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#### A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11



#### **COMMANDERS CORNER** -

Compatriots, it has been an honor serving as your commander in 2019. A special thanks to Charlie Bray and Rusty Rentz for their guidance in my first year as commander. I was away in November on a trip to Canada and I missed the November meeting, but I understand that I was elected to a second year as commander and I want to thank you again for your vote of confidence.

We have real challenges in today's world with so many being completely ignorant of our history and the challenges go beyond just mere education. The golden rule, or how we treat others, apparently is not taught either as we have continued to see an onslaught of our confederate memorials. Whether they are on a campus or in a cemetery, they are not safe from those who apparently have no respect for anything or anyone. I sincerely question the health of a society that attacks the memorials and headstones for the dead. I pity the living of a society if the dead are treated with such disdain. We need to pray for a return to sanity and decency in this country. Meanwhile, we need to remember the charge as given to us by Stephen Dill Lee and we need to continue to tell the true history of the south. Beyond the corrupt city councils and weak-kneed politicians, the rank and file, those who make the country work, do not like the senseless destruction and nearly every poll proves this with an exclamation point. The tide needs to turn and it's time to put the offenders on the defensive. Talk to people and explain why you are an SCV member and why it's important to remember our true history and not destroy it. We are descendants of honorable men and no one is going to take that from them or us.

I firmly believe if Confederate history and the Confederate soldier's memory is maligned and destroyed, <u>all</u> American history will surely follow. This country is not perfect, and no country on Earth can make that claim. These modern Confederate (and all things southern) detractors tend to be irrational, foul mouthed, anti-American and very anti-Christian in their beliefs. They are the exact antithesis to the model southern gentleman. Their interests go far beyond the Confederacy's history though. In some strange twist, the Confederate soldier has somehow 150 years later found himself once again defending the very fabric and founding principles of this country. This time around, it's his memory and his legacy and not his body doing the fighting. The impact of the cultural destruction is obvious and personal to us, but I fear that the political powers are blind to it or, worse yet, they are willing participants. The tests being applied to the history of the south will eventually be applied to the rest of American history though and the wanton destruction will continue and spread unless the adult in the room takes charge and sanity prevails. Apparently, there are no adults left on today's college campuses but that's just my opinion.

In the end, we must remember that as sons of Confederate veterans, we are the last real line of defense to preserve our history and the Confederate soldier's memory and good name. I do believe that in the long run, truth and adherence to the charge wins.

Switching gears, Christmas is just a few weeks away, so I want to wish all you a happy time with you families and I hope that we do not forget the reason for the season. As General Robert E. Lee once said, "I can only say that I am nothing but a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation." For those of us who are believers, this is a special time of year where we pause to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, who would suffer and die on the cross to pay for our sins. He would rise again victorious over death and give us the promise of life everlasting. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

Our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet will be on Friday, January 17, 2020 at Seawell's Restaurant. There is no meeting in December, so the Lee-Jackson banquet will be our next event. This is always a great time, I hope you plan to attend, and guests are welcome. More specific details on the Lee-Jackson banquet will follow. I hope to see you there.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year's!

#### The CHARGE

To you, **Sons of Confederate Veterans**, we submit the <u>VINDICATION</u> of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the <u>DEFENSE</u> of the Confederate soldier's good name, the <u>GUARDIANSHIP</u> of his history, the <u>EMULATION</u> of his virtues, the <u>PERPETUATION</u> of those principles he loved, and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. <u>Remember</u>, it is your duty to see that the <u>TRUE HISTORY</u> of the South is <u>PRESENTED to FUTURE GENERATIONS</u>.



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



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**Quote: Sigrid Undset -** Norwegian novelist who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1928.

"And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself."



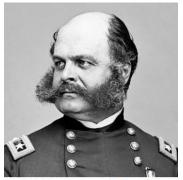
LT. COMMANDER'S TENT

LAYNE WATERS (RETIRED)

#### ~ Events of December ~

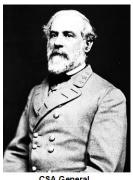
This Month (December), in 1862, saw a significate victory for Southern arms.





Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside

In early November, Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside took command of the Army of the Potomac and made immediate plans to move the army once again toward Richmond. He hoped to move quickly, and cross to the south side of the Rappahannock River before Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia could block his route. On November 14th, Burnside sent a corps to occupy the vicinity of Falmouth on the river opposite Fredericksburg. The rest of the army soon followed.



CSA General Robert E. Lee

Lee reacted by entrenching his army on the heights

behind Fredericksburg. Burnside's army was delayed on the north bank because he had not yet received the necessary pontoon bridges, he needed to cross the river. After two weeks, the overdue

bridge materials finally arrived. On December 11th, Union engineers laid six bridges across the Rappahannock under fire, shelling the town in the process to drive out Confederate skirmishers.

On the 12th, the remainder of the Federal army crossed over, and on December 13th, Burnside mounted a series of futile frontal assaults on Prospect Hill and Marye's Heights that resulted in staggering casualties. Maj. Gen. George G. Meade's division, on the Union left, briefly penetrated Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's line but was



driven back by a counterattack. Union Generals C. Feger Jackson and George Bayard, and Confederate Generals Thomas R.R. Cobb and Maxey Gregg were killed. On December 15th, Burnside called off the offensive and re-crossed the river, ending the campaign. He would be relieved of command before the end of January.



Union BG Conrad F. Jackson



Union BG George D. Bayard



CSA BG Thomas R. R. Cobb



CSA BG Maxcy Gregg













CHAPLAINS WITNESS — Walter W. "Soapy" Lindler

## TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS CHRIST THE LORD. -- Luke 2:11

- 10. The word "Christmas" includes Jesus' last name. Matthew 1:1
- 9. We get to sing fun songs that tells the story of Jesus coming. Luke 2:13-14
- 8. Everybody loves when a baby is born, but none has changed the world as Jesus has. Matthew 1:21
- 7. We can truly be of good cheer and full of hope because Jesus came to save us. John 3:16
- 6. People are actually nicer this time of year and even strangers wish each other well, just like Jesus taught. John 13:35
- 5. We sing Joy to the world, and it's OK. (JOY = Jesus; Others; Yourself) Luke 2:10
- 4. Christmas lights remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world, and that each of us should light the world as He does. John 8:12
- 3. It's a time of year where we can all be like little children, just like Jesus taught. Matthew 18:2-5
- 2. Jesus love inspires people to be extra kind and giving this time of year. 1 John 3:16
- 1. The number one reason why Jesus is the reason for the season is that He is the ultimate gift to the world. Romans 5:15



**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.



**Walter Lindler** 

**Bill Smyth** 

**Bob Slimp** 



#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS -

2018 - 2019

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Jan. 8, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	Jan. 2, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
Hampton Redshirts	Jan. 7, 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
SC 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 2069	Jan. 20, 2020	Meets 7:00PM <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Jan. 28, 2020	Christmas – <b>NO Meeting</b> Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC

Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Jan. 28, 2020	Christmas – <b>NO Meeting</b> Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg- Leesville, SC
Hunley / Housatonic Memorial Service	Feb. 17, 2020	7:00PM – 9:00PM at Sunrise Presbyterian Church 3222 Middle St. Sullivan's Island, SC - http:/csatrust.org
Firing on Columbia	Feb. 16, 2020	12:00 Noon to 1:00p.m. both side of the Gervais St. Bridge, Columbia, SC
25 <sup>th</sup> Battle of Aiken	Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> 2020	1210 Powell Pond Road Living History Day: Friday, Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00a.m. Aiken, SC http://battleofaiken.org
18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Battle for Broxton's Bridge	February 28 – March 1, 2020	Broxton Bridge Plantation, Ehrhardt, SC <a href="http://www.broxtonbridge.com/battle.htm">http://www.broxtonbridge.com/battle.htm</a> Living History Day: Friday, March 1 @ 9:00a.m. Battle of Broxton Bridge: Sat., Mar. 2 & Sunday, Mar. 3
The Skirmish at Gambrel's Hotel	March 10, 11 & 12, 2018	4789 East Old Marion Hwy, Florence, SC 29502 http://www.23rdsc.com/event/
S.C. Division SCV 2019 Convention	March 20-21, 2020	The Lodge 7116 Hwy. 9 Inman, SC 29349 <a href="http://www.scscv.com">http://www.scscv.com</a>



#### ADJUTANT'S DESK-

CHARLIE BRAY

It is hard to believe that we will, in just a few days, be celebrating Christmas and as usual I find myself wondering where the year has gone. Susan and I wish each of you and your families a safe, happy and joyful Christmas and New Year celebrations.

There two events coming up early in 2020. The first event is our upcoming **Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 17, 2020**. Due to the expense associated with this event I would appreciate your prompt RSVP response if you are going to attend and how many will be with you. We have to provide Seawell's with a headcount and if our forecast is off our camp will incur unnecessary expense. **Event details are shown on Page 7.** 

This rally is very important in that it is our effort to strengthen the laws dealing with vandalizing and/or destroying monuments. This year our Legislative Day rally will be February 12, 2020. The timeline at present has attendees meeting at the Confederate Monument at 7:30 am for a brief prayer after which at 8:00am to 12:00 noon we have room 108 in the Blatt Building reserved for our use. We will go to the House Chambers at 10:00am and the Senate Chambers at 12:00 noon. Once we have finished being recognized by the House and Senate, we will be finished except those who have appointments with their representative(s). As you can see from the schedule you can come in time for the House appearance and then participate in the Senate appearance and be through after 2 ½ hours. Please mark the date on your calendars and on Wednesday, February 12 stand with our camp and the South Carolina Division in this effort to protect "ALL" monuments. More details about the rally with be sent out later.

#### REMINDER: WE WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.

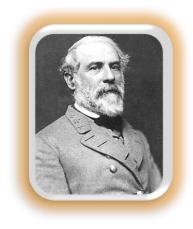


## Lee – Jackson Banquet

Friday Evening – January 17, 2020

6:30PM - 9:00PM

Seawell's Restaurant 1125 Rosewood Dr. Columbia, SC



General Robert E. Lee





Lt. Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson

#### **Entertainment:**

Speaker: Dr. Terry L. Rude
"Lee & Jackson and the Confederacy"

Toasts To: Gen. Robert E. Lee and Lt. Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson Concert by the "Pickin Pearls"

**Drawing for Door Prizes** 

Individual - \$25.00

Ticket prices: Couples - \$45.00

Children (4 - 11) - \$7.50

Dress

Coat and Tie, Period Dress, Red Shirts acceptable

#### **RSVP CONTACT**

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

Dec. 3, 1861

**Vienna, VA** – a Confederate force encountered a small group of Union troops at Vienna. The Confederates launched an attack, capturing the entire detachment of the 3rd Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Dec. 11-12, 1861

**Charleston, SC** – a tragic fire started in the city of Charleston. Unable to control it initially, the fire gained momentum and swept through the city. It managed to destroy half of the entire city, including the important business district. The fire was not able to be put out until the next day.

Dec. 4, 1862

**Prestonburg, KY** – On this date a group of Confederates attacked and captured some Union supply boats. The boats contained weapons, ammunition, and uniforms.

Dec. 29, 1862

**Boston, KY – On this date** Col. John H. Morgan and his Confederate raiders captured a Federal stockade in the town of Boston.

Dec. 25, 1863

**Tampa, FL** – On this date the Union gunboat, Tahoma, one of the gunboats that had attacked the fort in October, returned to fort Brooke, anchoring before the garrison. The next morning, it spent 2 hours blasting Capt. John Wescott's garrison and the village along Tampa Bay with numerous 32lb. and 150lb. shells.

Meanwhile, a small schooner accompanying the Tahoma shelled the shore of the main channel. We cott anticipated that his enemy would come ashore and was ready "to have received them properly". The Tahoma's skipper, Lt. Cmdr. David B. Harmony, decided once again, that the garrison was too energetic and its firepower too accurate. Harmony drew off about noon and proceeded down the bay, having inflicted no casualties.

Dec. 9, 1864

**Jamesville, NC –** On this date the USS Otsego and a Union tug were sunk by Confederate torpedoes in the Roanoke River near Jamesville.

Camp Meeting Friday, Jan. 18 6:00 P.M.



SEAWELL'S

1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC
Speaker
Dr. Terry L. Rude

("Lee and Jackson and
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