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"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green." Jefferson Davis



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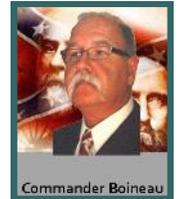
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Compatriots,

As I write this, it is a dreary overcast day with a hint that some nasty weather may be coming our way. Be that as it may, I have no control over it so it would be a waste of my precious time to fret about it; I've never been able to control the future, have you? If you're like me, you probably have recently received any number of well-intentioned communications predicting the end of the world as we know it through various political machinations and scenarios. As I read these, I keep reminding myself, "Do NOT become cynical or slump into an attitude of defeat or despair." Many of these messages may also remind us in the final paragraph that God is still in control. The begs the question, "Is God our first resource or a last resort?" If we really are believing that He is in control then let us give Him first place in all things and trust that He knows better than we how to deal with the challenges we may face. The fact that many of these challenges are beyond our ability to do anything about anyway adds emphasis to the need to trust the one with the power. You or I can not change the world, but the ultimate holder of power has enabled those who believe in Him to change the world of individuals by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Try it, bring a ray of sunshine into someone's life today.



Commander Boineau

January, what a great month! Two of our greatest and most beloved Southern military leaders were born at this wonderful time of year. Of course, I speak of General Robert E. Lee and his faithful right hand, General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson. We live in a most peculiar time. It is a time when there are many who will ridicule and condemn us for honoring the memory of these men, but to them I say, "God bless the memory of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson, Deo Vindice!"

On January 4th, Buzz sent out a communication in an effort to organize a crew to clean up the cemetery in Sycamore that Compatriot Kenny Cone formerly maintained. On the 6th, Compatriot Andy Cone advised that, "We got probably 90% of the site cleaned up yesterday. I apologize for letting it get into that bad of shape. I've attached a picture. I had to leave there this morning, so my little cousin is going to cut the last tree off of the fence for me." We thank Andy for such a speedy response.

For various reasons, we had a sparse turnout for our December meeting, so we're hoping that things are back on track and that you will join us on January 19th at 7PM.

You might even bring some of your favorite memories of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson to share with us.

See you there — Pete



I Am the Lord, I Change Not

by A.W. Tozer

God never changes moods or cools off in His affections or loses enthusiasm. His attitude toward sin is now the same as it was when He drove out the sinful man from the eastward garden, and His attitude toward the sinner the same as when He stretched forth His hands and cried, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

God will not compromise and He need not be coaxed. He cannot be persuaded to alter His Word nor talked into answering selfish prayer. In all our efforts to find God, to please Him, to commune with Him, we should remember that all change must be on our part. "I am the Lord, I change not." We have but to meet His clearly stated terms, bring our lives into accord with His revealed will, and His infinite power will become instantly operative toward us in the manner set forth through the gospel in the Scriptures of truth.



SC Division State Convention --The Pee Dee Rifles have some great things planned for you.

Friday March 19, 2021

12-5PM - SC Division Executive Council Meeting
Homewood Suites Ball Room ([3450 W Radio Dr, Florence, SC 29501](#))

6 - 9 PM - Friday Night Social - **Homewood Suites Ball Room**

Saturday March 20, 2021

9AM-5PM South Carolina Division Convention
Convention at Florence Civic Center ([3300 W Radio Dr, Florence, SC 29501](#))

- Prices are low as we can get them - keeping prices at the 2014 convention rate.
- Location for all events is within 1 block of each other - right at the intersection of I-20 and I-95.
- Convention medal patterned off 1921 UCV medal.
- 60 page color program featuring [Don Troianai](#) Print
- Friday Night Social is catered BBQ meal with sides
- [Stan Clardy](#) will provide entertainment at Friday Night Social and Saturday during lunch
- [Members have the option to register online and pay with a card if they choose.](#)
- lots of great vendors lined up
- Displays of period items from several collectors and museums
- Convenient to shopping for ladies who do not attend meetings

SC Division State Convention Update

CONFIRMED: Susan Hathaway from the Virginia Flaggers is scheduled to attend. Susan is an outspoken voice in the heritage community encouraging thousands to stand up for our history. Come out and meet Susan at the convention **March 19-20.**



Susan Hathaway

Register By Mail
 Make Checks Payable to:
Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419
 Mail forms and check to:
 Ron York
 1455 Marion Green Rd
 Florence, SC 29506
 Online Registry & Forms at:
<https://scscv.com/>

A Word of Encouragement from Ben “Cooter” Jones

We will remember these strange, dark days in years to come. We will remember when our Nation and our South lost its way. We will remember who stood up, and who slinked away. And we will be proud in those memories of those who kept the faith, and kept the memories of our ancestors in a place of reverence and respect. And we will also remember those who turned against their families and their traditions for the cheap comfort of the latest political and academic fashions.

And, God Willing, we will remember when the tide turned in our favor, and when respect for our heritage was restored. Some of us will have left this Earth when that day comes, but all of us will know that we persevered until the end, when those flags were once more flying in the Southern sun. And our reward will be in the joy of that reunion of all of us who refused to yield to the worst instincts of a cowardly society. Until then, let us continue to speak truth to power, and may the Lord guide our thoughts and always be with us in our actions.

Bless y'all,
Ben Jones

New Year's Greeting from the Virginia Flaggers

As we ring in 2021, we are thankful for the gift of our salvation, and for our Southern birthright, neither of which can be taken from us. We rejoice in the Hope we have and know that no matter how the godless may rage and seem to have the upper hand, we know God is on His throne and will never forsake his children.

We are truly the remnant, descendants of men who formed the greatest fighting unit ever to take the field of battle and our responsibility to see to it that their sacrifice is not forgotten does not end when it is no longer convenient, or popular, or sometimes even safe for us to do so. It may seem that we have been quiet lately, but please know that behind the scenes we have been hard at work. We made a pledge at our picnic in September to raise a memorial roadside battle flag in every locality in the Commonwealth, and we plan to make good on that promise.

In addition to several new flag sites in the works, we will kick off 2021 in Lexington, Virginia, celebrating Lee-Jackson Day weekend with a full lineup of activities January 15th – 16th, working together with the Stonewall Brigade SCV Camp. Democrats in Virginia moved quickly to strike the official holiday once they took control of our legislature, but we do not need the permission or approval of carpetbagger and scalawags to do what we know to be our duty. Please join us and help us make it the biggest and best Lee-Jackson Day weekend ever. Look for more details soon.

In the meantime, best wishes for a very safe and Happy New Year!

God bless you all, and God save the South!

Susan Lee

Virginia Flaggers



**The Division Convention is still a go for
March 19-20!**

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Camp No. 842 Calendar

January 19, 2021	Regular Camp Meeting -- 7 pm Robert E. Lee born 1807
January 21	"Stonewall" Jackson born 1824
February 16	Regular Camp Meeting -- 7 pm
March 16	Regular Camp Meeting -- 7 pm
March 19-20	SC SCV State Convention -- Florence Deo Vindice



Gentlemen of the SC Division,

COVID-19 has been a thorn in our side but hopefully the numbers will taper off in the next 6 weeks since the holidays are over. We are taking every precaution to ensure your safety. Here are a few:

1) Mandatory temperature checks at the door with a digital thermometer. Anyone with a temp/fever of 101.4 or higher will be denied entry.

2) If you have taken fever reducing medication within 24hrs

prior to convention
- please DON'T
come.

3) Masks will be required to enter the lobby but may be taken off once inside the large ballroom (plenty of space).

4) Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the facility

5) Social Distancing guidelines will be followed to the best of our abilities

We are only 11 weeks out from the convention. **PLEASE DON'T WAIT until the last minute to get your registrations in.** Deadline for Ancestor Memorials is Jan 31

Please help me get this word out to all your members! Please call with questions or concerns.

Ron York

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