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REMINDER: WE WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.

COMMANDERS CORNER

TERRY HUGHEY

Merry Christmas my fellow Compatriots. Let us not delve upon 2015 too much, as it has surely been the most difficult and challenging year to honorably remember our Confederate Soldier's sacrifices made when called upon by his State to defend Liberty and Freedom. Now, more than ever we must stay united for our next fight to defend the Confederate Soldier's good name. This fight has already begun; so get prepared to face a liberal media and a state legislature largely composed of members who no longer feel obligated to any honorable southern principle or comprises agreed to in the past.

Our future can be bright with the right leadership and conviction to our *Cause*. This Christmas season reminds us that the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ promises us peace, joy, love, patience, goodness, gentleness and self-control, but most of all, a better future.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and happiness and good health for you and your families in 2016.

LT. COMMANDER'S TENT

LAYNE WATERS

~ Events of December ~

This Month (December), in 1863, saw on the 15-16th, union Major General George Thomas win a "resounding victory" over John Bell Hood's Confederates at Nashville, Tennessee. Hood had originally planned to block Sherman's march east, but Sherman evaded him and left the defense of Tennessee to Thomas who effectively destroys the Confederate army facing him.

On the 27th, General Joseph E. Johnston takes command of the Army of Tennessee at Dalton, Georgia; Jefferson Davis having finally accepted a resignation from his favorite general, Braxton Bragg.

Also this month the Confederate Congress repeals the law allowing men to buy substitutes for military service. This practice has existed since the Revolution, but is bitterly resented as the price of a substitute has risen to over \$1000, much more than the average small farmer can afford. Many soldiers grumble, "This is a rich man's war and a poor man's fight."

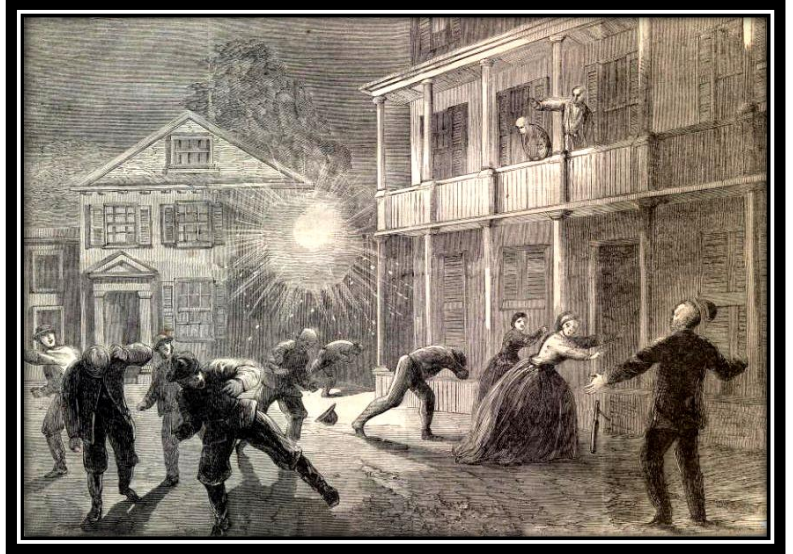
In Charleston, a life and death struggle was playing out on Broad Street. The old city was shelled for most of Christmas Day. Houses were destroyed by fire. Civilians trying to keep warm died of battle wounds.

While Union soldiers camping on or near Folly Beach enjoyed a Christmas meal, within Charleston it was mostly despair. The Christmas of 1863 brings no gifts for the boys and girls," read a Charleston Courier editorial. "The sounds of battle have frightened away from our bleeding Southern land the bearer of painted toys, the candies and plums, and their parents and elders will have to be content with wholesome food of simple quality, seeing that hams and turkeys, mince pies and plum puddings are things the contest we are engaged in compels them to do without."

The "Christmas surprise" shelling included an early morning onslaught from Morris Island aimed, as usual, at the St. Michael's steeple. A shell started a fire on Broad Street near Church Street, engulfing a stationary store.

A total of 150 shells were launched at Charleston from midnight to 1 p.m. with 16 falling short. Six buildings and a cotton press on Church Street were destroyed.

The Charleston Courier's Dec. 25 editorial went on: "Many will dine on the scanty fare of every day. Many will celebrate it afar from their homes, and the memory of the manner in which they have passed this day for a long series of years will aggravate their present ills and add grief to their sorrow."



CHAPLAINS WITNESS

CHRISTMAS IN THE CONFEDERACY BY VARINA DAVIS

WALTER LINDLER

Excerpts below were written by Varina Davis, the wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, describing Christmas of 1864 in the Confederate White House in Richmond, Virginia.

"For as Christmas season was ushered in under the darkest clouds, everyone felt the cataclysm which impended but the rosy, expectant faces of our little children were a constant reminder that self-sacrifice must be the personal offering of each member of the family."

Due to the blockades around Confederate states, families could not find certain types of food and merchandise for their holiday celebrations, and available items were outrageously priced. The Southerners had to substitute many of the ingredients in the favorite Christmas recipes, and they had to make most of their gifts and tree decorations.

In Richmond, where Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his family lived, it was discovered that the orphans at the Episcopalian home had been previously promised a Christmas tree, toys, and candy. The excerpt below shows how the people of Richmond creatively worked together to bring Christmas to the orphans in spite of the war's shortages.

"The kind-hearted confectioner was interviewed by our committee of managers, and he promised a certain amount of his simpler kinds of candy, which he sold easily a dollar and a half a pound, but he drew the line at cornucopias to hold it, or sugared fruits to hang on the tree, and all the other vestiges of Christmas creations which had lain on his hands for years. The ladies dispersed in anxious squads of toy-hunters, and each one turned over the store of her children's treasures for a contribution to the orphan's tree, my little ones rushed over the great house looking up their treasure eyeless dolls, three-legged horses, tops with the upper peg broken off, rubber tops, monkeys with all the squeak gone silent and an the ruck of children's toys that gather in a nursery closet. Some small feathered chickens and parrots which nodded their heads in obedience to a weight beneath them were furnished with new tail feathers, lambs minus much of their wool were supplied with a cotton wool substitute, rag dolls were plumped onto and recovered with clean cloth, and the young ladies painted their fat faces in bright colors and furnished them with beads for eyes."

When the orphans received their gifts, "the different gradations from joy to ecstasy which illuminated their faces was 'worth two years of peaceful life' to see."

"WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O GOD. FOR THE LIGHT OF JESUS. MAY IT SHOW US THE PATHS TO TAKE TOWARD FULLNESS OF LIFE." 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.



Doc Spigner
Jesse Folk

Ursula Slimp
Bill Smyth's wife Ann

Jack Culler
Bobby Epting



ADJUTANT'S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

Compatriots, as we rapidly approach the end of 2015 and soon will enter 2016 and all the challenges the new year will bring in defending our heritage. An example of the fight we will have in 2016 is Senator Jackson's **Bill S-909** which deals with Monuments and Memorials. This Bill has been pre-filed and referred to the Committee on Finance. In reading Senator Jackson's Bill S-909, it appears to me the Bill protects monuments on state property but will allow cities, counties, school districts, etc. to make changes as they see fit which means the removal of our heritage. I have copied the pre-filed Bill and included it below, read it and please contact your representative(s) and let them know your concern about the Bill.

A BILL

TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-165, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, RELOCATION OR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS ERECTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, OR THE RENAMING OR REDEDICATION OF STRUCTURES, STREETS, PARKS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS ONLY SHALL APPLY TO PROPERTY UNDER STATE GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION AND CONTROL AND DO NOT APPLY TO SUCH PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 10-1-165 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"Section 10-1-165. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Native American, or African-American History monuments or memorials erected on public property of the State ~~or any of its~~

political subdivisions under state government jurisdiction and control may be relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered. No A street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, or other public area of the State or any of its political subdivisions under state government jurisdiction and control dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure or historic event may not be renamed or rededicated. No A person may not prevent the public body responsible for the monument or memorial from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of these monuments, memorials, or nameplates.

(B) **The provisions of this section do not apply to any monument, memorial, or property under the jurisdiction and control of a political subdivision of this State, a school district, or a public institution of higher learning as defined in Section 59-103-5.**

(C) The provisions of this section only may only be amended or repealed upon passage of an act which has received a two-thirds vote on the third reading of the bill in each branch of the General Assembly."

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.



The last thing I want to mention concerns two events our camp is involved with, the first event is our **2016 Lee - Jackson Banquet on January 29, 2016**. Due to the expense associated with this event I would appreciate your prompt reply to the RSVP 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 6.**

The second event our camp is hosting is the **Stephen Dill Lee Institute On February 5-6**. The Stephen Dill Lee Institute's (SDLI) program for 2016 will be dedicated to **"Reconstruction"**. The SDLI provides a great opportunity for each of us to gain a better understanding of the hardships our ancestors endured during reconstruction. **You are encouraged to register for this event as soon as possible, by doing so will enable the event planners to accurately project space, food, etc. needed for the event.** **Event details are shown on Page 7.**

- ☐ For more detailed information about the Stephen Dill Lee Institute and what it is about I suggest you visit the SDLI web site, www.stephendleeinstitute.com. The web site will provide you with;
- ☐ The goals of the SDLI, their support of the "Charge" and how it will be accomplished
 - ☐ Quick links to audio CD's, book store, making donations
 - ☐ Listen to the lectures presented in Dallas, TX at the 2015 Stephen D. Lee Institute!
 - ☐ Upcoming events.

Susan and I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas season and a happy New Year. Please remember our compatriots who are sick in your prayers.




The CHARGE

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*




Interested Individuals Interested in joining the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 should contact
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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2015 – APRIL 2016

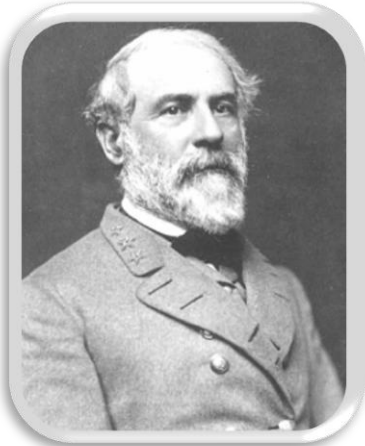
Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Palmetto Camp 22	Jan. 3, 2015	Meets 6:30PM 1st Thursday of the Month – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 th Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Jan. 2, 2015	Meets 7:00PM 1st Wednesday of the Month – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
15th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Jan. 26, 2016	Meets 6:30PM last Tuesday of the Month – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Jan. 26, 2016	Meets 7:00PM Last Tuesday of the Month – Shealy’s BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC
Firing on Columbia Re-enactment	February 14, 2016	Details to be added.
Battle of Aiken	Feb. 20 th 0 21 st , 2016	1210 Powell Pond Road Aiken, SC 29801 http://battleofaiken.org/index.htm
Confederate Flag Day	March 4, 2016	The SCV will be celebrating the upcoming Confederate Flag Day, which is in the SCV Standing Orders as March 4. Each member is encouraged to fly a Confederate Flag. (In the Confederate Veteran Sep/Oct 2015)
Confederate Memorial Day Service	May	Elmwood Cemetery and North side of South Carolina State House.
South Carolina Confederate Memorial Day Observance	May 10, 2016	Confederate Soldiers Monument north side of South Carolina State House.
151 st Battle for Broxton’s Bridge	March 5 th & 5 th	Broxton Bridge Plantation, Ehrhardt, SC http://www.broxtonbridge.com/battle.htm Education Day: Friday, March 4 @ 9:00a.m. Battle of Broxton Bridge: Sat., March 5 & Sunday, March 6
Campaign & Battle - Chickamauga “The Bloody Battle of the West”	April 14, 15 and 16, 2016	http://witnessinghistoryonline.com/product/chickamauga-2016
Wade Hampton Memorial Service	TBA	Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, SC

Lee – Jackson Banquet

Friday Evening – January 29, 2016

6:30PM – 9:00PM

At Seawell's Restaurant



General Robert E. Lee



Lt. Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson

Entertainment:

Stan Clardy performs a musical journey

"A soldier's life through the war"

Toasts To: Gen. Robert E. Lee and Lt. Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson

Door Prizes

Many "Great" door prizes will be drawn for.

Ticket prices:

Individual - \$25.00

Couples - \$45.00

Children (4 – 11) - \$7.50

Dress

Coat and Tie, Period Dress, Red Shirts acceptable

RSVP CONTACT

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The Sons of Confederate Veterans presents the
2016 Stephen Dill Lee Institute
RECONSTRUCTION

*The following speakers have agreed
to speak in Columbia:*

Jeffery Addicott, Law Professor at St. Marys Law School
in San Antonio

Earl Ijames, Curator of the NC Museum of History
in Raleigh

Don Kennedy, author of *The South Was Right!*

Ron Kennedy, author of *The South Was Right!*

Donald Livingston, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at
Emory University, founder of the Abbyville Institute

Egon Tausch, Author and former Adjunct Professor of
Constitutional and Contract Law



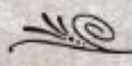

February 5-6, 2016 – Columbia, South Carolina

The 2016 Institute will be held at the Columbia Marriott in downtown Columbia,
call 803-771-7000. Hosted by the Wade Hampton Camp 273.

Registration: \$150 per person, \$125 for SCV members and family.
Includes Saturday breakfast, lunch and banquet.

Register by calling 1-800-MY-DIXIE or visit our web site at

www.stephendleeinstitute.com

 Scholarships available for teachers and students 

For more information visit our web site at www.stephendleeinstitute.com
or call Brag Bowling at (804) 389-3620

CDs from previous Stephen Dill Lee events are available on our website

Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

- Dec. 1, 1861 The Union gunboat, USS Penguin, captured the Confederate blockade-runner, Albion, and its cargo. The Albion was carrying some much needed supplies for the Confederacy. The Albion's cargo included various foodstuffs, tin, copper, and some military equipment worth near \$100,000.
- Dec. 11-12, 1861 On December 11, 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 In Prestonburg, Kentucky a group of Confederates attacked and captured some Union supply boats containing weapons, ammunition, and uniforms.
- Dec. 29, 1862 Col. John H. Morgan and his Confederate raiders captured a Federal stockade in the town of Boston.
- Dec. 30, 1862 Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler led several Confederate regiments to the village of Lavergne. Once there, they captured and burned a Union wagon train and captured and paroled 800 Federals. The train consisted of 300 wagons loaded with army stores and estimated a worth of \$1,000,000.
- Dec. 25, 1863 Bear Inlet, North Carolina a Union raiding party entered the salt works facility at Bear Inlet. The Union soldiers managed to destroy several salt works in the area.
- Dec. 9, 1864 Jamesville, NC the USS Otsego and a Union tug were sunk by Confederate torpedoes in the Roanoke River near Jamesville.
- Dec. 17, 1864 In Hollow's Tree Gap, Georgia the Confederates made a stand at Hollow's Tree Gap, located about 4 miles north of Franklin. They managed to hold off the Union advance until they found out that they were being outflanked on both sides. The Confederates had no choice but to retreat farther south.

**There will be NO
DECEMBER CAMP
MEETING**



**Y'ALL HAVE A MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
A SAFE AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

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