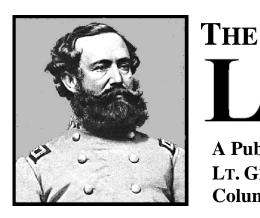
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#### WADE HAMPTON: BEAR HUNTER

Note: The following was extracted from The Wild Bears by George Laycock. Special thanks to Compatriot Judson Barton, Commander of Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp No. 926, Hartwell, GA, for bringing this amazing story of our camp's namesake to our attention! –Ed.

For some, there was pride in numbers, and pursuit of the bear became more compelling with each conquest. Perhaps no hunter of the black bear ever exceeded the record of a Civil War General, Wade Hampton, who frequently laid his gun down and did the job with his knife. Hampton, who succeeded Jeb Stuart as commander of the Confederate cavalry in Virginia, did most of his bear hunting on his plantations in Mississippi and South Carolina. His bear hunting was remarkable enough to attract the attention of Teddy Roosevelt, who told of Hampton's exploits in his book, "The Wilderness Hunter."

Hampton always had the help of a pack of hounds, sometimes forty in number. When he heard the dogs holding a bear at bay, he rode up and urged them to close with the animal. Then as the dogs worried the bear, Hampton ran in close, reached across the animal and stabbed it behind the shoulder on the opposite side. See BEAR HUNTER, Page 2



Not our General Hampton, but a very good likeness! Bear Hunt by Augustin Hirschvogel (1503-1553)

#### HISTORIC FIND — IN A STORAGE CLOSET

#### Flag discovered in Iowa museum is likely Civil War-era original

By Diane Knich

In the days leading to the Civil War, a battery of Citadel cadets on Morris Island fired at the supply ship Star of the West as it approached Fort Sumter, forcing the ship to turn around.

This is believed to be the original 'Big Red,' the flag flown on Jan. 9, 1861, when Citadel cadets fired on the Star of the West.

A red palmetto flag flew over the cadets during the attack on Jan. 9, 1861, which marked a victory for them, and was a significant precursor to the war.

The war officially began on April 12, 1861, with the Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter. But some Citadel alumni and others consider the shots fired at Star of the West to be the first shots of the Civil War.

The red palmetto flag became a powerful symbol for the state's military college. The school adopted a replica of the flag as its "spirit flag" in 1992 and called it "Big Red."

But nobody knew, until now, what happened to the original flag.

The school has found what almost certainly is the original Civil War-era "Big Red" in a museum in Iowa.

The flag was donated to the museum by an Civil War veteran from Iowa in 1919, and has been sitting in a storage closet for nearly a century.

The State Historical Society of Iowa, which owns the flag, and a history committee from The Citadel Alumni Association have determined through forensic and historical research that the flag in Iowa is very likely the one that flew on Morris Island on Jan. 9, 1861.

Finding the flag is great news for The Citadel, said Tex Curtis, chairman of The Citadel Historical Council and a 1964 graduate of the school. The flag is not only "a priceless, historic artifact," he said. "It literally is The Citadel. It goes right to the beginning."

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This hazardous system worked so well that Hampton, in killing between thirty and forty bears with his knife, was injured by only one of them which managed to rip open the General's forearm.

According to Roosevelt, the General personally accounted for more than three hundred bears and participated

in the taking of two hundred more. During one pre-Civil War period in Mississippi, he killed sixty-eight bears in five months. His largest daily bag was four. Most of the bears taken by Hampton were killed in South Carolina. Although partial to the knife, Hampton took his two largest bears with a gun near Greenville, Mississippi. One weighed four hundred and ten pounds,

the other a couple of pounds less, and both were actually weighed on scales.

Source: Laycock, George. *The Wild Bears*. New York:Outdoor Life Books, 1986. pp. 214 -216



#### BIG RED



After seeing a photograph of the original flag, Citadel leaders now know that the replica they have been using has historical inaccuracies, Curtis said.

#### More information

A committee of the school's Board of Visitors voted Thursday to begin using the historically correct version of the flag as its "spirit flag," and to assign intellectual property rights in "Big Red" to The Citadel Alumni Association. The full board will take a final vote on the matter today.

The flag in the Iowa museum has a red background with a large white palmetto tree in the center and an inward-facing white crescent in the upper-left corner.

The replica the school has been using has a smaller white palmetto tree on a red background, with a white outward-facing crescent in the upper-left corner. The direction of the crescent is important, Curtis said, because an inward-facing crescent was, at the time, a common symbol of secession in the Charleston area.

The fact that the flag in Iowa carries the secession symbol makes it more likely that it is the flag that flew on Morris Island, he said.

Ed Carter, president of The Citadel Alumni Association, said his group is now in discussions with the State Historical Society of Iowa about bringing

the flag to The Citadel on long-term loan.

#### From S.C. to Iowa

Michael O. Smith, director of Iowa's State Historical Museum, said the museum has a collection of Civil War battle flags. The red palmetto flag was donated to the museum by Willard Baker in 1919.

Baker, a Civil War veteran, said only that he "got the flag in Mobile, Ala., at the end of the Civil War." Smith said.

Because museum officials have such limited information about how he acquired it, they can't guarantee the flag is original, he said, but added that it likely is.

A report from The Citadel Alumni Association's Historical Council, a four-member group that has been researching the flag for nearly two years, states that Baker was a private in an infantry unit involved in the capture of Fort Blakeley, which is near Mobile, in April 1865.

The report also states that according to historical records, Capt. James F. Culpepper, an 1854 graduate of the Citadel Academy, and his battery were at Fort Blakeley when it fell.

Culpepper had been a student of Maj. Peter F. Stevens, who was superintendent of The Citadel during the time "The Star of the West" was fired upon.

According to the report, a news report in 1861 stated that the Hugh Vincent family designed a red palmetto flag and presented it to Stevens between Jan. 1 and 4, 1861, to be used by The Citadel battery at Fort Morris.

It's likely that Culpepper and his men had the flag when they arrived at Fort Blakeley, and that Baker got the flag from them, and brought it home to Iowa, Curtis said.

#### Likely authentic

Why the flag is thought to be the original "Big Red":

-It has an inward-facing crescent in the upper-left corner, a common Charleston-area

symbol of secession.

-Forensic tests indicate it is.

-Written historical accounts support its authenticity.

-There are strong similarities between the red palmetto flag and the other flags known to have been made by Hugh Vincent.

Source: The Citadel Historical Council

Curtis and Smith said The Citadel and the State Historical Society of Iowa shared research and came to the same conclusions about the flag's likely authenticity.

Curtis said the important factors included the inward-facing crescent, results of forensic tests, written historical accounts and similarities between the red palmetto flag and the other flags known to have been made by Vincent.

Smith said the flag has been in a storage closet since 1919. Officials knew it was from South Carolina because of the palmetto, but they didn't know the flag's significance.

Curtis said a woman who wants to remain anonymous posted information about the flag on the Internet in 2007. Some Citadel alumni saw it and began conducting research with the State Historical Society of Iowa.

It took nearly two years to determine that the 10-foot-by-7-foot flag was likely the original "Big Red," Carter said.

"Until now, nobody knew what the real 'Big Red' looked like," he said. But soon, he said, "you'll see it on license plates, T-shirts, logos and decals."

Source: *The Post & Courier*. Charleston, SC. 02 October 2009

Editor's Note: For more information on this topic see "Answer to Photo Quiz #01/08" on our camp web site!

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Greetings to you Compatriots,

This year is swiftly coming to an end and dues renewal is vital to the continued success of our camp. Several of you have not renewed your membership yet. Please remember that if you wait much longer you'll have to pay an extra \$10 reinstatement fee. Go ahead and get that check in the mail. We need every man in the year to come. I therefore ask each member that has not renewed to forward your dues to Adjutant Ricky Badger.

Our meeting for this month will be Thursday October 22, 2009 at Seawell's Restaurant with supper beginning at 6:00 pm. The speaker will be my dear friend and fellow re-enactor Ann Rives Zappa the greatgranddaughter of two Confederate Veterans. She is a member of the Winnie Davis Chapter 259 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Her topic will be Admiral Raphael Semmes and the last battle of the CSS Alabama off Cherbourg, France on June

19, 1864.

This should be a most interesting and informative meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you and encourage each of you to make an effort to bring a potential recruit

Our November meeting will be an important meeting as we determine the direction the camp will take over the next year with the election of a new Commander. I feel I am unable to continue as Commander next year with my current and ongoing health issues. With a new Commander also come new officers and staff that lead the camp for the upcoming year. It is unfortunate to report that as of now, a camp of over 200 members, no one has indicated an interest in offering as Commander.

Our Lee-Jackson Banquet will be Friday January 2, 2010 at Seawell's Restaurant. Our program will be provided by both General Robert E. Lee and General "Stonewall" Jackson who will be portrayed by David Chaltus, (as Gen. Lee) and Danny Buckner, (as Gen. Jackson). Both of these gentlemen will be remembered as our guest and a major asset to this years Battle for Columbia. This meeting will replace our normal meeting for the month. There will be a flyer in the December and January Legionary with more details. Please put this on your calendar and make plans to attend.

I trust that each of you are in good health and that our Father in Heaven has given you all the Blessings you richly deserve. Remember the Camp cannot grow and continue with out your help. Please come out and attend our Camp Meeting, fellowship with your Pards and Honor you Ancestor.

Your Humble Servant, Robert "Doc" Spigner

#### HOWARD HUGHES

#### CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS—

It isn't my intent to offend anyone with the content of this column, which deals with assorted faith-related things I find interesting, but it that occurs, tough; no apology will be forthcoming.

Why do some people apologize for speaking the truth? A common example is, "If this offends you, I'm sorry, but..." I can't find one instance in the New Testament where Jesus apologized for anything, yet on numerous occasions he ticked off, annoyed, and greatly offended many people while preaching the Gospel.

Self-proclaimed atheists are an interesting breed. Most I've observed have more-than-average education and fancy themselves far more intelligent than we believers, but evidently they don't have much sense. How can anyone with at least a fair amount of smarts not understand that to have a creation there must be a creator? I guess they want us to believe the order of the universe and solar system and everything in them must be products of happenstance. Yeah, right.

Have you ever heard a person who calls himself a Christian say he doesn't believe in Satan or a real punishment in Hell? I wonder to whom they think Jesus was

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speaking when he said, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only" (St. Matthew 4:10). And I reckon they believe Jesus was joshing us with: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in Hell" (St. Matthew 10:28).

Another sort of deep thinker who causes my eyes to roll is the genius non-Christian-type who claims that 2000 years ago there was this great teacher named Jesus who did and said a lot of nice things but actually wasn't God's Son. Oh yeah? Even the demons had the good sense to know with whom they were dealing: "Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, 'You are the Son of God" (St. Mark 3:11). More important, let's see what Jesus himself had to say about his own Divinity: "They all asked, 'Are you then the Son of God?' Jesus replied, 'You are right in saying I am" (St. Luke 22:70). Think about it. Jesus is either who he said he was (The Son of God) or he wasn't (which would then make him a liar and a fraud). Well, if he wasn't the Son of God, how can such a liar and a

fraud be a great man and teacher?

I don't buy into such secular theories as the Grand Canyon's creation from the erosion of the Colorado River, either. If that's the case, why aren't there more such canyons? Seems to me the same God who created the universe in six days can craft a pretty hole in the Earth in fairly short order.

But what do I know? I'm one of those backward folks who believes that the Earth is about 5000-6500 years old--I can back it up with Scripture. And besides, whom do I trust more--Moses or Carl Sagan and National Geographic? I'll take Moses any day. Look at from whom he took dictation.

"Jesus either was who he said he was or he was the world's greatest liar. It is impossible for me to believe a liar or charlatan could have the effect on mankind that he has had for two thousand years. We could ask-would even the greatest of liars carry his lie through the crucifixion, when a simple confession would have saved him? Did he allow us the choice you say you and others have made, to believe in his teaching but reject statements about his own identity?" —Ronald Reagan

#### RICKY LEE BADGER

Gentlemen, as of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we stand at 78 percent on regular membership mrenewals and 69 percent on associate camembership renewals. We have 204 regular of members and 16 associate members.

October 31<sup>st</sup> will end the membership renewal window for our camp. After that date a reinstatement fee of five dollars will be required for division and national to renew. With the renewal

window's end now at hand, please remember the time required for mailing and processing of your renewal. The payment must be received at national on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Note: The following is extracted from two communications sent out via e-mail by our National Commander, Charles E. McMichael after the National Media learned that

Congressman Joe Wilson was a Member of the SCV. –Ed



Chuck McMichael Commander-in-Chief, SCV

#### 22 September 2009

For well over a week now, we have been fully engaged, nonstop, combating the recent smearing of the SCV in the big money media. I am pleased to be able to update each of you, my compatriots, with this important posting and relative pertinent background.

As you all are probably aware, during a recent speech by President Obama, Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) shouted out, "You Lie" and predictably a fire storm erupted. In the days following, Maureen Dowd, the leftwing bomb thrower at the NY Times, wrote a column stating that Rep. Wilson did this because he is a racist. What did she offer as proof? In her own words, "The congressman, we learned, belonged to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, led a 2000 campaign to keep the Confederate flag waving above South Carolina's state Capitol " On top of that, she included, "But, fair or not, what I heard was an unspoken word in the air: You lie, boy! "

To further attempt making her false point, she dragged up the trash the SPLC wrote about us some 5 to 7 years ago. This column was mentioned on one of the shows on MSNBC. To set the record straight, we sent out a press release to all major media outlets. That release can be read on the SCV blog. Fortunately, our release was picked by several news search engines. I made the attempt to get myself or some other SCV spokesman on one of the MSNBC shows, but was not successful. Soon after, it was twice mentioned on Fox. First on the Morning Show, at which time, I immediately sent an

email rebuking this statement and requested the opportunity to rebut. Sadly, they did not respond. Probably the most egregious was when Juan Williams cited the NY Times column on the O'Reilly Factor. I immediately sent an email to the show explaining the absolute injustice, and pointed out if they wanted to be fair, they should at the very least read my letter or allow someone on the show to speak for us. Again, no response, therefore, I directed the Chairman of our PR and Media team. Jeff Davis, to call the producers of the show to make our case. They were non-compliant. No wonder, we have since found a You Tube video of Bill O'Reilly denigrating the Confederacy and the

Of course the far left blog went wild, each repeating the charge and adding their own embellishment. I, and a few others, have spent countless hours on these blogs refuting this claim and getting our message on their sites. I was pleased to find that some of our posting has been picked up by various search engines. We continue to fight this trench warfare.

The big money media is not interested in what we have to say. In fact they probably wish to suppress it. We have only had one inquiry from any media source, CBS; they wanted to know if in fact Joe Wilson was a member. Our staff told them that our member data base is not public record and it was none of their business.

So what now? Unable to get any traction with the big money media, we have decided to go around them to citizens who would be receptive to our message. Last Tuesday we began working with a professional political PR firm based in DC. Our presentation through them will be rolling out today or the next day. I will post details to that as soon as it is out...

I ask that you all keep the SCV and those in the trenches in your prayers.

#### 25 September 2009

In an message earlier this week I reported to you about the attacks we have encountered over the (Rep.) Joe Wilson "You Lie" incident and all we had done up to that point to counteract these attacks. I made mention of one step we would be taking in this regard that I will report on now.

In that earlier message I wrote of our efforts to be heard by the "big money" media and how they were unresponsive to us. We had a senior staff teleconference and decided to go around the big money media to communicate with those who may not be familiar with the SCV ,but might be receptive to our message. We engaged the services of a professional political public relations firm in Washington D. C. and this is what we all

came up with. We have issued what is referred to as an *email blast*. We have sent a message prepared by the SCV to an existing list of known conservative activists. This service costs \$10,000 which was paid for out of our emergency Heritage Defense Fund.

This is what we received: The emails were sent to known to be conservative activists whose email address are all good and current. The large majority of those on the list are middle age males and are mostly in RED States. This list goes out to about One Million (1,000,000) people! On top of that, all email addresses that respond or click on one of the links in the blast will be collected for our future use...

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write you today with a heavy heart. In recent days the mainstream media and prominent politicians have reintroduced race into American Politics as a weapon intended to harm opponents and as a device intended to distract from the issues at hand. Their purpose is to distract from the real issues and in bury the facts.

## But we want you to know the truth.

When Congressman Joe Wilson shouted "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's health care speech September 9, 2009 he drew a firestorm of criticism from the Left. Rep. Wilson apologized to the President for his outburst and it should have ended there.

Unfortunately, several prominent politicians, could not resist the lure of trying to make the simple statement "You Lie" into a racial issue. These liberal politicians and almost the entire mainstream media have piled on, attempting to portray Rep. Wilson's shout as being racially motivated.

Ordinarily, we don't take notice of politicians but in this case, the politicians took notice of us. You see, in an attempt to smear Rep. Wilson, these media mouthpieces and Washington pundits seized on the fact that Rep. Wilson was once a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV).

Is that really all it takes to levy such a hateful, hurtful, and mean-spirited accusation? They certainly ought to know better and probably do. They just don't care.

#### But we believe the truth matters.

The SCV was organized nearly a century and a quarter ago for the sole

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purpose of "defending the Confederate soldier's good name." The SCV is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to honoring those Southern men who defended their homes, families, and states from invasion. Our membership is open to men of all walks of life regardless of race, religion, or ethnic origin.

Our purpose is to honor and remember our country's heritage and these men. And by the way, these men aren't just history for us, they are our family. They are men like Robert E. Lee whom Pres. Dwight Eisenhower called, "One of my great heroes of American history," and who was also

described as "...a great American who knew the extremes of hope and despair," by Ronald Reagan.

The SCV has consistently and repeatedly disavowed and rebuked hate groups who misuse Southern symbols and abuse the memory of these men and publicly stood up against those who want to malign our history. You can read the actual statements on our web page:

http://www.scv.org/documents.php\_.

#### That's why I'm writing to you.

In an effort to score quick political points and bash their opponents, the liberal elites in New York and Washington are smearing a worthwhile organization solely due to political disagreements.

If you agree that the truth of American history deserves to be preserved, please support the SCV and help us fight these assaults.

https://scv.secure-sites.us/donation.php

It is unfair to the members who may be your neighbors or family members. Thank you for considering this message.

Charles E. McMichael
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Source: *SCV Telegraph*, 22 & 25 September 2009

#### LET'S ALL HELP WITH VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

By Rev. Robert Slimp

I love to hear and read about our Confederate Veterans, who always were willing to fight for their freedom and independence. Their untarnished courage and valor continue to inspire us today. As Southerners, we must continue to show our pride, especially in a public forum, for our Southern ancestors and pass on their true history whenever we have an opportunity to do so. An excellent opportunity presents itself on Veteran's Day. For the past five year we have had a contingent in the Veteran's Day parade in which United States Veterans, who are also members of the SCV, honor the service and sacrifice of our Confederate ancestors. At the same time we are honoring some very brave men who fought in more recent wars.

This year, with more and more attacks are being made against the Confederate South, we must be even more determined to preserve our true history for our posterity.

This year the Veteran's Day parade will be held on Wednesday, November 11th. The parade will commence at Calhoun Street and proceed down Main Street to the State House. The parade will end after it passes Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. It will begin at 11 a.m.—the time the First World War Armistice went into effect on the same date in 1918.

We need to have enough re-enactors to have a splendid color guard that will attract the attention of the crowd along the route. We currently have about three Veterans, from previous wars, including two World War Two men, participating in the parade with our group. They will be riding in a convertible. We need as many of you, who are also veterans, to march with us in the parade. If you are a member of a Veteran's organization, we will ask you to wear your organization's hat or cap. I will have my big banner with the words, "United States Veterans Honoring our Confederate Ancestors." This banner has both a Confederate flag and the Stars and Stripes.

Let's determine to have a good turn out. The people watching the parade will know that we are proud of our Confederate ancestors and our Confederate flags. Let us determine to make this our best parade ever as the men of the Wade Hampton Camp join the ranks of other camps to our Confederate ancestors! Plan now to be there!

Post Script: We have a real Southern Band, "Amick Station," led by Compatriot Don Jones of our Camp, which is willing to play

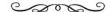
while they march with us in the parade. Since Division cannot pay for a band because of the many other parades in South Carolina, our camp would have to provide funding if we wanted them to participate. They are terrific musicians and they have a new electrical sound system for this occasion. I think we could use them to really make a strong impression on the spectators. They only know two songs, one is Dixie and the other ain't. If you would like to see these boys march with us this year, please plan now to give a donation. It will cost us \$300.00. Please think about it and bring your thought to out next camp meeting. Nothing, in my experience, can make goose bumps on our backs come any quicker than hearing a Southern band play Dixie on Veteran's Day in Columbia, South Carolina, where even Sherman's burning, sack and rape of the city could not stop her from rising like the proverbial Phoenix. \*\*\*



#### The CHARGE

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To you, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, we submit 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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the TRUE HISTORY of the South is PRESENTED to FUTURE GENERATIONS.



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

#### **Important Dates in** *The Causer for Southern Independence*:

Oct. 23, 1828 – Birthday of Brig. Gen. Turner Ashby of VA (1828-1862)

Oct. 3, 1862 – Battle of Corinth, MS. Gens. Van Dorn & Price inflict severe losses on Federal troops.

Oct. 9, 1862 – Gen, Stuart leads 1,800 Confederate cavalrymen on a rain into Pennsylvania which lasted several days.

Oct. 10, 1862 – Federal troops and gunboats engage Gen. Forrest on the Tennessee River. The Confederates inflict serious damage to three vessels.

Oct. 11, 1862 – Stuart's cavalrymen begin to circle around the stationary Union army, cutting telegraph wires and destroying military equipment.

Oct. 15, 1863 – In Charleston, SC, the C.S.S. *H.L. Hunley* sinks for a second time during a practice dive. Seven men were killed.

Oct. 29, 1863 – Federal batteries fire 2,691 shells into Confederate held Ft. Sumter, killing 33 defenders.

Oct. 1, 1864 – General Forrest's cavalry skirmish with Federal garrisons at Athens & Huntsville, AL.

Oct. 18, 1864 – Pro-Southern ladies of Great Britain hold a benefit for Confederate soldiers at St. George's Hall in Liverpool, England.

Oct. 21, 1864 – In Missouri, as Price's Confederates leave Lexington, they defeat the Federals on the Little Blue, and the Federals withdraw from Independence.

Oct. 26, 1864 - Confederate guerrilla "Bloody Bill" Anderson killed near Richmond, MO.

Oct. 12, 1870 - Gen. Robert E. Lee dies in Lexington, VA, at the age of 63

Next Camp Meeting THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 6:00 p.m.



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> > TOPIC

Admiral Raphael Semmes and the Last battle of the CSS Alabama

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