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# CSS Hunley Expert Visits Camp

By Capt. Ewell Sturgis, Historian

**POWDERSVILLE, SC**—Southern ingenuity is not a colloquialism too many Americans use or give the South proper credit for all it has done to enrich our society and culture.

That will change if SCV Field Representative and SC native son, Jack Marlar has any thing to say about it. And say it he does. Compatriot Marlar is a Life Member of the SC Division and has held almost every post imaginable including former command of the Army of Northern Virginia.

As the Technical Advisor to the Friends of the Hunley, he now spreads the good news of southern science and engineering marvels as he shares with groups the story of the development and the audacious crews of the CSS H.L. Hunley. The bravery of the men cannot be denied but their place in the annals of naval warfare to this day has been muted and overlooked given the sectarian feelings of late nineteenth and early twentieth century scholars.

Compatriot Marlar noted many naval advancements that did not occur to the U.S. Navy until they separately developed submarines in the early 1900's.

These features of the "Little David" class of war-ships include a cutwater, an angled piece of metal at the top of the sub allowing it to divide the water as the vessel moved, aiding in stabilization and aerodynamics, Marlar said. There was also an air box, more commonly known as a snorkel box, providing better air flow to the submarine's eight crew members.

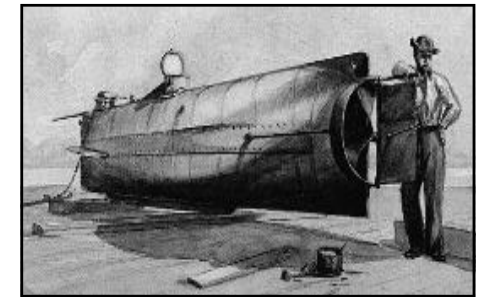
The crew, which sat on a bench on the left side of the vessel, operated the sub using a crank shaft. The Hunley's design forced the seven crew members operating the crank to bend over, putting the weight of their bodies "exactly perpendicular to the axle," said Marlar, which helped keep the sub upright.

The Hunley, which was salvaged just off the coast of Charleston, S.C., on Aug. 8, 2000, also had a four-section ballast bar on its bottom, allowing the submarine to remain vertical while doubling as a safety device, explained Marlar. Crew members could detach singular sections of the ballast bar to help retain buoyancy in the water.

However, noted Marlar, the ballast bar was still attached to the vessel when it was brought up from the ocean floor, "which adds to the mystery of what went wrong." Shortly after sinking the USS Housatonic with a torpedo on Feb. 17, 1864, the Hunley's eight crew members commanded by Lt. Dixon, perished with the submarine.

They remained with their faithful boat until Clive Custler found them in 1995. Since then, South Carolina, the Friends of the Hunley and the Sons of Confederate Veterans have sought to secure and preserve the remains of these brave Confederate soldiers and sailors and their warship for future generations.

SCV units and members have also stood tall guarding the CSS Hunley and educating patrons and visitors about all things Southern including the SCV during the tours.



**Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans**

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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, April 25, 1906.

**This Month in History**

- February, the Confederate States of America created a government, ratified the Confederate Constitution and elected Jefferson Davis as the provisional president until elections could be held. **1861**
- February, South Carolina forces cannonaded the USS Star of the West which prevented the resupply of Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor, after which SC took possession of Fort Sumter. **1862**
- February 25, Nashville becomes the first Confederate state capital to fall to Union forces **1863**
- February 3, Battle of Dover/Fort Donelson **1863**
- February 28, Confederate Privateer Rattlesnake destroyed by the monitor USS Montauk **1864**
- February 20, Battle of Olustee, FL. Union Major General Quincy Gilmore, commander of the Department of the South launches an expedition into Florida to sever Confederate supply lines and recruit black soldiers. Brigadier General Joseph Finegan and 5,000 Rebel troops repelled the invasion routed the Federals and sent them fleeing to Jacksonville. **February 22-27, Battle of Dalton Island**
- February 3, General McLaws' forces held river crossings of the Salkehatchie River against Sherman's approach. Sherman's brigades routed the smaller Confederate force after a one day delay. **1865**
- February, President Davis agreed delegates to meet with Pres. Lincoln but the meeting was cancelled after Lincoln's refusal to recognize Southern independence and self-determination



SCV Field Rep Jack Marlar demonstrates CSS Hunley

**Next Meeting**  
April 12th at 9 a.m.  
at the  
**Powdersville Library and Government Center**  
Meeting scheduled 2nd Saturday of every other month

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*Editor's Note:*  
We apologize for the lateness of this issue we are trying to deliver them monthly.

# Saber Points

Colonel Ron Wilson



Thank you to all of my compatriots. I am so proud of the stand we have taken together to defend and promote our rich history in South Carolina and the South.

We have lots of plans in the works to promote our region and bring the Manse Jolly Camp 6 to its rightful place as leaders within the South Carolina Division.

South Carolina Division

Commander Randy Burbage has been such a help to us in forming and chartering this new camp. I want to take this opportunity to thank him and Lt. Commander Cooper for all they have done.

I highly encourage everyone to attend the South Carolina Division Convention in Columbia. We can learn a lot and preserve a lot when we unite our strengths and talents for the Cause.

I regret that I could not attend this past meeting. I am so glad that we have such capable officers and Color Sergeant that can carry on in my stead. That is the true measure of the health and strength of our Camp and a great indicator of our future accomplishments.

Thank you again for your time and energy. We have charted a great course and together we can make a real difference locally, in the state and on the national stage.

## View From The Highground



Thank you for your consideration during my first time chairing one of our camp meetings. By all measures it was a good meeting beginning with a delicious breakfast meal provided by Compatriot Forest Thomas. The price was certainly right for the quality of the food and no one was turned away.

Our thanks also to Compatriot Jack Marl

who enriched all of our lives by educating us on one of the most misunderstood events in the history of the South, The Cause and the development of the United States Navy. The Hunley has become a lightning rod for a lot of heated talk ever since its discovery in 1995.

Senator Glenn McConnell has worked with all parties to ensure its viability and sustainability as a national and South Carolina treasure. If

you haven't seen please go. It is worth it for yourself and your families.

Speaking of families, thank you to everyone who brought their children and are involving them in our Cadet program. We have a lot of great activities and events planned for these younger Sons. They are our lifeblood and we will nurture and treasure them as they carry us into our third century of venerating our noble ancestors.



## Adjutant's Call



Thank you to everyone who made our February meeting a success especially Forest Thomas and the crew from Brushy Creek BBQ.

We are now very close to having all of the charter members' signatures so we can issue copies of the charter. The framed charter

will be on display during meetings.

Please let me know if you didn't receive your membership card or certificate from IHQ. Also please complete and return your ancestral information for our database.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 9 am. at the Powdersville Library and Government Center.

Please do not forget about the 2008 SCV State Convention, March 14-15 in

Columbia. It is being hosted by Camp 51, the 15th Regiment of SC Volunteers.

For more information go to their website: [www.15thregtscvols.org/convention2008/convention20082.htm](http://www.15thregtscvols.org/convention2008/convention20082.htm).

### Adjutants Call (continued)

There will be a Friday night social and special tour

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## "The Colour Bearer"

by Jim Brown

### Color Sergeant Brooks Brown, IV

A unit's flag served an important tactical function as in spite of the major advances in weaponry during the first years of the war battles were fought according to the rigid discipline of linear deployment used in the Napoleonic Wars. Here a unit's flag was often the soldier's only guide, his way of knowing if he was where he was supposed to be when the thick smoke from cannon and muskets obscured the combatants on the battlefield.

Flags were not only used for identification purposes but served as a means of inspiring morale with your own army and reducing that in your opponent "their battle flags looked redder and bloodier in the strong July sun than I had ever seen before", "no such sight in all the history of battles had ever been seen. On they came regardless of the carnage among them, nearer and nearer until horse and rider, officer and private, standards and banners waving in the lead were plainly seen." So who were these men who carried these "fiery red crosses", those "damned red flags of the rebellion", this "treasons flaunting rag"?

The colours of a Civil War regiment embodied its honour and that of the men who followed it. It could also affect the emotions all those who knew it. W.E. Berry of the 4th Texas stated, "I saw coming up the road from the battlefield some col-

ours.... the Major asked the Yankee with the colours where they got them. He said in the cornfield..... I knew the colours. I told him they belonged to the 1st Texas Regiment... He said there were 13 dead men lying on or around it when he found it. I asked him to hand it to me a moment, which he did. I took it in my hand, kissed it, and handed it back to him, tears blinding my eyes."

William J. Hardee's infantry manual dictates that a colour guard be chosen from the best men the unit had to offer, those "most distinguished for regularity and precision, as well as in the positions under arms as in their marching.... The latter advantage and a just carriage of their person are to be more particularly sought for in the selection of the colour-bearer." The men chosen, and those in the guard, were an elite. These flags were carried by the colour sergeant and protected by the colour guard, a group of up to a dozen soldiers whose responsibility it was to ensure the safety of the flags. Infantry flags were supposed to be larger than those of artillery and cavalry, but many times these arms also carried the larger infantry flag.

Courage was also needed to carry the

flag as everyone who was given, or picked it up, must have known that his opposite numbers would be aiming at him, and that his chances of being shot became much greater with the flag in his hands as the colours "drew lead like a magnet" with each side tried to shoot down the other's flag, and colour guard "the waving battle flags seemed to be the special mark as soon as we came in range of the small arms." And yet there was no trouble getting a colour guard, in fact many even asked for the privilege.

So the distinction of being in the guard was a very dangerous honour. The task of bearer demanded physical strength, so tall, muscular men were preferred, because holding aloft a large, heavy banner, and keeping it visible through battle smoke and at a distance demanded this.



Reprinted from Jim Brown's website [http://home.freeuk.com/gazkhan/colour\\_bearer.htm](http://home.freeuk.com/gazkhan/colour_bearer.htm)

at the Confederate Relics Room.

On Saturday, there will be a memorial service from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Then the convention business meeting will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All of Saturday events are at the River Center located at the Saluda Shoals Park, 5605 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC.

Registration before January 31 is \$50 and after January 31 is \$65.

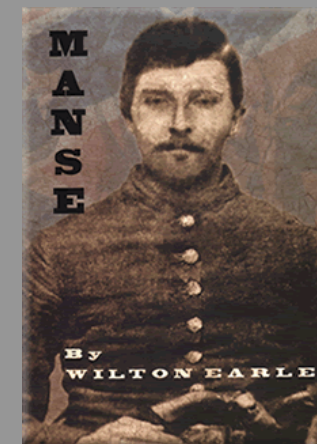
The Manse Jolly Camp will also be registering our Confederate ancestors in a Honor Roll to acknowledge their service. Capt. Sturgis, our Historian, will be sending out a questionnaire for each Compatriot and Cadet to complete. We have ancestral information on new members but not on transferred memberships and reinstatements.

As noted in several places in the newsletter, Colonel Wilson has determined that we will meet the second Saturday every other month at 9 a.m. Forest Thomas has been gracious to provide us with a breakfast meal for \$8 per person.

Please RSVP for the breakfast to 864-260-4031.

The Camp will also be selling copies of a book about Manse Jolly as a fundraiser. More details will be made available at the April meeting.

## MANSE: One Man's War



By Wilton Earle

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