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Hampton Camp Says Goodbye to a Friend



Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Compatriot Mark Irwin was known for his beard, his ability to hold his own in an argument and his loyalty and devotion to friends. Mark, seen here at the Battle for Columbia, was a regular at camp meetings and re-enactments.

Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Compatriot Mark Irwin was buried with full Confederate honors Oct. 14 in Lexington.

Compatriot Irwin, 52, passed away Oct. 9 after a valiant battle with cancer.

Mark was a valued and devoted member of both the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp No. 273 and Ferguson's Light Artillery of the S.C. Palmetto Battalion.

Camp members recalled not only Mark's tough exterior, but also his love and devotion to family and friends.

Many who knew Mark didn't realize that he enjoyed playing Santa Claus for the sick and underprivileged kids at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital and also for the Families Helping Families organization.

The Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp will miss Compatriot Irwin very much. Our prayers go out to his wife Cindy.

SCV Urged to Stand Up For Dixie at Citadel Game

CHARLESTON - Sons of Confederate Veterans from South Carolina will turn out in force at Johnson Hagood Stadium in Charleston for the Citadel-VMI football game Nov. 11 to strike a blow for Old Dixie.

SCV members will be on hand to make a statement about the increasing political correctness evident at The Citadel, which has led to the school doing away with many venerable traditions, including the singing

of its fight song, "Dixie."

This is Homecoming Weekend for The Citadel and marks an excellent opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow SCV members, strike a blow against political correctness and root on The Citadel, whose cadets fired the first shots in the battle for Southern Independence when they fired on the federal steamer Star of the West trying to provision Fort Sumter in January 1861.

This will be a fun-filled afternoon of rivalry football, fellowship with other SCV members, and singing "Dixie" over and over. This is a huge weekend for the school as graduates return to re-live old memories of their beloved institution. If we sing "Dixie" they will quickly chime in as well, creating an atmosphere not seen in many years at Citadel football games.

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Hampton Camp Meeting slated for Wednesday, Oct. 25

Dr. John Griffin will be the guest speaker at the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp's October meeting, discussing the execution of Abe Lincoln.

Dr. Griffin, professor emeritus at the University of South Carolina at Lancaster, is the author of *Abraham Lincoln's Execution*, which argues that Lincoln's lenient Reconstruction policies for the South led to a conspiracy by Edwin Stanton and Andrew Johnson to order his "execution."

The Hampton Camp's October meeting has been moved to Wednesday, Oct. 25, due to a conflict with the State Fair. This will be one of the few times in recent history that the Hampton Camp has not met on a Thursday.

Also, our November camp meeting has been moved to Nov. 16, because our originally scheduled meeting would have fallen on Thanksgiving. Our speaker will be Kristina Dunn, Education Coordinator for Historic Columbia Society.

Remember a Compatriot, a Friend and a Good Man

Compatriots, I had hoped to write an upbeat column this month telling you all about the great time I had at the Perryville re-enactment this past weekend.

Instead, I have to report the loss of a fellow re-enactor, a compatriot, and most of all, a friend. Mark Irwin passed away on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 9, after a long struggle with cancer.

Mark loved his heritage. He was proud to be of Scottish, American Indian and Confederate descent.

Commander's Corner

Tommy Rollings

I think he probably never met a stranger. He was one of the most outgoing people I ever met.

If you were around him and didn't speak, he surely would speak to you.

Most people probably don't know it, but Mark played Santa Claus for the sick and underprivileged kids at Palmetto Health

Children's Hospital and did the same for Families Helping Families.

As boisterous and outgoing as Mark was, he wasn't a braggart. He was opinionated, to say the least, and he could argue a brick wall down.

But once you got through all that bravado the guy inside was really a good soul.

I'm really going to miss him. The Camp will really miss him, as well.

On a lighter note, let's all meet at Seawell's on Wednesday, Oct. 25, to hear Dr. Griffin's talk about the execution of Abraham Lincoln. I, for one, could use a little pick me up.

See y'all on the 25th.



Gen. Gordon was 'Active Friend' of Southern Chaplains

There were many generals in the Confederate Army who were Christians and there were also many privates who were converted to Christ during the great revivals that swept the Confederate armies.

We all know about Generals Lee, Jackson, J.E.B. Stuart, Patrick Cleburne and President Davis, but we should also know about many others, one of whom is Gen. John B. Gordon.

Like our Wade Hampton, Gen. Gordon, following the war, became first governor and later a U.S. Senator, from Georgia. In 1890 he was Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

We are concerned here with Gen. Gordon the Christian soldier. Whenever duty per-

Chaplain's Pulpit

Robert Slimp

mitted he took an active role as a Christian worker. According to Chaplain J. William Jones, the author of "Christ in the Camp," "General Gordon was accustomed to lead prayer meetings in his command, and during seasons of special revival, I have heard him, with eloquent words and tearful eyes, make powerful appeals to his men to put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, and I have seen him go off into the woods with his arms about some ragged private, that he

might point him to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

He was always the active friend and helper of his chaplains, and did everything in his power to promote the spiritual welfare of his men.

Gordon wrote Dr. A.I. Dickinson, Superintendent of Army Coleporters, the following stirring appeal, which was published in the Religious Herald at the time and is well worth reading again as a perfect illustration of his character and love for his Lord.

"Camp near Orange Court House, Virginia, September 6, 1863.

"Dear Brother Dickinson: Why is it that our good people at home of the various denominations, are not sending more

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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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NAACP Leader Says Tourism Boycott Will Continue

COLUMBIA - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's economic boycott of South Carolina may bother Gov. Mark Sanford and even hurt some minority businesses, but the civil rights group has no plans to end the sanctions before the confederate flag is taken off Statehouse grounds, NAACP Chairman Julian Bond said Friday.

This despite the fact the boycott has had almost no impact on Palmetto State.

Bond's comments came one day after Sanford called for the civil rights group to end its boycott. Sanford addressed the state

NAACP during a forum held in Augusta, Ga., to honor the boycott.

Sanford said the boycott is not an effective tool.

"But if it's ineffective, why is he asking us to end it?" Bond said. "We know that it's an effective tool. We know that the NCAA and other organizations have stayed away rather than come here. We wish more groups would do so. I think the very fact that he's asking us to stop it means that it bothers him."

Some black business owners have complained the boycott is hurting them. Bond

said that's unfortunate.

"In any movement for social change, people suffer, and we're sorry about that and try as much as we can to minimize that suffering, but that's just a consequence of change," Bond said.

Bond spoke at a USC event commemorating the 35th anniversary of the school's African American Studies Program.

It was the first time Bond had visited the university since he was denied the opportunity to speak there during the 1960s, he said.

-The Associated Press

Chaplain

missionaries to the army? Every effort is made to supply the soldiers with 'creature comforts,' and I believe you find little difficulty in raising money to furnish Bibles and Christian tracts to the army - but why is it so few preachers are sent to us? They have either concluded that soldiers are so 'demoralized,' that it is useless to preach to them, or else there is criminal indifference on this subject.

"They cannot, after all that has been written on this point, be ignorant of the fact that there is a great lack of ministers serving as chaplains in the army - that many whole brigades of one or two thousand

men are without a chaplain and rarely hear a sermon.

"But, suppose I tell these good Christians, who think preaching to a body of soldiers is 'casting pearls before swine,' that these men espoused to temptations on every side, are more eager to listen to the Gospel than are the people at home.

"The few pastors you do send us are preaching Christ, not in magnificent temples, it is true, but they are not preaching to empty benches either, but daily in the great temple of nature, and at night by Heaven's chandeliers, they preach to audiences of from one to two thousand men, anxious to

hear the way of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

"Please send us more preachers. I close by telling you that in the last few weeks more than two hundred in this single brigade have been saved forever by the glorious Grace of God. From the standpoint of our country, they are better soldiers and unafraid to give their lives in the cause of our freedom."

Your humble obedient servant,

J.B. Gordon

It is very important that we remember the Christian heritage that our ancestors have handed down to us.

Citadel

There are a few things to keep in mind:

- No Confederate flags will be allowed into the stadium. The Southern Conference classifies flags and umbrellas as objects that restrict view.
- If possible, wear your camp shirts if you have one, or something navy blue is preferable. This can be used as a recruiting opportunity for the

SCV because you will have people ask questions about who we are as an organization and what we do.

- Purchase tickets via the Citadel Ticket Office in McCallister Field House at (843) 953-7181. The ticket office is open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays.
- Purchase general admission tickets so

we can be sure to sit together. Other tickets will be numbered seating only and are more expensive.

Let's all sit together and sing "Dixie" every time the Citadel scores, or just whenever we feel the need!

For more information, contact Adam Byerly, SCV college field representative, at collegefieldrep@scv.org.

Conservation Plan Approved for Hunley

CHARLESTON - The U.S. Navy has approved plans to conserve the hand-cranked Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley by soaking the sub in high-pH water to remove corrosive salts from the iron vessel.

State Sen. Glenn McConnell, who chairs the S.C. Hunley Commission, said he expects the Hunley could be conserved by 2013 with the sub going into the pH bath in about two years.

The Hunley sank the Union blockade

ship Housatonic in 1864, becoming the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship. But it never returned with its crew of eight.

The wreck was located 11 years ago off Charleston, raised in 2000 and has since been in a conservation lab in North Charleston.

The current plans call for soaking the submarine in high-pH solutions such as sodium hydroxide or sodium bicarbonate to remove salts from the iron.

Research Problems?

The SCV can help. For complete assistance in all aspects of lineage & genealogy contact:

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Important Dates in the War of Northern Aggression

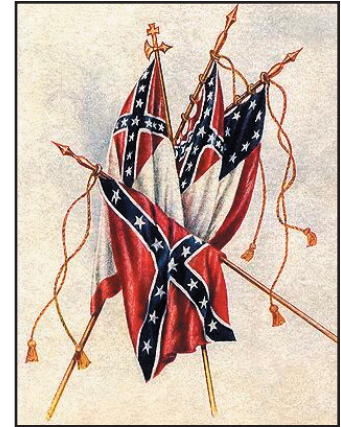
- Oct. 2, 1864: Union cavalry and infantry rebuffed in bid to capture Saltville, Va.
- Oct. 3, 1862: Confederates fall short in bid to capture Corinth, Miss.
- Oct. 6, 1863: Lt. Col. William C. Quantrill's Raiders rout Federals at Baxter Springs, Kan., inflicting 103 casualties while suffering just three.
- Oct. 13, 1864: Lt. Gen. Richard Anderson leads Confederates to victory at Darbytown Road, Va.
- Oct. 15, 1864: Confederates whip Yankees at Glasgow, Mo., capturing rifles, overcoats and horses and giving Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's army a morale boost.
- Oct. 19, 1863: Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart lures Maj. Gen. J. Kirkpatrick into an ambush, initiating a rout that last for five miles and became known as the Buckland (Va.) Races.
- Oct. 21, 1861: Confederate Brig. Gen. Nathan Evans routs Federals at Ball's Bluff, Va. Union forces suffer nearly 1,000 casualties, including 700 captured.
- Oct. 27, 1864: Buoyed by Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton's cavalry, Confederate forces forced Federal forces to fall back at Burgess' Mill and enable the South to control the area through the winter of 1864.

Words To Remember

"Well, Govan, if we are to die, let us die like men."

-Gen. Patrick Cleburne, to his friend D.C. Govan before the Battle of Franklin

Next Camp Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 25



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

Scripture Thought

"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."

- Philippians 4:12-13

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