



# The Crescent



## Official Newsletter of Moultrie Camp SCV No. 27 Sons of Confederate Veterans



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### CAMP CALENDAR

Mark your calendars for these important dates, more information to follow! See the Commander's Column!

- **May 8, 2007**—Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- **May 10, 2007**—Recognition of Confederate Memorial Day
  - **10:00 am**, Carr St. Cemetery, Moultrie Camp
  - **12:00pm** Whitepoint Gardens, Ft. Sumter Camp
  - **3:00 pm** Confederate Mem. Day, Magnolia Cemetery, UDC
  - **7:00 pm** French Huguenot Church , Confederate Heritage Trust
- **May 12, 2007**—**10:00 am** Session Camp #4/CHT recognition Confederate Memorial Day at Magnolia Cemetery
- **May 17, 2007**—**6:45pm** Moultrie Camp General Meeting
- **June 12, 2007**—**6:30pm** Executive Committee Meeting
- **June 21,2007**—**6:45pm** Moultrie Camp General Meeting
- **June 28, 2007**—Carolina Day

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- **Next Meeting:**
- *Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at The Point Grill*
- *176 Patriot's Point Road*
- *Mount Pleasant, SC.*
- *We meet at 6:45 PM, May 17, 2007*
- *Dinner 7:00 pm*
- *Speaker:*  
*Dr. John Griffin*

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## General Information

### ~~~ Camp Officers ~~~

Commander J. Howard Chalmers, III  
 1st Lt. Commander Lawrence H. Antley, Jr.  
 2nd Lt. Commander Daniel Dukes  
 Judge Advocate Richard A. Steadman, Jr.  
 Adjutant Howard W. Steadman  
 Treasurer Danny R. Dotter  
 Color Sergeant Keith H. Barrineau  
 Chaplain Clayton S. Martin  
 Quartermaster Keith H. Barrineau  
 Past Commander Jeffrey L. Antley

**Membership** in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either direct or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for membership is 12.

Proof of kinship to a Confederate soldier can take many forms. The easiest method is to contact the archives of the state from which the soldier fought and obtain a copy of the veteran's military service record. All Southern states' archives have microfilm records of the soldiers who fought from that state, and

a copy of the information can be obtained for a nominal fee. In addition, the former Confederate states awarded pensions to their veterans and their widows. All of these records contain a wealth of information that can be used to document military service.

**If you are thinking of joining, please submit your application—let anyone know if you need assistance.**

## ~~~ 6th BRIGADE CAMP MEETINGS ~~~



SOUTH CAROLINA.

- Secession Camp # 4, Charleston.....3rd Tuesday of the Month
- Moultrie Camp # 27, Mt. Pleasant.....3rd Thursday of the Month
- Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38 .....2nd Tuesday of the Month
- N. Charleston Wee Nee Volunteers Camp # 58, Kingstree.....1st Monday of the Month
- Litchfield Camp # 132, Conway.....3rd Monday of the Month
- H. L. Hunley Camp # 143, Summerville.....4th Thursday of the Month
- Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, Moncks Corner..... 3rd Thursday of the Month
- Star of the West Camp # 1253, The Citadel.....(irregular)
- Ft. Sumter Camp # 1269, Charleston.....2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)

## ~~~The Charge~~~

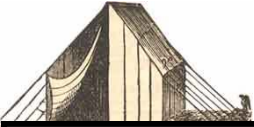


*To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought.*

*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. General Stephen Dill Lee,  
 Commander General,  
 United Confederate Veterans,  
 New Orleans, Louisiana. April 25, 1906.**



## The View From The Commander's Tent

Compatriots,

Confederate Memorial Day is right around the corner. In South Carolina, we recognize the service of our ancestors on May 10, and there are a number of opportunities for you to participate in Memorial Day Services over the next week:

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
May 5	10:00am	Elmwood Cemetery, Columbia	SC Division SCV
May 10	10:00am	Carr Street Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant	Moultrie Camp #27
May 10	12:00pm	Whitepoint Gardens, Charleston	Fort Sumter Camp #1269
May 10	3:00pm	Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston	United Daughters of the Confederacy
May 10	7:00pm	French (Huguenot) Church, Charleston	Confederate Heritage Trust
May 12	10:00am	Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston	Secession Camp #4 / CHT

As you've heard me say over the past few months, we should be front and center honoring the memory of our ancestors. There are plenty of options, so please try to attend at least one of these services.

If anyone is interested in attending the SCV National Reunion in Mobile this July, please let me know. I would like to make sure we have a good contingent on hand to represent the camp.

Last year, the camp voted to sponsor full or partial sponsorships for the Sam Davis Youth Camp. We will send one or more boys from our area to the camp if we have one to send. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your son or grandson learning about the history of the South. The camp is in South Carolina this year, so it's even more affordable. Please see me if you are interested.

As always, let me know if you have any suggestions for camp activities or improvements to camp meetings, the web site, or any other aspects of "camp life".

For the men that wore the gray,

*Howard*

Howard Chalmers

Commander, Moultrie Camp #27 S.C.V.

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## A Resolution

COMMENDING THE ORGANIZERS FOR GOOD SERVICE IN ORGANIZING THE CONVENTION

*Submitted by the Resolutions Committee*

**Whereas**, Compatriots Jeff Antley and Howard Chalmers and those other compatriots of the Moultrie Camp assistant to them undertook the irksome task and weighty responsibility of organizing this annual reunion on short notice; *and*,

**Whereas**, the delegates to this convention have greatly benefited from that hard work and the generous hospitality of these Compatriots; *now therefore, be it*,

**Resolved**, that we the delegates of the Camps of South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in convention assembled, hereby commend and applaud these Compatriots for their hard work and dedicated preparation; *and be it finally*,

**Resolved**, that this resolution shall be made patent and entered into the permanent records and archives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

*A majority of the Camps concurring, this resolution is hereby adopted this seventeenth day of March at Charleston County, South Carolina in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven.*



Signed:  
Division Adjutant

Note: Our Past Commander Jeff Antley was the speaker for Camp 4 for their April Meeting.

Waccamaw Light Artillery at Battle of Charleston



### APRIL SPEAKER:

**DR. JOHN GRIFFIN**

### TOPIC:

**LT. BILL FARROW: DOOLITTLE RAIDER**

Dr. Griffin will have a slide presentation and question and answer session on his recent book on this American Hero and Darlington, SC native. Dr. Griffin, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of THE USC and awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent, has published 15 books and is a frequent speaker.

**1 May 1863** - The beginning of the four-day battle of Chancellorsville with action at Fredericksburg, Salem heights and Marye's Heights. **2 May 1863** - Lieutenant General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson's flank march and surprise attack at Chancellorsville. General Jackson is accidentally wounded by his own men. **3 May 1863** Battle of Chancellorsville, Union Army withdraws. At Fredericksburg, Federals fail twice in assaults on Marye's Heights.

**5 May 1862** - Peninsular Campaign, battle of Williamsburg, Virginia.

**5 May 1864** - Battle of the Wilderness begins. In the Atlanta Campaign, five days of fighting begins at Rocky Face Ridge. **6 May 1864** - Battle of the Wilderness, General Longstreet is seriously wounded and General Micah Jenkins is killed. **7 May 1864** - Battle of the Wilderness. Total losses in killed wounded and missing: U.S.A. - 17,666 and C.S.A. - 7,500.

**8 May 1862** - Valley Campaign, Federals repulsed at battle of McDowell, Virginia by "Stonewall" Jackson's troops.

**8 May 1864** - Initial fighting at Spotsylvania Court House. Atlanta Campaign, severe fighting near Dalton, Georgia.

**10 May 1863** - Lieutenant General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson dies of wounds received at the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia. "Let Us Cross Over That River and Rest Beneath the Shade of the Trees."

**11 May 1864** - General James Ewell Brown Stuart is mortally wounded in action at Yellow Tavern, just north of Richmond, Virginia.

**12 May 1864** - Butler attacks Richmond defenses at Drewry's Bluff on the James River. The battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia.

**14 May 1861** - At Hampton Roads, Virginia, four blockade-runners seized by Federal vessels.

**14 May 1863** - Engagement of Jackson, Mississippi. As the Confederate Army evacuates, two rear guard brigades delay the Federals' advance until noon.

**15 May 1864** - Battle of New Market, Virginia. Confederate forces, including a contingent of V.M.I. Cadets, sharply defeat the Federal forces.

**16 May 1863** - Battle of Champion's Hill, Mississippi. Bloodiest action of the Vicksburg Campaign.

**17 May 1863** - Battle of Big Black River Bridge, Mississippi. The Confederate Army withdraws into Vicksburg defenses.

**19 May 1864** - Atlanta Campaign, fighting at Cassville and the last engagement in the series of battles known as battle of Spotsylvania, Virginia.

**22 May 1863** - Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi; suicidal federal assaults against a three-mile section of the confederate line fails. Union losses are very heavy as Confederates beat back repeated charges. Grant abandons the tactic of capturing Vicksburg by assault.

**23 May 1862** - Valley Campaign, "Stonewall" Jackson's troops take Front Royal, Virginia.

**23 May 1864** - Battle of North Anna, Virginia, the first of three days of fighting there.

**25 May 1864** - Atlanta Campaign, battle of New Hope Church.

**27 May 1863** - At Vicksburg, Mississippi, confederate batteries fire on and sink the U.S. gunboat "Cincinnati."

## Whistling Dixie **Allan Cruickshanks, Opinion Columnist**

ACCORDING to Senator and presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton (D-NY), the state of South Carolina should remove a Confederate flag displayed on the grounds of its Statehouse. Why? Not for the typical rhetoric about what the flag may represent, as the Associated Press reports, but "because the nation should unite under one banner while at war" -- interesting logic for someone who makes such a big deal about ending the war. Yet the more important question is why, Hillary, do you think South Carolina cares in the least about your opinion on the issue?

Senator Clinton's reasoning for why the Confederate flag should be removed is odd: According to the AP, she thinks "about how many South Carolinians have served in our military and who are serving today" and believes "we should have one flag that we all pay honor to." The simplicity of Clinton's thought pattern makes it rather amazing she was able to form a complete sentence about the issue. After all, no one is asking South Carolinians to carry the Confederate flag into battle, to wear it on uniforms, or to have it in their consciousness in any way. In fact this has absolutely nothing to do with the war in Iraq at all. What it does do, however, is to distort historical symbols for political purposes.

Clinton's comments bring to light several recent political and social trends. The first trend is that not potentially offending someone has more weight than seemingly any other factor. In South Carolina, this factor is the actual history of the Confederate flag versus the image Clinton played on without directly addressing. Elsewhere in the country, the de facto subservience to political correctness has reached into virtually every area -- and though intentions may be good, effects often are not. Take the story of Willow Hill Elementary, outside Philadelphia, which according to the AP refused to let a fourth grader dress as Jesus for Halloween because his costume "violated a policy prohibiting the promotion of religion." That this policy was not applied to the various witches, devils, goblins or other obvious followers of the occult shows the principal's main intention was to prevent controversy -- apparently devils and witches are just kids having fun, whereas Jesus is a dangerous political message.

Similarly, consider the removal earlier this month of the cross that for more than 65 years was displayed in William & Mary's Wren Chapel. William & Mary President Gene Nichol said that he had the cross removed, according to CNN, "to make the chapel more welcoming to students of all faiths." Though his intentions may have been in the right place, they led to the wrong conclusion. Instead of bowing to pressure and ignoring the cultural and historical significance of the chapel, Nichol could easily have provided space elsewhere for other religious groups.

Finally, we come to the more disturbing trend: The substitution of or simple ignorance about historical events in place of one's own beliefs. The Confederate flag means many different things to many different people, yet for some reason radical and horrible groups who misappropriated the flag as a symbol of hatred are given the final say on its meaning. In reality, every symbol, including the American flag, has at some point been used by a group to support something we now consider morally wrong.

This is not in any way meant to imply that the decades of oppression against African-Americans should be ignored or down-played. However, the deeper and often-ignored history shows that slavery and hatred are not the only things the Confederate flag represents and that it should not be remembered as such.

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**The 2007 Statewide Memorial Day Observance** will be held in Columbia, SC, **Saturday, 5 May 2007**. We will begin with the Memorial Service at Elmwood, conducted by the ladies of the UDC, at 10:00 AM. This is located Off of Elmwood Ave. at the I-126 off-ramp in downtown Columbia.

A procession from Elmwood Cemetery to the State House will begin at 11:15 AM and conclude at 11:45 AM.

Upon arrival at the State House there will be a 45 minute service to honor our Confederate Veterans. There will be a Division mailer sent to all SCSCV members but I am asking you to make this announcement to all of your members, include it in your news letters, and encourage your members to participate. This is not meant to take the place of your local observance, but a time for all SCSCV members and their families to come together from across the state to advance the cause by honoring our Confederate Ancestors and "The Charge". This is a day for all of us to come together and show our commitment to our Confederate Heritage and dedication to the brave Confederate Soldiers who gave their all for the cause in which they believed.

We ask that everyone remember that this is a Memorial Day Service to be conducted in a reverent and respectful manner. Adults wishing to participate in the procession are asked to dress appropriately, shorts and T-shirts are considered inappropriate. There will be properly identified Provost Guards on hand to see that this event is conducted properly and assist in any way needed.

Preceding the Memorial Day Service on Friday, 4 May 2007, the ladies of the OCR will be conducting the reading of the South Carolina "Roll Call of the Dead", from 10:00 AM until completion. We ask that any of you are who able witness this event and participate if possible. If you wish to participate you may contact the OCR at <http://www.scocr.org>.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance and participation, I am your obedient servant.

Dean Stevens  
Memorial Day Planning Chairman  
SC Div SCV



*Southern by the Grace of God, Confederate by Conviction*

*(Whistling Dixie continued from p.6)* Take for example, the fact that the "Stars and Bars" most people recognize as the Confederate flag was used only in battle, not as a national symbol for the Confederacy. In this way it represents the memory of the tens of thousands who died in service to their states. Likewise, consider that Virginia, the most populous slave state, actually voted to remain in the Union where it considered the continuation of slavery most likely. It was not until Lincoln demanded troops for an invasion of the South that Virginia changed its vote and seceded.

History cannot be ignored either in full or in part. History -- recent and long past -- should not be rewritten or exploited to serve political purposes. A symbol with various meanings should not be repressed just to prevent controversy over just one of those meanings. Finally, as a society that prides itself on freedom, it is our duty to enable that freedom by fully understanding the symbols and issues with which we come in contact.

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*Next Camp Meeting:*

*May 17, 2007 6:45*

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### Confederate Memorial Day

The marching armies of the past,  
    Along our Southern plains,  
Are sleeping now in quiet rest  
    Beneath the Southern rains.

The bugle call is now in vain  
    To rouse them from their bed;  
To arms they'll never march again-  
    They are sleeping with the dead.

No more will Shiloh's plains be stained  
    With blood our heroes shed,  
Nor Chancellorsville resound again  
    To our noble warriors' tread.

For them no more shall reveille  
    Sound at the break of dawn,  
But may their sleep peaceful be  
    Till God's great judgment morn.

We bow our heads in solemn prayer  
    For those who wore the gray,  
And clasp again their unseen hands  
    On our Memorial Day

~Unknown~