

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Hunley Torpedo

Special Edition, August 2010

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

Reunion 2010, Anderson, South Carolina

Including Extended Trips to Athens, GA and Charleston, SC

Four members of our camp had the good fortune to attend the Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans 2010 in Anderson, South Carolina. These are very enjoyable times wherein friends are made; the future of the SCV is charted; and we get a chance to thoroughly enjoy the homeland. Chances are some of us also imbibed much more than is deemed medically advisable (not necessarily me).

The three of us who made the trip from Nevada were able to combine Reunion with extra time spent in Athens, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. One of our four Compatriots lives in Georgia.

During the War Between the States, an important iron foundry was located in Athens, Georgia. It is shown to the lower right. The double-barrel cannon, shown to the left, was made there. It rests by the courthouse.



The first stop for three of us was the town of Athens. This is the location of the University of Georgia, whose football team mascot, UGA, is shown below. They take their football really serious here in Georgia as well as everywhere in the South. There are statues of Uga on many downtown street corners as shown lower left. In most of the South, football comes in second only to religion!



Anderson

Anderson is a bucolic little town in its namesake county in north-western South Carolina, bordering Georgia. Our reception by the city fathers was warm and cordial and virtually everyone made us feel at home. Some of the photos we took are shown below:

At Left: The Confederate Monument in downtown Anderson.

Top Right: Lee Cross and Mike Tocci at the Grand Banquet.

Bottom Right: Fred Holt with Mike at the Grand Banquet.



Anderson, South Carolina The Grand Reception / Banquet / Ball:

At Right:

Our newly elected Commander of the SCV, Michael Givens, with his wife at the reception prior to the Grand Banquet.

Below:

Are numerous photos taken at the reception prior to the Grand Banquet and Ball. The room was just beginning to fill up. There were hundreds of folks in attendance that night.



Clemson

Not far from Anderson is the town of Clemson, the location of Clemson University. Located on campus is the home of the famous Southern Statesman, John C. Calhoun. It is shown at the right. It is a magnificent Southern plantation house in the grand style. The university was founded on land donated by Thomas Clemson, who though born in Philadelphia served as a Confederate Soldier. Clemson married Anna Calhoun, daughter of John Calhoun. And the house has since passed to the university. There are many artifacts here and much history which makes it a worthwhile destination for any traveler to this area.



Charleston

I cannot recommend a trip to Charleston highly enough. There is history—history—history there: colonial, ante bellum, Confederate and modern. The people are friendly; the restaurants outstanding and the bars ain't so bad either! Shown below right is the World War II Aircraft Carrier:

USS Yorktown

This is the second ship. The first Yorktown was sunk at the Battle of Midway.



At Right:

The Confederate Museum in Charleston. It was not permitted to take photos within.



The Citadel

The Citadel is one of the landmarks in Charleston. Cadets from the school distinguished themselves during many battles in and around Charleston during the war. Shown at the lower left is an actual flag that flew over Charleston during the four year siege. You will notice that it is about two stories tall and may be the largest to have flown over the city. This is the Second National Flag, also known as *The Stainless Banner*. It is in the entryway to the museum there at the Citadel. Our own Compatriot, Davy Crockett, is a Citadel graduate.



The Hunley

We had the good fortune to see the original Hunley while in Charleston. It can only be viewed on weekends in the afternoon. Monday through Friday, the staff is actively working to preserve it. They did not allow pictures to be taken of the actual sub. It lies in a large tank of water that is leaching the salt out of its hull. Also on view there is the twenty-dollar gold coin that saved Lt. Dixon's leg at the Battle of Shiloh.

The Hunley is located in the **Friends of the Hunley Museum** on the Old Charleston Navy Base in North Charleston.

Magnolia Cemetery

Not far from the Hunley is Magnolia Cemetery. Here, the crew members of the Hunley are buried. Shown top left: Lt. Dixon's resting place; below left: The main Confederate Cemetery is in a different location. Below right: The three crews of the Hunley. Three crews went down with the boat, only a few in the first sinking survived.



Fort Sumter

Shown below are photos taken inside and approaching Fort Sumter. Only one level remains.



The Battery

So called because during the War of 1812, batteries of guns lined the waterfront by the homes. This area of the waterfront is lined by numerous mansions (it seems like hundreds), of which a small sampling is shown below:

