



Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Hunley Torpedo



The Lt. Dixon-CSS Hunley Camp #2016 of Sparks, Nevada

Number Twelve

Website: www.dixon-hunley.com

December 2006

End of Year Camp Report

Membership: We have 85 members on the books, down from a high of 99 on August 1st.

Finances:

At the December meeting, Joe presented the gain from our lottery sales to the camp which totaled \$1,400. This built up our reserves tremendously. Added to the amount already there less some deductions in December for expenses, we have available in the camp checking account: **\$1,320.08**

There is actually more money in it. I have not included the amounts already received as prepayment for the forthcoming Lee / Jackson dinner in January.

Camp Donations Made in 2006:

Memorial Hall in New Orleans:	\$1,100
Southern Legal Resource Center:	900
Colma Cemetery Statue Fund:	100
Wadsworth #25 F & A.M.:	75
SCV Heritage Defense Fund:	50
Monument Relief Fund, Brunswick, GA:	<u>50</u>
Total Donations:	<u>\$2,275</u>

A note of explanation is in order here concerning one of the above mentioned donations. At our last Confederate Memorial Day observed in April of 2006, Mrs. Marjorie Carr was due to receive \$75 for her services as the organist at our event. She requested instead that we donate the money to the Wadsworth Lodge Building Fund of the Free and Accepted Masons. This we did with pleasure. The Masonic Chapel in Reno has allowed us to use its facilities every year for free. Normally they receive \$400 for the use of their chapel.



NO Meeting in January

Our regular scheduled meeting would fall on the same day as the Lee / Jackson Dinner. It would be unreasonable to expect our people to attend both.

Election Results for New Officers in 2007

Commander:	Lee Cross
1 st Lt. Commander	Joe Scamihorn
2 nd Lt. Commander	Bruce Bowyer
Adjutant (Appointed)	Ralph Covington
Chaplain	Joe Scamihorn
Color Sergeant	Stephen Long
Webmaster	Lowell Cross
Heritage Officer	John Kindred
Historian	Ernie Zebal

Army of the TransMississippi Appointment

Commander Chuck Norred of the Army of the TransMississippi asked our chaplain, Joe Scamihorn, to accept the position of Chaplain of the Army of the TransMississippi. Joe accepted.

Details of Our Lee / Jackson Dinner
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Our January 2007 Lee / Jackson Dinner

This is the second most important event of the year. It will be on **January 13th at 6:00 PM at Harrahs Casino in Reno**. For the past two years these have been class events and this one will follow that tradition. All of you will receive formal invitations soon. Wives, children, relatives and personal friends are welcome. Membership in our organization is not required. Out-of-towners who wish to stay overnight at Harrahs can get a better room rate by calling **Heather Farnam at 775-788-3044**. For more information, call Lee Cross at 775-359-8453.



Features

Cost: \$35 per person includes tip.

Location: Harrahs' Casino in Reno in the 'Washoe ABC Room'

Cocktails: 6:00 PM
No Host Bar

Dinner Buffet: 7:00 PM

Features Historical Piano Music

Photographs will be taken by Mrs. Courtney Morris. She is a professional photographer. Photos can be bought.



Menu

***** **Cold Station** *****

Marinated Mushrooms, Seasonal Garden Greens
Gourmet Cheese Board, Sliced Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Fusilli Pasta Salad with Pesto, Marinated Artichoke Hearts
Spinach Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing
Homemade Rolls and Butter

***** **Hot Station** *****

Baron of Beef (Carved in Room)
Seafood Newburg, Rice Pilaf, Potato du Jour
Breast of Chicken Piccata with Lemon, Capers, and White Sauce
Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

***** **Desserts** *****

French Pastries, Cakes and Pies
Coffee, Decaf, Tea

Staff Sergeant Rob Puckett Wounded in Iraq

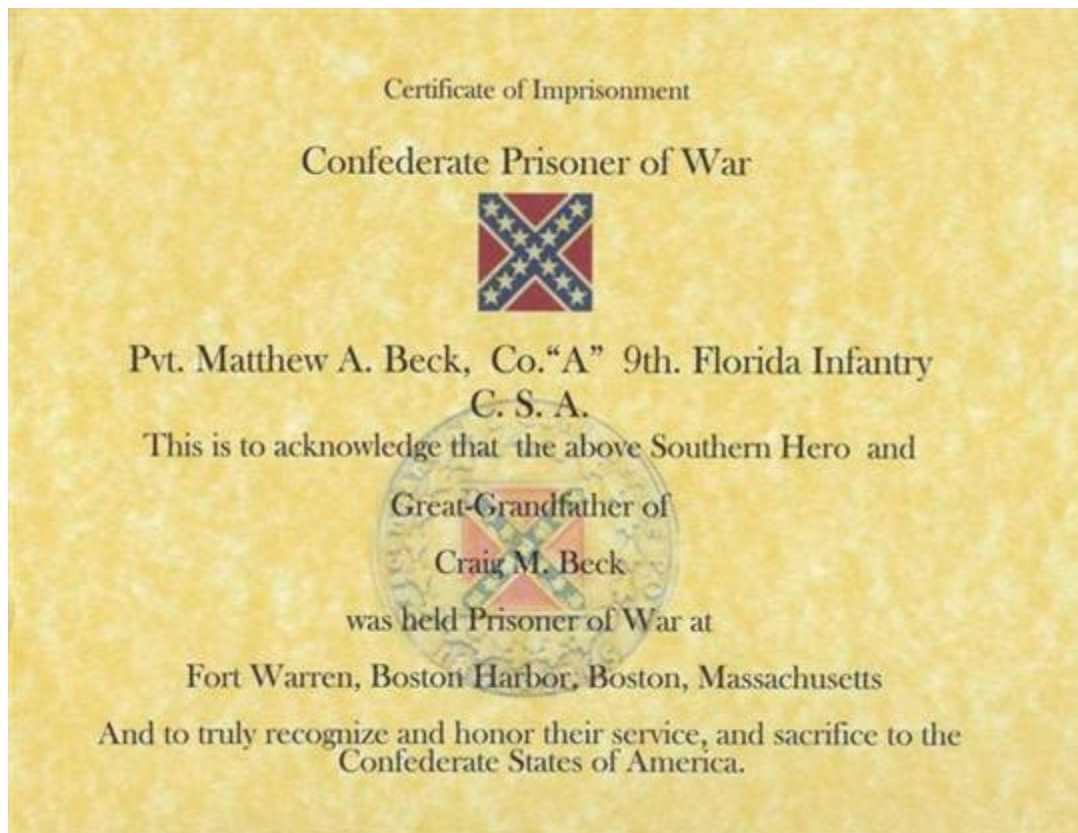
Rob Puckett, the son of Compatriot Rudy Puckett, was severely wounded in Iraq a couple days ago. This is Sergeant Puckett's second tour there.

He was blown out of the hatch of his Striker Vehicle by an IED estimated in the range of 250 pounds of explosive. Rob serves in the Second Infantry Striker Brigade. As such, he is in combat constantly.

Rob's best friend was killed in the explosion and the other men were seriously injured too. Sergeant Puckett has a severe wound in his knee. Let's hope he comes home after this. Keep him in your prayers.



Certificates such as this shown below can be ordered from a Texas Camp which also comes with a P.O.W. Medal. Order form is shown on the next page.



Those of you who wish to buy a P.O.W. Medal to honor your ancestor, can call or email the address below for an application – sample shown below.

**APPLICATION FOR MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
DECENDANT OF A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR HELD AS A
PRISONER OF WAR**

2nd. Texas Frontier District, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 1904
P.O. Box 41,
Gorman, Texas 76454

254 / 734-2570

254 / 734-2673
e-mail; rebeltom@cctc.net

Cell #: 254 / 734-5058

Please complete the following & return with a check or money order to the address listed above.
Your medal will be mailed to you within 15 working days. Please contact Commander Thomas Harrison
at the telephone number(s) listed above with any questions. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN BLACK INK.

Name of applicant: (as you want it to appear on certificate)

Address of Applicant: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail address: _____

Name of Confederate Ancestor held as a prisoner of war as well as rank, company, military branch and
Service state: (as you want it to appear on certificate)

Prisoner's relationship to you: _____

Name & location of Prison: _____

Cost per medal /certificate is \$25.00 (including s/h).....Prices good through 6/1/07

Medals are an antique pewter finish & comes with a military style red/black pin on back drape ribbon

Would you prefer a red/black 7/8" wide x 16" long neck ribbon instead of a pin on ribbon? []

To order an extra ribbon add \$2.00 Pin on ribbon [] 7/8 x 16 inch neck ribbon []

If you would like the back of the medal engraved please add \$5.00 to total
for 3 lines of engraving. Add \$1.00 for each additional line, up to 5 lines total.

actual size →



South Carolina, First in Secession

Flag of the Republic of South Carolina

South Carolina seceded on December 20th, 1860. In January of 1861 the flag shown at right became the official flag of the Republic of South Carolina. It remains the flag of South Carolina to this day. That's right! A Confederate Secession flag actually remains a state flag. In one form or another, prototypes of this flag already existed and were used as prescribed by the South Carolina Militia Act of 1838.



Emblematically, the crescent harkens back to the crescent worn by South Carolinian Troops during the Revolution. The palmetto tree is a reminder that it was palmetto logs that stopped British cannon balls during the bombardment of Fort Moultrie.

I don't have one of these flags to fly on December 20th. But I will fly the First National Flag of the Confederacy on the date – The Stars and Bars.

The next time the Yankees brag about Gettysburg and Vicksburg, be sure to remind them that during that same month, 6,000 Yankees failed in the attack against those 1,300 Confederates at Battery Wagner guarding Charleston. As a matter of fact, the Yankees suffered 1,600 casualties in the attempt versus 174 for the Confederates.



The above drawing from the war shows what Charleston was like on a typical day of the tender Yankee bombardment against the civilians of the city.

Charleston was under continuous attack for 567 days by Union forces. The Yankees were never able to dislodge our forces and take the city by force. It wasn't until February 17th that our forces evacuated Charleston. And this was due to Sherman's forces having already captured Columbia which threatened Charleston from the rear.

Shown at right is the South Carolina Sovereignty Flag which was also used. It was once raised over Yale University by Confederate sympathizers.



The Confederate Torpedo Boats

Shown immediately below: Two different views of the 'David' taken after the war. It was the most successful of the Confederate Torpedo Boats. These torpedo boats were not submarines. They were surface, steam powered boats designed to ram a torpedo into the hull of a Union warship. On October 5th of 1863, the 50 foot long CSS David rammed a spar torpedo into the USS New Ironsides. The Union ship did not sink though it was heavily damaged. In March of 1864 the David attacked the USS Memphis and in April of 1864 it attacked the USS Wabash. This was an idea that should have been developed at a breakneck pace.



Shown below: A David captured by the U.S. Navy after the war, and taken to Annapolis, Maryland for testing.

Photo # NH 86237 Ships tied up off the Washington Navy Yard, D.C., 1865-66



Photo # NH 55617 Confederate "David" type torpedo boat at Annapolis, Md., in the late 1860s



Shown at left: A large David which was captured unfinished at the end of the war. It was 160 feet long and was designed to run the blockade. It could have carried about 250 to 300 bales of cotton. At night, with a low silhouette, it would have been almost invisible.



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The Confederate battle flag is displayed in Mississippi and South Carolina in accordance with respective state laws in each state. The NCAA has instituted post season play-off bans for Mississippi and South Carolina universities. The ban forbids Mississippi and South Carolina from getting national tournaments. The ban is being discussed to include forbidding universities in Mississippi or South Carolina from hosting post season tournaments. This would be a penalty to schools that routinely excel in sports like baseball. Schools will not be able to host the regional games they have earned. Rules were established years ago on how a school earns the right to host a regional tournament. These new policies will create discriminatory exceptions to the rules. The NCAA is using strong arm tactics to force states into changing the states' laws to meet the needs of the NCAA. The NCAA has lost touch with the real issues that plague athletes in this country. The organization appears to be less guided toward the athletic agenda they were created to govern. The NCAA has become a runaway train and it is time for them to be placed back on the right track.

Mississippi voted to protect the flying of the flag. And South Carolina legislators created a bill that was signed into law by the Governor. The NCAA needs to recognize the will of the people and not their will. The Black Coaches Association is a faction that leads the way in pushing discriminatory values to the athletes. They have influenced the NCAA in many decisions over the past few years. The BCA has asked the NCAA to expand the sanctions against Mississippi and South Carolina. Reconstruction was reported to have ended! Even the associations name promotes racial segregation. Their agenda puts segregation into the public eye.

Put an end to the promotion of racial division that the NCAA and their sidekick advisory extremist group the BCA. College students and Alumni should start sending their college leadership a message that enough is enough. Let them know that the NCAA should be banned from interfering into legislative matters that do not pertain to sports.

Perhaps its time for everyone to ask their state representatives in Washington to investigate the non-profit status of the NCAA! With the board members hauling in six figure salaries and 400 employees on the payroll, maybe the time has come to investigate whether the NCAA is truly a non-profit organization!



I could have guessed who was pushing for this, here is an article dated August 6th 2006 regarding the NAACP push for expanding the ban.

The NAACP is encouraging collegiate sports' governing body to expand its ban of post-season competitions in South Carolina due to its boycott of the state. In letters, NAACP President & CEO Bruce S. Gordon to the NCAA president and executive director of the Black Coaches Association, Gordon calls for the expansion of the ban the NCAA initiated in 2002.

"We support a total ban on NCAA sanctioned sporting events being held in South Carolina and join the Black Coaches Association in requesting a broader ban to include regional and super regional events," Gordon writes to NCAA President Myles Brand. "These events violate our sanctions on tourism in South Carolina and project the NCAA as being only partially committed to fairness and justice."

"We fully support having the NCAA ban all championship sporting events from being held in South Carolina, including baseball, golf, tennis and other sports while the NAACP tourism sanctions are in place."

Merry Christmas to All Yall



*This happened one Christmas. I'm sorry to write,
Our ports are blockaded, and Santa, to-night,
Will hardly get down here; for if he should start,
The Yankees would get him unless he was "smart."
They beat all the men in creation to run
And if they could get him, they'd think it fine fun
To put him in prison, and steal the nice toys
He started to bring to our girls and boys.
But try not to mind it -- tell over your jokes --
Be gay and be cheerful, like other good folks;
For if you remember to be good and kind,
Old Santa next Christmas will bear it in mind.*