

**Palmetto Sharpshooters
Camp 1428
Sons of Confederate
Veterans
Anderson, South Carolina**



Officers Installed at January Meeting



The new officers of the Palmetto Sharpshooters were installed at the January meeting at Hammond Schoolhouse.

Officers are:

Commander	Jim Whiteside.
1 st Lt. Commander	David Crowe
2 nd Lt. Commander	Billy Roberts
Adjutant/Treasurer	Tim Medlin

Appointments include the following:

Sgt. At Arms	Dale Snow	Genealogist	Billy Roberts
Historian	Dan Snipes	Webmaster	Mike Barnes
Cadet Commander	John Grey, Jr.	Newsletter	Up for grabs!

SHARPSHOOTERS SPEAKER IN FEBRUARY:

This month's meeting on Thursday, Feb 18 features Stan Welch, who was recommended from our camp survey. Stan tells us the following:

The topic of my talk will be the story of my four ancestors, the Sparrow brothers of Cleveland County, NC. The four brothers joined the Confederate ranks -only William, the youngest, returned. It is essentially his story, based on his own accounts, as well as newspaper stories of the day, that make up the presentation.



Stan is a member of the SCV, and has recently transferred his membership to the Palmetto Sharpshooters. He was born in Gastonia, NC and grew up in Charleston, SC. He graduated The Citadel and served briefly in the United States Army. He is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Stan tell us "I have been a journalist for twenty seven years and have won a number of awards for my investigative reporting as well as my personal opinion columns. I owned my own publication in Horry County for twelve years and moved to this area in late 2005. I currently write for The Williamston Journal, and have a weekly talk show on WAIM-AM Talk Radio."

Stan will bring along copies of his poem "Southern Shore for sale at our meeting. Prices are \$8 for the plain poems, and \$12 for the copies that are matted and ready for framing.

In addition to our featured speaker, we will continue to highlight the bravery and dedication of our confederate ancestors. Dan Snipes will continue to give us some insights into the winter camp of the

Palmetto Sharpshooters. Jim Whiteside will read a letter from Georgia Infantryman Marion Hill Fitzpatrick to his wife, Amanda White Fitzpatrick written from the Petersburg trenches during the brutal winter of 1865. Thanks to David Crowe and Julia Barnes for bringing Stan to our meeting

From the High Ground – by Commander Whitesides

In last month's newsletter, I confessed that I'm not from around here. My ancestors are from around here. However, I did spend many summers with my grandparents in Augusta, Ga. in the 1950's. They, and generations before them, worked in the cotton mills in Augusta. My grandfather was a hell of a pitcher in the cotton mill baseball team fielded by the Bamberg, SC mill. My great-grandfather was superintendent of the Orangeburg, SC mill. I always looked forward to those summers with my grandparents. My brother John and I loved them plus we got a chance to live in a culture much different than that of our Maryland home.

We got plenty of ribbing (mostly in good fun) about our Yankee blood. Over the years, my life experiences taught me that there was a wonderful heritage in the South that we in the North lacked. I learned that the South honors tradition, was a bit more formal, a lot more respectful, and a lot more conservative with a lasting respect and honor for its history. I can't say that for the North I know.

Recently the Greenville paper ran a front-page story about the NAACP's boycott of South Carolina because of our flag is displayed in a place of honor at the state capital. This puzzles and bothers me. I keep thinking, "Why do some people of the South want to dismiss, erase or obliterate a part of their own special heritage?" Why do we show so much earned support for today's service men and woman, yet seem to actively pursue the obliteration of its respect for the confederate soldier. Why destroy its heritage, and remove part of its soul from its history books?

Many of us are old enough to have lived through the 1960's. It wasn't all the good vibes of the oldies music we hear on the radio. It was filled with war, civil upheaval, assassinations, and rising distrust of Washington. Society even turned against the veterans returning from Vietnam and other duty stations. For whatever reason, 40 or 50 years later, the Vietnam Era Veteran is receiving the recognition he/she was denied when they came home to turned backs and cold hearts. When I returned to civilian life, I couldn't wait to dispose of my military relics, get rid of my military eyeglasses and grow my hair out. Society gave me no reason to advertise my veteran status.

He who ignores history is forced to repeat it. Why did Southerners honor and praise their hometown veterans for so many generations but now refuse to acknowledge their service and even their very existence? When one looks through the Anderson paper from a century ago, it has articles of civil war veteran reunions, special obituaries of civil war veterans and narratives of daylong Confederate Memorial Day celebrations. These veterans can no longer speak for themselves or defend the honor of what they accomplished. That's up to us now. We can't let them become like the Vietnam War Veteran during the 60's and 70's.

So how did a society that held its Civil War Veteran in such high esteem and status turn an about face? You tell me – I'm not from around here.

Help Wanted

Our camp is fortunate that so many members have stepped forward to fill vacant positions. There is still another opportunity for someone out there for a critical position. Our newsletter is a critical piece of communication. Its how we get the word out to everyone on what the camp is doing and is a very visible connection between all of us. We need a member who can serve in the critical position as newsletter editor. Responsibilities include developing a template for its structure, taking articles written by others and place them within the template, adding graphics as desired to make the newsletter attractive, emailing copies to everyone on the email distribution lists, arranging for copy and mailing of the hard copy version to our members without email access. Please consider this opportunity. This is a critical part of our camp and the sense of satisfaction everyone has with our camp. If you want to help your camp and you have the ability, call Jim Whiteside at 864-4748. Thanks for Julia Barnes for filling in as editor on a Temporary basis.

Willis Chapel Cemetery Clean Up

In last month's newsletter, we discussed a few initiatives for the camp to accomplish this year. Please take a few moments to read through the January Newsletter for some background. One of the initiatives is to honor our confederate veteran's ancestors by providing a final resting place they would be proud of. These are the graves of the brothers-in-arms of our ancestors who can no longer speak for their final resting place. The graves registration committee (John Grey, Mike Graham and Jim Whitesides) has come across some neglected cemeteries that show no respect for the confederate veterans within them. We need to turn these cemeteries around. Not all at once, but as part of an on going project to honor these veterans.

John Grey has done a magnificent job of restoring the Willis Chapel Cemetery located along Liberty Hwy. The committee has identified six confederate veterans resting in this small abandoned cemetery. John needs help in taking the cemetery restoration to completion. There is a bit more debris and leaves to remove. Then we need to provide proper recognition of the five graves. We are thinking a dedication ceremony later to perhaps tie in with the National Convention and an opportunity to earn some good press.

The veterans at Willis Chapel are:

DUNN	William	1st SC Infantry Regiment (Butlers)
McBEE	J.	Palmetto Sharpshooters
NEWTON	Major	1st SC State Troops
TIMS	P.	Palmetto Sharpshooters
WATKINS	William	2nd SC Rifles
WHITE	A.	4th SC infantry Regiment

We will talk more about this at the February meeting and we are now scheduling a clean up day for Saturday, February 20 beginning at 10 AM. Rain date is February 27. We need you, your rakes, your weed whackers, plastic trash bags, shovels, brush cutters and what ever else you can think of. No matter what your resources or abilities, please use them to honor these veterans. Willis Chapel is on Liberty Hwy, about 8 miles beyond I-85, about ¼ mile beyond the intersection of Liberty Hwy and 6 & 20 Rd. It's on the right at the top of the knoll just under the high voltage power lines. There is a driveway to a parking area just before the cemetery. We will have some kind of marker out for you. For those of you with navigation devices, the GPS Coordinates are N 34° 40.515' W -82° 41.257'. Thanks to John Grey for being J. McBee's Guardian. Now we need five more!!!

My Apologies

I need to apologize for two things.

If you were at the January meeting, I owe you an apology. I was pretty nervous at my first meeting as commander. I forgot about the blessing before the meal. We did not have the flags or copies of the Pledges or Charge to read. I also forgot about how to swear in the officers and the proper way to present "The Last Call". I hope I did not offend anyone. We should be on the right track for the February meeting.

I owe you an apology if you received this newsletter through the postal service because you did not get last month's newsletter. With the change in camp leadership, and not being very ware of the camp's processes and procedures, I only had time to get the newsletter out to those camp members on the email list. We have not forgotten about you. To make up for it, we have included a copy of both the January and February newsletters to all our members on the postal mail list. Even though its old news, please take some time to read the January newsletter. It has a bit on who I am and what I envision for this year.

Keep in Your Thoughts

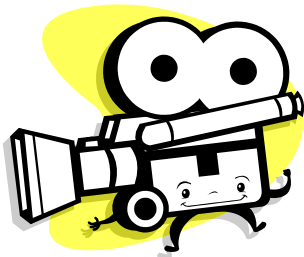
Mike Graham is one of the pillars of this camp, and he is having a tough go of it lately. He has been in and out of AnMed several times over the past month, and been in almost every room there is on the fifth floor. We are thankful that the number of admittances has equaled the number of discharges. Please keep Mike in your thoughts and prayers.

DONATION TO SHARPSHOOTERS

Appreciation is expressed to Billy Roberts, who has donated a pistol to be used as a fundraiser for the camp's building project.

SCV NATIONAL CONVENTION COMING THIS SUMMER

The SCV national reunion will be held this July 21-25 in Anderson. If you have not yet registered, do so now. Registration is only \$35 at this point. We hope to have a good showing for the Sharpshooters!



Virtual Field Trips for Adults!

The state museum has a new feature available online. The series of videos on a wide range of topics related to South Carolina's Confederate history can be found at: <http://crr.sc.gov/videos/>.

Topics covered include:

Civil War broadsword fighting techniques, Carolina walking sticks, unique Civil War saddle holsters, a 19th century "breakup" poem, Confederate Treasury note signer Malvina Gist, Powder Horns and Weapons in the collection, Confederate graves at Elmwood Cemetery, Hair jewelry, Civil War Bibles and other books, and Restoring artifacts. These are terrific videos and you can watch them from home. Save some gas and enjoy history in the comfort of your warm home this winter!

Be a Guardian in 2010



The Palmetto Sharpshooters have chosen to adopt a neglected cemetery for this year's project. In addition to this outstanding venture, would you as an individual member be willing to become a Guardian? This involves looking after the grave of one Confederate veteran's grave. It can be an ancestor, someone buried at your church, or any other soldier of your choice. It truly takes very little time, and shows respect for our ancestors. If you have a question, talk to Jim Whiteside, John Grey, or any of the officers!

----Survey Results---

Thanks to all who participated in a recent survey asking about some opinions of your camp's activities. At our January meeting we noted that we would post the survey results on the web site.

There were 53 visits to the survey site, and there were 25 responses. These results represent the opinions of those 25 members. The invitation to join the survey was sent only to camp members with email addresses. They do not include the opinions of those members without Internet access. We will refer to these results as we plan the year ahead.

150th SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS NATIONAL REUNION July 21st - 24th, 2010 ~ Civic Center, Anderson, SC

Name _____ Rank, Title and/or Son _____
 SCV Camp Name Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp Number #1428
 Personal Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Spouse Name (for badge) _____

Registration fee until 6/15/2010 ___ x \$35.00 = \$ _____
 Late Registration fee after 6/15/2010 until 7/15/2010 ___ x \$45.00 = \$ _____
 Extra Reunion Medals ___ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
 150th Anniversary Limited Edition Medal (only 150 available) ___ x \$150.00 = \$ _____
 Forrest Calvary Breakfast ___ X \$25.00 = \$ _____
 SCV Awards Luncheon ___ X \$25.00 = \$ _____ Heritage Luncheon ___ X \$25 = \$ _____

Tours

Abbeville Tour ___xxx \$30.00 individual x ___ \$50.00 couple = \$ _____
 John C. Calhoun Home Tour ___ \$30.00 individual ___ \$50.00 couple = \$ _____

Grand Banquet & Ball

Grand Banquet & Ball ___ x \$60.00 individual ___ x \$100 couple = \$ _____

Ancestor Memorials

Ancestor Memorial ___ x \$10 = ___ (if needed, attach page for additional memorials)
 Ancestor Name & Rank _____ State Unit _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

** All pre-registered members are guaranteed a name badge, convention medal & convention program.*

For more information: Email: joeypreston@gmail.com Make checks payable to Manse Jolly Camp #6.	Mail Checks to: Manse Jolly Camp #6, c/o Ron Wilson 203 Siloam Road, Easley, SC 29642
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Order of Confederate Rose Registration Form Anderson, SC 2010 ~ July 21 ~ July 25

Member: _____ Lifetime Member: _____ Guest: _____

Name: _____ (Please Print your name the way you want your nametag)

Address: _____ City: _____

_____ St: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Home: ___ Ofc: ___ Cell: ___

Chapter Name: Manse Jolly OCR Position Held Chapter: Pres: ___ VP: ___ Sect : ___

Treas: ___

OCR Registration \$25.00 ~ Handcraft Seminar \$30.00 (Fri) ~ Total Amount of Check \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: SC OCR ~ Mail check & registration to: Mosalena Marlar,
 2161 Green Pond Road, Fountain Inn, SC 29644; (864) 862-3946 ~ dixiebelleesc@bellsouth.net

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