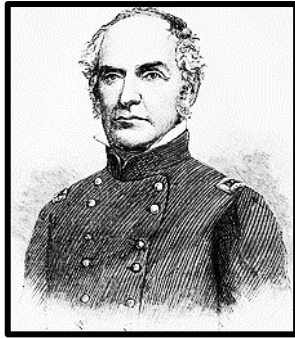
On the evening of October 20, 1861, Union army commander George B. McClellan ordered Gen. Charles Stone to send a scouting party across the Potomac River to identify the positions of Confederate Col. Nathan Evans's troops near Leesburg. In the darkness the party's inexperienced leader, Capt. Chase Philbrick, mistook a line of trees for a line of tents, and reported that he had stumbled across an unguarded Confederate camp.

Early the next day, Union Col. Charles Devens was sent across the river to attack the camp, and after realizing that the supposed "camp" was nothing but a line of trees, his men encountered a company of Mississippi infantry and a skirmish began. Union Col. Edward Baker, a U.S. Senator, decided to reinforce Devens, but with only four small boats available to transport men, Union reinforcements arrived slowly.

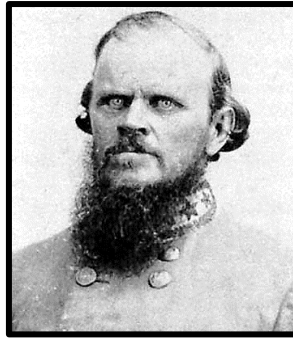
Evans used the Federal delay to organize his men, and when Col. Baker\* was killed in the afternoon, Union resistance crumbled. The victorious Confederates drove the Yankees over the bluff and into the Potomac, where many drowned and hundreds surrendered rather than risk escape into the river. The battle, while small in scale, had major political implications that would haunt the Union army for the rest of the war.



Col. Baker was the only US senator to be killed in the war.



Union Colonel  
Edward Dickinson Baker



CSA Colonel  
Nathan "Shanks" Evans

### Total Estimated Casualties

Union	Confederate
1,002	155
223 Killed	36 Killed
226 Wounded	117 Wounded
553 Missing or Captured	2 Missing or Captured

### CHAPLAINS WITNESS

WALTER W. "SOAPY" LINDLER

***And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." Genesis 21:6 ESV***

Laughter is a blessing from God. It's the best stress-reliever there is. Through laughter, we can get through some of the darkest moments in life with a small smile. We can become closer with the people around us, celebrate moments of joy, and be thankful for the best friends we have. Laughter and smiles are the best universal communication available. Everyone understands the happiness that comes from laughter and its necessity in our daily lives. Today, laugh a little harder. Smile a little bigger. Appreciate the things that make you feel just that good.

***Lord, give us the strength and wisdom to deal with the many societal changes taking place in the world today. The nuclear family is rapidly being replaced by the single parent home, unmarried couples, or couples with various sexual identity. Life has become cheap as we are shown on the evening TV news. Christianity is under attack. Addictive "Social Media" is having a dramatic impact on people of all ages throughout the world. I fear for my son's and grandson's future. I fear for the church, but Lord I know nothing catches you by surprise. Even if evil seems to be winning right now, I know that we are conquerors through Christ Jesus. Replace fear that is in our hearts with courage and strength to laugh and smile like Sarah. In Jesus' name, I believe and pray, 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	Nov. 3, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM <b>1st Tuesday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum – 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Nov. 4, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	Nov. 5, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
SC 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 2069	Oct. 16, 2020	Meets 7:00PM <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15 <sup>th</sup> Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Oct. 24, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Oct. 24, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC



### ADJUTANT'S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

As of **September 6, dues have been paid by 92%** of camp members which leaves **8 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. Should you have any questions my contact information is:

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### Quote: Woodrow Wilson

***"My urgent advice to you would be, not only always to think first of America, but always, also, to think first of humanity. You do not love humanity if you seek to divide humanity into jealous camps. Humanity can be welded together only by love, by sympathy, by justice, not by jealousy and hatred. I am sorry for the man who seeks to make personal capital out of the passions of his fellowmen. He has lost touch with the ideal of America. For America was created to unit mankind."***

## CSS Condor – “Death of Confederate Spy”



Rose Greenhow and Daughter

The 'Condor' was built on the River Clyde by Randolph Elder & Co (Govan) in Scotland late in the civil War: Her owners were D M McGregor for A Collie (Confederate States) and the vessel was powered by a new, Engine No. 50 type, again made by Elders. At a length of 270', beam 24', draft 7' and crew of 50 this iron hulled, side-wheeled paddle steamer was pursued on her maiden voyage from Halifax by Union blockaders until she arrived safely 1st October 1864 under the protection of guns at Fort Fisher on Swash Channel Bar at the entrance to Wilmington NC. Within the hour however she ran aground, possibly trying to avoid the wreck of another blockade runner, the 'Night Hawk' which sank nearby.

While crossing the ocean on her maiden voyage, the CSS Condor was stopped by a Union ship. To Avoid capture, passenger Rose O'Neal Greenhow took to a Lifeboat but in the stormy weather her boat capsized and all aboard were drowned. Reputedly, Greenhow was holding two thousand dollars in gold causing her to sink. Two days later however, her body washed ashore and a Confederate soldier finding her, stole all the gold. When he found out that he had stolen the gold from Rose O'Neal Greenhow, he gave it all back. She was buried with honors in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, N. C. and each year on Confederate Memorial Day her grave is decorated.



### Monument Inscription - Front

Mrs Rose O'N. Greenhow

A BEARER

OF DISPATCHES TO THE  
CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT

Erected by the Ladies  
Memorial Association

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### Monument Inscription – Back

DROWNED OFF FORT FISHER.

FROM THE STEAMER

CONDOR.

WHILE ATTEMPTING TO

RUN THE BLOCKADE

SEP. 30, 1864

### Quote by Rose O'Neal Greenhow

*I had a right to my own **political** opinions. I am a Southern woman, born with Revolutionary blood in my veins. Freedom of **speech** and of thought were my birthright, guaranteed, signed and sealed by the blood of our **fathers**.*



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

- Oct. 15, 1861      **Potosi, MO** – On this date Jeff Thompson's Confederate raiders attacked a group of Union soldiers near the town of Potosi. Thompson's men managed to capture 50 Union soldiers and then they burned the Big River Bridge to keep any other Union force from coming after them.
- Oct. 16, 1861      **Harpers Ferry, VA** – Union forces capture 21,000 bushels of wheat near Harper's Ferry. Afterwards they encounter a group of Confederates. After a brisk fight, the Union soldiers are forced back to Harper's Ferry.
- Oct. 12, 1862      **Arrow Rock, MO** – On this date a small Union force was nearing Arrow Rock when they were suddenly attacked by Confederate guerrillas. The Confederates were laying in an ambush waiting on the Federals. The Federals were forced to withdraw after sustaining heavy casualties.
- Oct. 21, 1862      **Litchfield, KY** – John Morgan and his raiders camped at Leitchfield during the night. They went into town where they captured a company of Home Guards, the prisoners were moved into the courthouse.  
On Oct. 22, Morgan promised not to kill the prisoners if they promised to not take up arms against the Confederacy for the remainder of the war. The Home Guard accepted these terms and were sworn to their word.
- Oct. 3, 1863      **McMinnville, TN** – Col. John A. Wharton and his Confederate force reached McMinnville. The town and its 400-man Union garrison quickly fell to the Confederates. Wharton ordered his men to begin destroying all of the supplies in town, which they did.
- Oct. 6, 1863      **Shelbyville, TN** – Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler and his Confederate raiders entered the town of Shelbyville. They destroyed the Union supply facilities that belonged to Maj. Gen. William S. Rosecrans.
- Oct. 4, 1864      **Acworth, GA** – a Confederate corps entered the towns of Acworth and Big Shanty. In both towns, they quickly captured the Union garrison and tore up a total of 15 miles of railroad tracks.

***DUE TO COVID-19  
WE WILL NOT  
MEET IN OCTOBER***



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