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T H E H I S T O R I C M I S S I O N

The Date: February 17, 1864.

The Location: Just outside Charleston Harbour approximately four miles off Breach Inlet in Sullivan's Island on the moonlit sea.

The Conditions: Cold. Bone chilling. Quiet.

The Situation: Desperate. Frightening. A turning point in history.

The Ship: A lookout aboard the Union Navy's largest ship was tired, cold — but restless. Talk of a Confederate secret weapon was in and out of his thoughts. Suddenly he spotted something move in the chilly waters. A porpoise? There were certainly a lot of them around. But something about this one didn't seem right.

The Underwater Secret: While the cold bit through the lookout's coat, 8 men poured sweat over hand cranks that powered a spinning propeller while their captain manned the dive planes - steering man, iron, anxiety and raw courage towards its final destination.

The Alarm: The alarm rang out. This was definitely no porpoise. Nor was it debris floating from a war-torn Fort Sumter. This was something bizarre. The ship's cannons could not target an object so low in the water. Shots rang out and bullets ricocheted as other union sailors joined in the frantic firing of revolvers and rifles. The object continued to approach at about three knots.



The *Hunley* making her way out to sea on the night of February 17th, 1864. (Image courtesy of Dan Dowdey).



The USS *Housatonic*.

Contact: Below the waterline - as bullets bounced off its cylindrical body, the *H.L. Hunley* rammed her long metal spar into the stern area, planting a 135 pound torpedo into the Warship *Housatonic*. The men inside the *Hunley* lunged forward from the impact, then quickly backed their sub out as the 150-foot attached detonation rope played out. Within seconds, the world rocked and every man, above and below, became enveloped in a concussion of destruction.

Aftermath: The explosion caused the USS *Housatonic* to burn for three minutes before sending the sloop-of-war collapsing to the bottom killing five sailors. The *Hunley* then surfaced long enough for her crew to signal their comrades on the shore of Sullivan's Island with a blue magnesium light, indicating a successful mission. The shore crew stoked their signal fires and anxiously awaited the *Hunley's* safe return. But minutes after her historic achievement, the *Hunley* and all hands onboard vanished into the sea without a trace.

That night history was made. At the same moment, a mystery was born. The *Hunley* became the first submarine ever to sink an enemy ship. But why had she suddenly disappeared? What caused her to sink? And would she ever be found?

The Hunley Today:

Since the end of the War Between the States, explorers and treasure seekers have scoured the sea around the site of the fallen *Housatonic*, hoping to discover the *Hunley* and her crew. In the years following the Civil War, a reward of \$100,000 was even offered by the great showman, P.T. Barnum, to encourage mercenaries to find the lost vessel. But as the years passed by, the story of the *Hunley* remained shrouded in mystery with her secrets hidden and her resting place unknown for well over a century.

The world would have to wait until the tools of modern technology could begin to unlock the secrets of the *Hunley*. In 1995, author and adventurer Clive Cussler found the *Hunley*



Illustration of the crew of the USS *Housatonic* firing upon the approaching *H.L. Hunley* submarine.
(Image courtesy of Dan Dowdey).



Illustration of the *H.L. Hunley* detonating its torpedo inside the hull of the USS *Housatonic*.

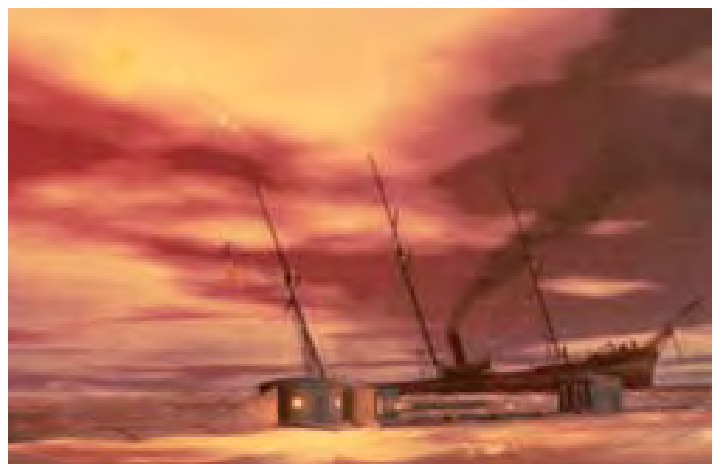


Illustration of the *H.L. Hunley* and the sinking USS *Housatonic* in the background.
(Image courtesy of Dan Dowdey).

UPCOMING CAMP #260 EVENTS CALENDAR:

REDEDICATION OF THE STARNES CEMETERY

Sunday April 4, 2004, 2:30 P.M. is the time of the Rededication of the Starnes Cemetery after extensive restoration and placement of 4 Confederate Military Markers. Winsteads' Artillery and 8/16 TN Vol. Infantry are committed. More Artillery Units and Cavalry would certainly be appropriate and welcome. Please let me know soon if any will be coming so I can add units on the program.

Many Thanks,

O.B. Wilkinson, Camp 72 SCV/Starnes Brigade

Col. James W. Starnes 210 MOS&B owilk@bellsouth.net

DICKSON COUNTY CANCER AUCTION APRIL 16TH

Local ACS gears up for 42nd Cancer Crusade

Volunteers from Dickson County are getting ready for the 42nd annual radio auction to help raise funds for cancer research. According to figures recently released by the American Cancer Society, cancer accounts for nearly one-quarter of deaths in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease. In 2001, there were 553,768 cancer deaths in the US. The ACS estimates that 1.37 million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2004. It's been the local unit's goal to make each year's auction more successful than the last, and cancer crusade co-chairwomen Phyllis Bradley, Tammy Betty and Judy Choate are heading up the auction this year, which takes place during the month of April. Turn in dates for donated items are in the basement of the War Memorial Building in Dickson. Anyone who would like to donate an item for auction may contact John & Carolyn Choate at 789-5253 for more information. OUR DAY TO SPONSOR ITEMS IS APRIL 16TH. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS WORTHWILE CAUSE but don't wait too late to get your donation in. The auction airsthroughout April, Mondays through Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on WDKN 1260, and evening auction dates are April 6 and 20 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 24 is slated for large hold items and April 28 is Memorial Day, when items donated in memory of a cancer victim are auctioned. Donations can be anything of value that folks would like to have. If it's not possible to participate in the auction, cash donations may be mailed to ACS, Dickson County Unit, P.O. Box 474, Dickson, TN 37056. Any donations will be announced on the radio during the auction and will count in the final total from the auction.

A GUIDED TOUR OF SHILOH NATIONAL MILITARY

PARK, led by park historian Jim Minor, has been set for Saturday, April 17th. The cost of the tour will be \$10 which will include a brown-bag lunch. All proceeds will be used to help fund the Col. George H. Nixon Essay Contest that SCV Camp 214 is sponsoring. Other area camps from Lawrenceburg & Columbia will also be participating in this tour & everyone is invited! The tour will begin at 11:30 & the deadline for registration will be on Monday, April 5th. Any questions can be directed to Jason Goodrich at (931) 762-8890 or jasongoodrich@charter.net.



Illustration of the *H.L. Hunley* resting on the sea bottom. (Image courtesy of Dan Dowdey).

resting on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean. Intact and remarkably well preserved, the *Hunley* was found buried deep within the sand and silt just outside of Charleston Harbor.

The recovery of the *Hunley* has turned out to be one of the most important single events in the history of South Carolina. After being lost at sea for 137 years, the *Hunley* was revealed on August 8, 2000, seen for the first time in her entirety, from bow to stern and top to bottom. It was indeed a remarkable moment in history.

Today, well over a century after Lt. Dixon and his courageous crew vanished, the South Carolina Hunley Commission and a private, non-profit group called the Friends of the Hunley are solving the mystery of the *Hunley* like a puzzle that reveals new information one piece at a time. They are engaged in the single most important archaeological investigations of the century and are everyday coming closer to solving the mystery of why the *Hunley* never came home.

For more information on the *Hunley* visit

www.hunley.org

CREW BURIAL

Nearly 140 years ago, on February 17th, 1864, a volunteer crew of eight men entered the experimental vessel with the mission of sinking the USS *Housatonic*. After ramming a spar torpedo into the hull of *Housatonic*, exploding it and sinking the vessel in a matter of moments, the *Hunley* began her journey home.

Lt. Dixon, the *Hunley's* commander, opened the forward hatch and displayed a blue light to their compatriots on shore, the signal of a successful mission. Soon after, for reasons that are still unknown, the submarine and all hands onboard disappeared without a trace. The fate and location of the *Hunley* and her crew remained a mystery for over 130 years.

The burial date for the members of the crew, who perished at sea nearly 140 years ago, has now been set for April 17, 2004 at Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston, South Carolina. The *Hunley* crew will be buried with full military honors, alongside their compatriots who lost their lives in previous *Hunley* missions. The burial will be preceded by an eight day memorial period, with a day of images and information devoted to each of the eight crew members.

Previous Crew Burials at Magnolia Cemetery

First Crew

The first crew of the *Hunley* met their fate on August 29, 1863 at Fort Johnson. The *Hunley* sank when the wake of a passing ship flooded the sub's open hatches, allowing only four of the crewmembers to escape, while five men perished. The five men were quietly buried at a mariner's graveyard off the bank of the Ashley River. The graveyard had been Charleston's mariners' cemetery during the war. The site was mistakenly covered over when Johnson Hagood football stadium was built on it in 1948, the graves of the five *Hunley* crewman and 22 other Confederate sailors and marines and one child.

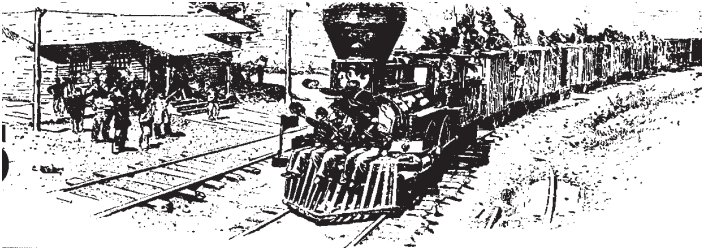
Historians discovered the remains of the *Hunley's* first crew in June of 1999, during an archaeological dig beneath The Citadel's football stadium. On March 25, 2000, more than 2,500 people came to Magnolia Cemetery to bury the five crewmembers with full military honors. They were buried alongside the H. L. Hunley's second crew.



Second Crew

The second crew, manned by Captain Horace L. Hunley, also faced a tragic ending. On October 15, 1863, the *Hunley* again sank while performing a routine diving exercise. All eight crewmembers, including Hunley were killed. Although Hunley was in charge of the sub's operations, he was not part of her crew. It is not known why he was at the helm when the submarine sank for the second time. A few days after the sinking, the submarine was raised.

On November 8, 1863 the Captain and namesake of the history-making submarine, Horace L. Hunley was buried at Magnolia Cemetery. The very next day, November 9, the other seven crewmembers were also buried at Magnolia, all with full military honors.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 17, 2004 - HUNLEY CREW FUNERAL **Charleston, South Carolina**

web site: www.hunley.org

APRIL 17, 18, 2004 - HENNING, TENNESSEE

In honor of the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Pillow, Fort Pillow State Historic Park is hosting a Civil War Living History Weekend. The event includes military demonstrations with battle skirmishes both days and an authentic civilian demonstration area. Fort Pillow State Historic Park, 3122 Park Rd. Henning TN 38041 731 738-5581

MAY 1, 2004 - DICKSON, TENNESSEE

Old Timer's Day, Recruiting Booth / Encampment and Living History. War Memorial Building grounds.

MAY 14, 15, 16, 2004 - SACRAMENTO, KENTUCKY

"Forrest's First." The Battle of Sacramento Reenactment is held on the original battlefield where "That Devil Forrest" engaged Crittenden's Army of the Ohio in his first battle. We welcome full scale artillery, cavalry as well as those unit who do it the hard way on foot. Friday will be youth education school days, with youth and adult pageants in the evening. Saturday's activities include a parade, ladies' tea, battle reenactment, cavalry competition and ball. Sunday's activities include worship services and battle reenactment. web site: www.battleofsac.com

JUNE 11, 12, 13, 14, 2004 - PARKER'S CROSSROADS,

The Battle of Parker's Crossroads Living History and Battle Reenactment of the original battlefield. Located mid-way between Memphis and Nashville on I-40 and Hwy 22, Exit 108. Site of the battle fought December 31, 1862 between Gen. N.B. Forrest and Union forces during Forrest's First West Tennessee Campaign.

web site: www.parkerscrossroads.com

JUNE 18, 19, 20, 2004 - GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

"Morgan's Raid on Georgetown" Since the first Morgan's Raid Reenactment took place in 1987, this event has enjoyed continued growth. You and your family will take a step back in time when you visit our sutler area featuring authentic clothing and arts and crafts of the 1860's. A large contingent of civilian reenactors is always on hand to re-create the look and feel of America during the turbulent times of the Civil

War. Scheduled Events include Saturday and Sunday battles, historical speakers, period music and performers, Saturday's social, military drills and demonstrations, night cannon firing, sutlers row, general store, scenarios, lantern tour, soldiers' camp, period church service, barn dance, and Morgan's Grand Ball.

web site: www.morgansraid.com

AUGUST 28, 200 - CHARLOTTE, TENNESSEE

Encampment and Living History. More info to come.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2004 - OLD SPENCER MILL, TN

Old Spencer Mill Fall Fest 2004. More info to come.

SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 2004 - FARMINGTON, TENNESSEE

141st anniversary, 3rd annual "Battle of Farmington" Living History and Reenactment. Held on over one-hundred acres of the original battlefield. Presented by the Farmington Battlefield Confederate Cemetery Association and hosted by the Farmington Battlefield SCV Camp #1902. Battles will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, ladies tea will be held Saturday at 10:00 am, Saturday evening dance with music provided by the 52nd Regimental String Band. Sunday morning period church service will be held at 10:00 am.

OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 2004 - SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE

140th anniversary "Battle of Franklin." Relive the last campaign in the West. National reenactment on the original battlefield. Fight and camp on a beautiful Civil War plantation battlefield (General Hood's headquarters). Battles on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Expected to be high water mark of 2004, and the largest reenactment of the decade in the West with over 10,000 soldiers. Sponsored by the "Civil War Courier" in partnership with Save the Franklin Battlefield and North/South Alliance.

web site: www.battleoffranklin.com

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 2004 - COLUMBUS, KENTUCKY

Civil War Days at Columbus held at Columbus-Belmont State Park. There will be narrated battle reenactments, living history, and encampments. Opening ceremony on Friday afternoon. A Civil War ball will be held Saturday night. Special entertainment by 52nd Regimental String Band and Rick Revel.

NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14 2004 - FT. DONELSON, TN

Living History at the park.

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(Calander Continuing)

OLD TIMER'S DAY ~

Recruiting Booth / Encampment & Living History ~
War Memorial Building grounds Dickson Sat. May 1st
More Detail Planning at the April 1st Meeting.

FT. DONELSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 31st 2004 Ft. Donelson Memorial Service at the
National Cemetery in Dover

FORREST HOMECOMING~A Southern Heritage Festival
& Fundraiser for THE NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST
HOME SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH ~ 9AM TO 8PM
WEBSITE INFO/2003 PHOTOS:

<http://duckriverrifles.50megs.com/photo2.html>

Confederate Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery Re-enactors
Musical Entertainment, Storytelling, Crafts, Auction,
Historical Lectures and Tours On the grounds of the
Forrest Boyhood Home On Pyles Road, off Hwy. 99 bet-
ween Hwy. 31-A and 1-65 Near Chapel Hill, TN Sponsored
by the Army of Tennessee, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Admission: \$5 per person, under 12 free Barbeque Supper
(5pm) Reservations~Send \$8 per person to: Forrest
Homecoming, % Sons of Confederate Veterans, P.O. Box 59,
Columbia, Tennessee 38402: Home/Sutler/Vendor/
Reenactor Info: Gene Andrews~615-833-8977 Boots Nix
615-931-364-5968 Online contact Skip Earle:
ritter63@yahoo.com

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THAN LAST YEAR~

JULY 2004 SCV/MOSB NATIONAL REUNION,
DALTON, GA

UPCOMING CEMETERY PROJECTS

Porter Cemetery Burns
Nichols Cemetery Vanleer

Charlotte Encampment & Living History Sat. August 28th

Old Spencer Mill Fall Fest 2004

Old Spencer Mill Sat. September 4th

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Robert G. England, Jr. of Charlotte, Tennessee joins under
service of GGGrandfather, 2nd Lt. Williams Jackson Byrd,
Co. C, 16th North Carolina Infantry. Also, Jon Hassell of
VanLeer is joining under his ancestor Elisha Hassell of the
50th TN Co. B.

Welcome back former Camp 260 Commander Rick Hollis of
Charlotte, Tennessee. Thanks for including us in the
Bicentennial Celebration March 20th & letting us recite the
names of all our known Confederate war dead from the
county with all other wars represented. It was a proud day to
be a Dickson Countian~GREAT JOB!

Bio of your speaker Terry L. Coats
April 1st at 7:00 PM

Terry was born in McKenzie, Carroll Co. Tennessee
in 1949. His early years were spent in Dresden, Weakley
Co. TN. In 1960 Terry and his family moved to Nashville,
which has been his home since. Our speaker is a 1973
graduate of Middle Tennessee University with a BS in Art
Education. Our presenter is a member of the Gen. Joseph
E. Johnston Camp SCV Nashville, Bellshire United
Methodist Church and recently retired after thirty and one
half years of service as a police officer with the Nashville
Metro Police Department.

Terry is the great-great grandson of two soldiers of
the South. William Monroe Sandefer was at Battery
Wagoner, Charleston SC. serving with the 61st NC. Inf. and
helped repulse the forces of the 54th Mass. made famous
in the movie Glory. His other G.G. grandfather, Sgt.
Charles Gatewood Thomas rode 3 years with Lt. Gen.
Nathan Bedford Forrest, (who incidentally is a distant
cousin of our speaker.)

On August 8th, 2000 as the SCV reunion was
coming to an end in Charleston, SC. Terry and his wife
Jane had the once in a lifetime opportunity to be present
as the CSS. H.L. Hunley returned from the deep and was
brought home.

Terry brings to our group a presentation on the
history, recovery and updates on the restoration of this
mighty little warrior and the 22 brave men who paid the
ultimate sacrifice for their country. His presentation is
replete with illustrations, drawings and a hand made
model of the Hunley.

***Charge to the Sons of Confederate
Veterans:***

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we
submit the vindication of the Cause for which
we fought; to your strength will be given the
defense of the Confederate soldier’s good
name, the guardianship of his history, the
emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of
those principles he loved and which made him
glorious and which you also cherish.
Remember, it is your duty to see that the true
history of the South is presented to future
generations.”

- Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander
General, United Confederate Veterans, New
Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

2004 REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 23, 2004

- 3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Registration ~ (Outside Highland Banquet Salons)
- 3:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M. Vendors Open
- 5:00 P.M. - **UPPER CUMBERLAND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION ~ HAMFEST ~ Commons Area**
(Continues until Saturday April 24th @ 5:00P.M.)
- 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Welcome reception ~ Highland Banquet Salon
- 7:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Medicine during the 1860's ~
Dr. Sam Barnes ~ Highland Banquet Salon
- 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Tennessee Division Committee Reports~ Location to be announced.
- 8:30 P.M. - till Confederate Bluegrass Music ~ Ron & Randy ~ The Bowman Brothers

Saturday, April 24, 2004 ~

- 7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Breakfast Buffet ~ Highland Salon
- 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Registration ~ (Outside Highland Banquet Salons)
- 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Vendors Open
- 8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. MOSB Business Meeting ~ Highland Banquet Salon
- 8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon SCV Business Meeting ~ Highland Banquet Salon
- 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. **LADIES BRUNCH AT HISTORIC WHITE PLAINS**
~ Hosted by: **The United Daughters of the Confederacy**
Plantation Home of Tom & Martha Willis (SCV & UDC members) & Judd's Antique Mall
- 12 Noon - 1:15 P.M. **Luncheon** ~ Highland Banquet Salon
- 1:30 P.M. - 2:15 P.M. Dedication of Confederate Monument
- 2:15 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Captain Champ Ferguson Tour
Homesite, spring, surrender site and grave
Plus site of the BATTLE OF DUG HILL
- 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. **Awards Banquet ~**
The Honorable Bertil Haggman, Esq.
Highland Banquet Salon
- 9:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Isham G. Harris Oratory Contest
- 9:00 P.M. - till Confederate Bluegrass Music ~ Ron & Randy ~ The Bowman Brothers

Sunday, April 25, 2004 ~

- 10:00 A.M. Confederate Memorial Service ~ Salon

Events will commence at times stated ~ Please be prompt ~ (A Cash Bar will be available at the appropriate functions)



2004 ~ Tennessee Division REUNION REGISTRATION



First and Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State and Zip _____
 Camp Name and # _____

April 23, 24 & 25, 2004
 Holiday Inn of Cookeville
 970 S. Jefferson Ave.
 Exit # 287 / I-40
 Cookeville, TN.

WIVES AND COMPANIONS ARE WELCOME!

Event, day and time	Cost	Quantity	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Registration	\$ 25.00/SCV member	<input type="text" value="1"/> # attending	\$ <input type="text"/>

Includes ballpoint pen made from cedar wood that grew at the homesite of Captain Champ Ferguson.

Saturday ~ April 24 ~ 7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

Breakfast Buffet \$ 9.50/person # attending \$

Saturday ~ April 24 ~ 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Ladies Brunch at White Plains Plantation # attending \$

Saturday ~ April 24 ~ 12 Noon - 1:15 P.M.

Luncheon \$ 15.00/person # attending \$

Saturday ~ April 24 ~ 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Champ Ferguson Tour \$ 15.00/person # attending \$

Includes trip to Cemetery for Monument Dedication

Saturday ~ April 24 ~ 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Awards Banquet \$ 25.00/person # attending \$

Saturday ~ April 24 ~ 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Ancestor Memorials 5.00 for four lines (Put memorial text on reverse) \$

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 Room cost is \$57.00 + tax for 1 to 4 people per room.



MINUTES FROM MARCH'S MEETING

The W.H. McCauley Camp 260, Sons of Confederate Veterans met on March 4, 2004 at Seven o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Commander Bryan Sharp. The Pledge to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Tommy England and the Salute to the Confederate Flag by Historian Jack Bowker. Fourteen members and four guests were present.

The minutes were read by Adj. Joe Bailey and were accepted as read on a motion made by Compatriot Dale Qualls.

Plans were announced for the Adcock Memorial Service being held by the Fairview Camp.

Rick Hollis announced the plans for the Dickson County Bicentennial to be held in Charlotte and invited members to attend.

The speaker for the evening was 1st TN Regimental Commander Billy Jackson. Commander Jackson gave his presentation on Chaplain James H. McNeilly of the 49th Tn Infantry Regiment.

Commander Jason Goodrich from the Lawrenceburg Camp told the camp about a book for preserving cemeteries and invited the members to attend his tour of Shiloh in April.

Compatriot Jerry Murrell showed pictures of a grave marker for Col. Thedford. Discussions were also held for additional cemeteries that might be in need of cleaning and repair.

Historian Jack Bowker announced that a new book was available on the 49th Tn Inf by Prof. C. Wallace Cross.

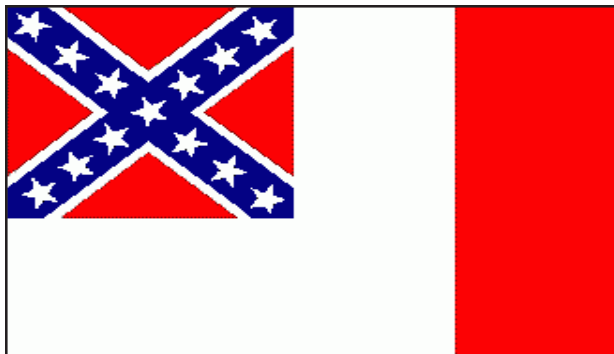
On a motion made by Lt. Commander Steve Tucker, Chaplain Paul Reynolds gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Salute to the Confederate Flag

“I Salute the Confederate Flag with Affection, Reverence, and Undying Devotion to the Cause for which it Stands”



SCV & UDC HONORS Pvt. MARTIN VAN BUREN ADCOCK

March 13th was a great day to honor our men in butternut & gray in Dickson County. Members of Camp 260, 2034, & 854 along with UDC Chapter 747 participated in honoring Pvt. Martin Van Buren Adcock at the old Adcock family cemetery in Dickson. A great grandson of Pvt. Adcock has the drum used by him during the war as a member of the 11th TN Inf Regimental Band and brought photos of Pvt. Adcock with it. He also had a photo of the UCV banner from the old Bill Green /Dickson Camp 933 made for the June 1897 reunion in Nashville. Thanks to our reenactors Mike Bond, Dale Qualls, Mike McFarland, Ricky Luther, Dennis Lampley, Lee Lankford & his daughter among others.

We then headed towards the Cheatham Co. line up Hwy 49 to place the marker for Pvt. James Lewis of Baxters Co. at Mt. Liberty Church. After this we took a short break to visit Pardue access area on the Cumberland River which is approximately 200 yds downstream from the site of Forrest & Wheeler's attack. The Harpeth Shoals played a major part in interrupting movement of boats during the Civil War. On January 10, 1862 the gunboat "Slidell" along with four transport boats of the Union Forces were sunk by Confederate Forces at Harpeth Shoals.

We then got back at it & placed more markers at the Old Bellsburg Cemetery for members of the 11th, 50th, & 49 TN Infantry including one for a War of 1812 veteran. Thanks to Doug Collier for ordering these stones. Adjutant Joe Bailey & I then visited the old Charlotte City Cemetery & spoke to a black gentlemen with family buried on the hill there. The black section of the cemetery is in bad shape & many WWII veteran's graves have been neglected. We are sure that it was also used as a slave section as well in it's beginning with many unmarked graves present in the woods & others dating to the 1800's. This will be a project for our camp in the near future. Thanks to the cooperation between all that participated. A lot was accomplished on a pretty day!

THANK YOU TO MY GOOD FRIEND CMDR. DENNIS J. LAMPLEY FOR HELPING TO ORGANIZE THIS DAY & GETTING THESE LONG OVERDUE PROJECTS FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED.



The Skirmish at the Irish Shanty

A Presentation by Dr. Calvin James
Houston County Historical Society
City Hall, Erin Tennessee
Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
Public Invited

On July 2, 1863, a Union Calvary unit dispatched from Clarksville, Tennessee disembarked from their boat at Cumberland City on the Cumberland River. The unit traveled south following the Yellow Creek Road. The evidence suggests its mission was to capture southern guerillas said to be frequenting a location known as the Irish Settlement.

On that same morning, a small band of men (Dr. Aaron James, Dr. Peyton Washburn, Jonas, Spicer, William Few, James Washington Shelton, Euphrates Shelton and John Box) from Dickson and Humphreys Counties had assembled at a drinking establishment known as the Irish Shanty. This location is at or near the present site of Tennessee City in Dickson County. Several were boiling eggs over an open fire in the yard in front of the shanty.

Upon the arrival of the forward elements of the union troops a skirmish ensued and 6 men were captured. They were returned to Clarksville to stand trial as southern guerillas before a military commission. Later that year, "The New York Times" reported that President Abraham Lincoln disallowed one conviction & sentence of death handed down by that commission. Abraham Lincoln did, in fact, disallow the conviction of Dr. Aaron James of Dickson County (later of Humphreys Co.).

Dr. Calvin James is a great, great grandson of Dr. Aaron James. He researched the people and events surrounding the episode finding the complete trial transcripts at the National Archives in Washington D. C. The trial transcripts discovered by Dr. James provide an insightful look at guerilla activity along Yellow Creek during the Civil War and provide some perspective of attitudes and loyalties of area citizens. Numerous Dickson and Humphreys citizens were called as witnesses as were the union soldiers involved in the skirmish. The surprising verdicts and the aftermath of the trials are equally intriguing.

The public is invited to this first public presentation of Dr. James' research.

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