

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Roswell Mills Camp No. 1547
MILL TALK

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Commander's Comments

I wish to thank all of my compatriots for electing me as the new Commander of our camp. My predecessors as Commander, most recently Jerry Maddox, have set a high standard to be followed. As mentioned briefly at our April meeting, I hope to see us: (1) continue with good programs which hopefully will bring all of our current members to our monthly meetings, (2) continue with field trips to pertinent locations and (3) increase our membership.

Regarding programs, some good speaker suggests have come from some of our members, and it would be good to have further suggestions this year. The same could be said for field trips; two suggestions already advanced are Washington, Georgia, and the Confederate Museum in Greenville, South Carolina. Since vacation season is approaching, perhaps we should consider September to November for the next trip.

Howard Bryant
Commander

A Note From the Past Commander

On April 2, 2009 we had one of the best attended meetings of the 2008-2009 year. Fourteen members, one visitor and the speaker accounted for sixteen people at the meeting. With a unanimous vote of the

members present the revised By-Laws were accepted. The new officers for 2009-2010 were installed; our new Commander is Howard Bryant.

The State SCV Reunion will be held at Fayetteville, GA from June 12 -14 2009, and the National Reunion will be held at Hot Springs, AR from July 23 - 26 2009. Now is the time to make reservations in order to avoid late fees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff and all members for their support this past year. We have had a good year, and I believe we will receive some awards for our efforts at the upcoming reunions.

Jerry Maddox, Past Commander

May 7 Meeting at Fickle Pickle

Dr. James E. Stallings, Sr. will bring us a program on Georgia's Confederate soldiers that died in Northern prison camps. The talk will also cover hospitals encountered by Confederates.

Dinner starts at 6 pm
Business meeting is at 7 pm
Program begins at 7:30 pm



Commander Maddox installs new camp officers for 2009-2010. Ross Glover, Adjutant, Rick Leake, 1st Lieutenant and Howard Bryant, Commander.

Large Attendance at April Meeting

Jack Marlar, SCV representative, spoke to fourteen camp members and one guest at the April meeting. It was the best attended meeting in the past year.



Jack Marlar shows cutaway view of the *Hunley*.

On a chilly February night in 1864, eight men climbed into the H. L. *Hunley*, an experimental vessel designed to travel beneath the water's surface. Their mission: to break the naval blockade at Charleston Harbor by sinking the USS *Housatonic*.

After an approach to the target, the *Hunley* rammed

her spar torpedo into the *Housatonic*, which sank in a matter of minutes. She surfaced, flashed a blue light -the signal of a successful mission- and then vanished into the darkness of the sea.

Maritime history changed forever that night. The era of the military submarine was born. At the same moment, a mystery was born: what happened to the *Hunley*? Why did she simply disappear? That question remained shrouded in mystery for over a century.

Then, in 1995 Clive Cussler located the submarine, lying on the ocean floor, just off the coast of Charleston, SC. In 2000 the *Hunley* was successfully raised, completely intact, with the bodies of her crew resting at their stations.

For generations, a story was told about Lt. George Dixon, the *Hunley*'s commanding officer. According to legend, a young woman from Mobile, Alabama gave him a gold coin as a good luck charm. Reportedly, the coin in his pocket saved his life during the Battle of Shiloh by absorbing the impact of a bullet.

During the excavation of the *Hunley*, a gold coin was found next to the remains of Lt. Dixon. Deeply indented from the impact of a bullet, the coin is inscribed with the following words:

Shiloh - April 6th 1862 - My life Preserver - G. E. D.

HELP SAVE THE HUNLEY

Join the Friends of the Hunley to help conserve the Hunley in a 90,000 gallon holding tank to prevent more deterioration of the metal hull

For more information about membership in the Friends of the Hunley go to www.hunley.org. The project preserves our heritage for all the world to see and deserves our support.

Below are photos of Members of Roswell Mills Camp at the April Meeting



NASCAR and Arca Block Logo on Racecar

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens wrote in the SCV Telegraph that NASCAR and Arca blocked the Confederate logo on the sponsored car. After receiving approval by Arca, Lt. Commander Givens was informed that the flag was not acceptable. Givens canceled the contract.

James Hylton, the race car driver, is a member of SCV and told Givens that he intends to climb out of his race car, take off his helmet, and don his SCV cap. "Let them say something about that," Hylton said.

Headstone for Fallen Confederate



Pvt. Charles Kelpin rests in peace beneath a new headstone placed by Roswell Mills Camp on April 6. Commander Maddox through a good deal of effort convinced officials of the Chattahoochee Nature Center to allow the headstone installation without a companion Union soldier marker. The agreement struck in our behalf was to not have a formal ceremony.

It seems to this editor that any mention of Confederate side of the War Between the States will soon be eliminated from our national history.

Perhaps Yankees will be fighting Yankees when future history is written.

**Roswell Mills Memorial Services
Members of Roswell Camp and the Public Are Invited**

Our Camp has chosen Saturday, April 25th for Confederate Memorial Day services at the Roswell Mill workers Monument of Honor on Sloan Street,

Roswell. The service begins at 10 o'clock featuring a presentation by Shannon Soafer, winner of the Phillip Cochran Scholarship.



Photo by Doug Allen

Shannon Soafer at Monument

Camp members are urged to turn out for this event to hear what a high school senior has to say about our heritage.

The ceremony doesn't last very long and will not take that much time from your busy schedule.

Quote Worth Noting.....

Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court privately delivered this opinion on charging captured Confederate officers with treason.

“If you bring these leaders to trial, it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution secession is not rebellion.”

Editorial

Why the Confederate Battle Flag Is Hated

“The Confederate Battle Flag is a symbol of racism and should be banned from being displayed on anything.”

“It (the Flag) is a symbol of the KKK that promotes hate of Black people and Jews. People who display it are ignorant redneck racists.”

“Confederate Flag represents treason, and the effort to do away with democracy in the United States. Everyone displaying that hateful rag ought to be arrested and thrown in jail.”

These are just a very few quotes I found on the Internet. You can find hundreds who hold this sentiment, and there is no way the SCV can convenience them otherwise.

We're losing the battle. Like thieves in the night, they come at us with lawsuits as well as threats of boycott to tear down any memorial that honors the Confederate soldier. We see it at Kennesaw and Ringgold. Our Camp experienced the prejudice of a local Boy Scout troop.

Prejudice is what it is. U.S. history taught in our schools perpetuates the myth that the War was fought over slavery. Teachers never tell their students that the U.S. Constitution guaranteed the right of secession.

Young people are told that the Confederate Battle Flag is a KKK symbol but failed to say that the KKK used the Stars and Stripes and the Christian flag before the Confederate banner.

Why don't we ask the American Civil Liberties Union to defend our right to erect a memorial to our ancestors?

Ross Glover