



The Hunley Torpedo

The Lt Dixon – CSS Hunley Camp #2016, Sparks, NV

Number Nine

Website: www.dixon-hunley.org

Nov. & Dec. 2008

Camp Report

Our December meeting ended with a bang as we held elections for camp officers for next year 2009. Results of the ballot were as follows:

Camp Commander:	Rodney Clifton
Adjutant:	Jim White
1 st Lt. Cmdr.:	Joe Scamihorn
2 nd Lt. Cmdr.:	Lee Cross
Chaplain:	Joe Scamihorn
Historian:	Ernie Zebal

The position of Heritage Officer was eliminated. By and large, these changes are positive for the coming year as I will set forth here. Rodney was eager to take the job and he brings a good set of skills into the office. If I had taken the job – it would have been my seventh year in this capacity. I no longer have the time to do it properly. But with Rodney there, we will continue to have monthly meetings instead of the three which I could host. Also, Rodney will handle the printing and mailing of the newsletter. Therefore, I can still produce it on a monthly basis. Its size must be reduced so that its mailed cost is less than \$1. It will be three pages long. For those who receive it by U.S. mail, it will come folded as a newspaper.

Commander Rodney Clifton will be introduced on page two.

Our website will be back on-line soon, reconstructed by Ken Janson. A check was issued to him in the amount of \$80 for web-hosting. I have already sent him the zip files and domain information.

End of Year Report

Membership on Jan-01, 2008:	94
Add New Members in 2008:	<u>19</u>
	113
Less: Deaths:	1
Transfers:	1
Failure to renew:	<u>25</u>
	27
	<u>27</u>
	86 Total
	Members

Life Members: 10 out of 86

It looks as if our total numbers took a big hit. This may not be so. Six who committed to renew their memberships have not done so yet. So I cannot show them on the rolls since we are past November 1st which activates their removal from the roster. In these troubled economic times, many of our people have faced severe financial hardship. We will probably get these six men back.

Finances

Cash on hand as of 12-10-2008:	\$723.49
Total camp donations in 2008:	
Southern Legal Resource Center:	\$900.00
Memorial Hall (New Orleans)	<u>350.00</u>
Total donations issued by camp check:	\$1,250.00

The amounts of our donations shown above are understated. Many checks given by y'all were just forwarded to the SLRC; and this probably amounts to more than an additional \$400. Individual donations amounting to hundreds more have been mailed to Memorial Hall individually. The realistic value of our donations would exceed \$2,000.

Greetings from Our Incoming Commander

To My Fellow Southerners and Lt Dixon – CSS Hunley Camp Members

For those of you who do not know me please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Rodney Clifton. As Lee informed you all yesterday I was elected as the Camp Commander for 2009. A little about me: I am married to Mrs. Heather Moody with 4 children (3 boys / 1 girl) and 1 grandson. I am also a retired Master Sgt of the Air Force with 22 years of service to our Nation and have been a member of this camp for 2 years now. I also serve as a board member of the Comstock Civil War Re-enactors, currently as the Club Treasurer for 1 ½ years and as the CSA Brigade Adjutant and soon to be the Confederate Brigade Commander. I have also served as the Treasurer and Executive-at-Large for the Nevada Enlisted Association of the National Guard from 2000 to 2007.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to serve as your Camp Commander for 2009 and I look forward to the challenges and successes we will have. I would like to Thank Lee for his perseverance and work he has given to our camp for the last 6 years as the Camp Commander and I look forward to working with him and the other Executive Committee members this coming year. Lee was nominated / voted to be and accepted the position as 2nd Lt. Commander for our camp and continues to serve with distinction. As I get my feet wet and take the reigns from Lee you will hear more from me. I know that we have another busy year ahead of us and working together we will continue to make this one of the best camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

With that, I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a most Joyful and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely
Rodney L. Clifton
Incoming Camp Commander



Rodney Clifton

Past Commander's Comments

I do not have enough time, paper, or for that matter "memory" to thank everyone who has helped me make a success of our camp over these past six years.

I will remain an active member of this camp and plan to attend all of the meetings if possible. And of course, I will still be composing the newsletter, though beginning next January its contents will be under the direction of the new Commander.

I intend to support Rodney and ask that you all do the same. This includes attending meetings, and promoting the growth of the SCV and our camp. Participation in our events is the single most important thing you can do. And of these, Confederate Memorial Day, which we observe in April, is the most important.

With this said, a very Merry Christmas and.....
My Best Confederate Regards to Each and All,

Lee Cross, Past Commander

Our 2009 Lee Jackson Dinner

Compatriots,

The time will soon be upon us for the most fun event of our working year— our annual Lee / Jackson dinner. Details are as follows:

Cost: \$45.00 per person
Date: January 17th 2009
Day: Saturday
Location: John Ascagua's Nugget
Room: Ponderosa A
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Bar: No Host
Address: 1100 Nugget Ave.
Sparks, NV 89431

Accommodations: I was told there would be plenty of rooms available at the Nugget. But I recommend that out-of-towners stay across the street at the Silver Club. The difference in price is substantial and the Silver Club Hotel is only a couple hundred feet from the Nugget. Their comparative room prices are as follows:

Ascagua's Nugget: \$130.52 (total - including taxes)
The Silver Club: \$45.34 (total - including taxes)

Both casinos said there would be plenty of rooms, but both also recommended that you make your reservations soon. You can cancel up to 48 hours in advance. The contact phone numbers are:

Ascagua's Nugget: 800-648-1177
The Silver Club: 800-905-7774 or 358-4771 (local)

This will be a prime rib dinner with all the side dishes, dessert, coffee and tea included. We are trying to arrange but can't guarantee live music. The Nugget has much nicer rooms, but the Silver Club is OK. I must pay for our event two days in advance of the dinner. If you plan to go, please send me checks soon. My address is on your envelope or call me at 775-359-8453. Let's make this the best L / J dinner ever.

