

**Next Meeting
May 24th
6:00
At The
Rose Center
In Morristown**

Southern Heritage

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Some of you may have already heard that the Virginia based Robert E. Lee Council of the Boy Scouts of America has, perhaps unsurprisingly, voted to change its' name. This should be troubling to more than just the SCV. In an age desperately in need of good examples, especially young males, it seems tragic to lose one of this caliber (oops, how long until an adjective like "caliber" is not PC?). Further, absolutely outrageous historical ignorance was displayed. One of the "reasons" given for losing General Lee's name was that "Lee was one of the principal defenders of slavery." (comment from the NAACP) How little do you have to know about Lee to think that he was a defender of slavery? Perhaps some of these intellectual giants can explain to me why Lee voluntarily freed his own slaves. I guess it was some evil white southern trick.

DEO VINDICE

Larry W. Watkins

Meeting Change Notice and Other Camp News

Our upcoming meeting has been changed. Instead of the 10:00 AM rendezvous to pass out flags, we will be having a regular 6:00 PM meeting this Saturday (May 24). The reason is that we have too much pressing business to let another month pass without addressing some of these issues.

The most critical item is the need to plan our calendar of events for the remainder of the year. The first

Also on the subject of flags for decoration, the purchase of these flags is, always, a hefty drain on our treasury. Any donations to help cover this cost will be appreciated.

Another big item, OUR FLAGPOLE HAS ARRIVED! Yes, another project is nearing completion. We have a 30 foot flagpole at Bethesda Church just waiting for someone to set it up. As you can probably infer from this, another item on the agenda of

Forrest Picnic, the date is July 12 and the location is Bethesda Church. This will be a covered dish lunch. We will be having a program as well as the flagpole dedication. The tentative plan is for guests to arrive at 11:00 AM, lunch at 12:00 PM with things wrapping up around 4:00 PM. Members willing to help get things set up should expect to arrive earlier.

**The upcoming meeting has
been changed to 6:00 PM, May
24 at the Rose Center.
We need you there!**

quarter is already gone and several events, and possible events, are on the horizon.

As for Confederate Memorial Day, flags for the decoration of Confederate graves will be distributed at the meeting. Some of the members will be finalizing plans to get together in small groups on Sunday following the meeting to cover certain areas. If you would like get in on this, it's another reason to be at the meeting.

this meeting is to plan work days to get this flagpole set up. We plan to dedicate the pole at the Forrest Picnic, so, it must be ready by July. This is a really nice flagpole having the internal ropes which are difficult for vandals to tamper with. As you may recall, the flag we have chosen to fly is the Third National. If anyone would like to sponsor part of this flag, contact commander Beck.

Speaking of the Nathan Bedford

Another item up for discussion this month is the ten year anniversary of the Bradford - Rose Camp. We need to decide if we are going to have some kind of celebration and, if so, what it shall be!

As you can see, we have several items for the camp to decide on. If you aren't there, we won't know what you think.

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Do You Have E-Mail?

We now have the
capability of sending
the newsletter
by e-mail.

By doing this, we are
saving the camp a
considerable amount
of money for printing
and mailing.



If you are not
currently receiving
your newsletter by
e-mail and would like
to do so, please send
us your e-mail
address and the next
issue will be sent
electronically.

Send your
information to
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and title it
SCV Newsletter

Hunley Update

THE POST AND COURIER, Charles-
ton, SC, Saturday, May 17, 2003

Hunley team keeps digging for
answers

BY SCHUYLER KROPP

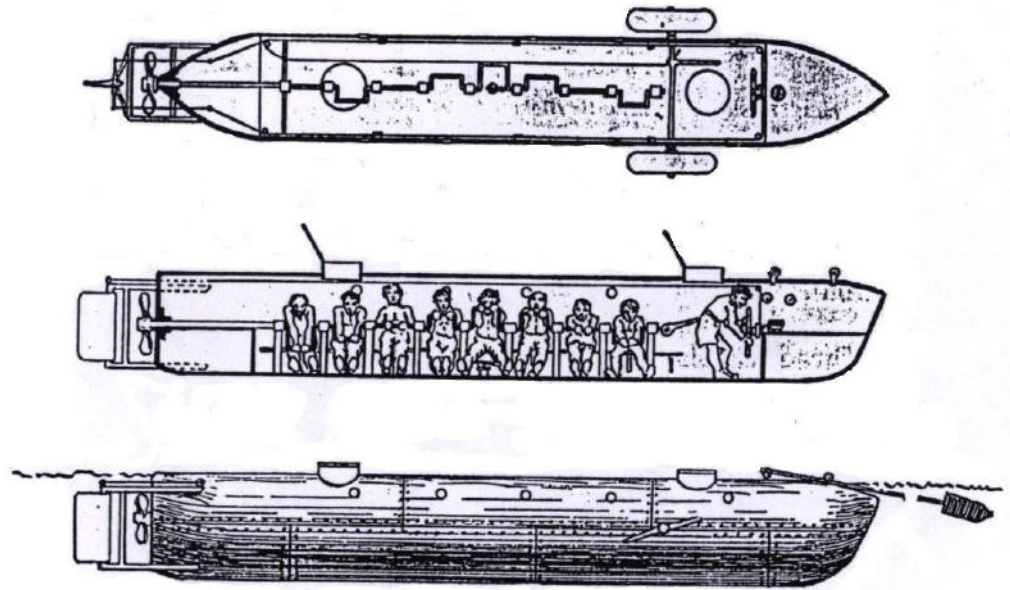
Caretakers of the Confederate
submarine H.L. Hunley say it will be

the sub's eight crewmen will be
April 17 in Charleston's Magnolia
Cemetery. As many as 20,000 peo-
ple, including thousands of Civil War
re-enactors, are expected to take
part.

And, in unusually blunt language,
a leading organizer of the Hunley
effort said that if anyone has a prob-
lem with the planned Confederate
burial, "tough."

descendents of all eight crewmen,
although organizers say details
have been slow in coming. "It may
be that we don't know some of the
families before we lay them to rest,"
McConnell said.

The funeral will begin with a
one-hour ceremony at the Confed-
erate monument at White Point Gar-
den that will honor the men of the
Hunley and its victim, the Union



A sketch of the submarine H.L. Hunley made by Simon Lake from a description of the vessel by Charles Hasker, one of the crew that survived the first sinking. Published in McLures Magazine in January 1899 and available at the National Archives; researched by Mark K. Ragan.

two to three years more before they
will know what caused the sub to
sink.

The answer lies somewhere in
the mix of archaeology, forensics
and sand conditions that the
sunken sub was found in, and all
the data must be spliced together
and correlated before scientists can
make a determination.

"It's like a big zigzag maze, but
we'll get there with a high degree
of certainty," Warren Lasch, chairman
of Friends of the Hunley, said Friday.
"We will be able to tell the last min-
utes of the Hunley." Theories range
from the sub taking on water and
sinking, to it being struck by another
vessel and losing its steering, to the
crew running out of air.

Lasch's comments came as offi-
cials announced that the funeral for

"We have no apologies for who
these people are," state Sen. Glenn
McConnell, R-Charleston, the chair-
man of the state Hunley Commis-
sion, said at a news conference at
Magnolia Cemetery. "If somebody
doesn't like it, that's tough.

I would think that anybody with
good taste would not engage in any
kind of disruption," he added.

As a warning to treasure hunters,
no artifacts from the sub will be bur-
ied with the remains, McConnell
said, adding that they will be cov-
ered by concrete after the interment
to prevent tampering.

Organizers say the funeral will
include a 4.5-mile march through
Charleston from The Battery to the
cemetery, with thousands of re-en-
actors taking part.

Efforts are under way to identify

blockade ship Housatonic.

Another effort is under way to
have the crew lie in state inside the
South Carolina Statehouse, and sub
commander Lt. George E. Dixon's
remains may go to his last-known
hometown, Mobile, Ala., for a recog-
nition there.

The Hunley was lost the night of
February 17, 1864, after it rammed
an explosive charge the Housatonic.
It was discovered four miles off Sul-
livan's Island in 1995 and was
raised in August 2000. Two previous
crews from the Hunley that were
lost during test missions around
Charleston Harbor already are buried
in Magnolia Cemetery, including sub
benefactor Horace L. Hunley.

Dressed In Blue

Two young friends parted,
each went his own way.
One dressed in blue,
The other in gray.

For years they had lived
As only brothers can.
But now was the time,
To be proven a man.

Sp part they must
For the drums they obey.
One dressed in blue
The other in gray.

They were only seven
When their pathways met.
Thus forming a friendship
They'd never forget.

Blood brothers at nine
Through thick and through thin.
A sworn oath of loyalty
To be kept to the end.

But now they are beckoned
They cannot delay.
One dressed in blue
The other in gray.

Fishing at twelve
While not going to school.
Then in for a swim
In the water so cool.

At fourteen they grew
almost to the sky.
And the girls they once hated
Were catching their eye.

But now they are packing.
Their debt they must pay.
One dressed in blue
The other in gray.

At sixteen they hunted
And learned how to kill.
But only for food
In the cold winter's chill.

Not knowing that someday
The drumbeat wound sound.
And they'd soon have to use
The skills they had found

Again they would hunt
But in a different way.
One dressed in blue
The other in gray.

They constantly wondered
Where each shot went.
That was fired from their gun
When the cartridge was spent.

So they lived in fear
from day to day.
One dressed in blue
The other in gray.

Would they return
To the homes they hold near?
Would they again
Hold their mother so dear?

Could they still be friends
After so many years?
Of fighting and killing
And shedding their tears?

Would they both return
Or would death find its way?
To one dressed in blue
Or one dressed in gray.

Written by David M. Smith
1970

You can find this Poem In
David (Cleve) Smith's book
'Campaign to Nowhere.'



We would also like to apologize if you gave us your e-mail address and are not receiving your newsletter this way. We received a list at one of our monthly meetings and it seems to have vanished. So if you gave it to us, please give it to us again. We will try to keep it from disappearing again.



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

The May Monthly meeting will be at The Rose Center on May 24th at 6:00

The June Monthly meeting will be at The Rose Center on June 28th at 6:00

The July Meeting will be the Nathan Bedford Forrest Picnic on July 12th at 11:00 AM at Bethesda Church



Upcoming Events

June

6 - Confederate Memorial Day

6-7 Jonesville, VA
Battle

21-22 Georgetown, KY
Battle

July

1-6 Week of Bettysburg 140th

19-20 Weber City, VA
Battle

August

9-10 Pigeon Forge
Battle (Maybe)

23-24 Saltville, VA
Battle

30-31 Richmond, KY
Battle

September

6-7 Bar Bourville

October

3-5 Tullahoma, TN
Battle

18-19 Blue Springs, TN
Battle

25-26 Rose Center
Living History

November

1-2 Atlanta
Fight

8-9 Ft. Dickerson
Living History

29-30 Bleak House Christmas
Living History

Local Talent

Authors and Such in the camp.

For a small camp, we have a great deal of talent in Bradford - Rose. Several members have been published, or shown up on camera. This is not a complete list, just some which your editor is aware of. I'll probably have to do another installment of this as I am sure to be notified of other talent on our rolls.

On page 3 of this issue is a poem entitled 'Dressed in Blue'. This poem is found in Cleve Smith's book 'Campaign To Nowhere'. If you do not have a copy of this book, you need to get one. His book is about the results of General Longstreet's move into upper East Tennessee. A lot of work has gone into this book and it shows.

'Onward Christian Soldiers!' Is a book written by another of our camp members and his wife - Dr. William D. Taylor and Darby O'Neil Taylor. As most of you know, Doug is a professor at Carson Newman



College. His book is about Veterans of the War Between The States which attended Carson Newman College. There are pictures of the students where available and as much information as could be found. A lot of work had gone into this book also and it is interesting to see the wide variety of people who went to fight for the Confederate Army from our local area.

Bill Henderson was involved with the writing of a history of the Morristown area. I have been privileged to read some of it, but do not own a copy. This volume contains some

many photographs of structures which no longer exist.

We also have an actor in our group. General Nathan Bedford Forrest (Stan Dalton). Some of you may think that Stan is a little shy, but when he takes on the roll of General Forrest, his shyness goes away. Some of you have been at public events and seen first hand what a storyteller Stan can be when he is "in character".

