



Dixie Camp's First Annual SCV Friends and Family Camp Picnic a Total Success

By Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds

On August 8, 2026, Dixie Camp 2362 hosted our first annual SCV Friends and Family Picnic at Tucker's Pond on John's Island, and by all accounts, this event was a total success with over eighty people from all over the state attending. There were eleven different SCV Camps represented and at least four different UDC Chapters in attendance.



Guests enjoy supper under the tent

A number of SC Division officers were able to attend. SC Division Commander Dean Stevens and his wife Ashley came from Cayce, SC as well as SC Division Lt. Commander Archie Herring from Gibson, NC, and Past Div. Commander Perry Smith & his wife Danelle.



(L to R): SCV SC Division Commander Dean Stevens, Ashley Stevens, and Past Commander Perry Smith

The camp asked that each guest bring a covered side dish to share, and Dixie Camp's Mess Sergeant George Durst cooked the Honey BBQ glazed chicken on the grill. It was delicious! Thank you, George, for doing the cooking! It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all. Thanks to SCV friend Todd Holeburg for providing the grill and helping with the cooking. There was plenty of food and dessert for all.



BBQ Chicken cooking on the grill.

The Charleston UDC Confederate Museum at Market Hall had an information table set up and very generously supplied well over fifty door prizes! Dixie Camp wants to thank Museum director, Jill Hunter Powell, for all her contributions. Thank you to all the Charleston Chapter 4 UDC members who attended.



UDC Chapter 4 in Charleston, SC (L to R): Chapter President Kimberly Maness, Scott Powell, UDC Museum Director Jill Hunter-Powell, and Ron Maness.

Dixie Camp would like to thank the ladies of the C. Irvine Walker UDC Chapter 190 in Summerville, South Carolina, who attended.



The ladies of C. Irvine Walker UDC Chapter 190 in Summerville, SC (L to R): Chaplain Beth Truluck, Vice-Pres. Cindy Reynolds, Registrar Benita Kinlaw, and President Carolyn Arnold.

A special thank-you goes to Cindy Reynolds for providing and setting up the beautiful table decorations and party décor. The setup was truly lovely. Cindy also organized a sales table to raise funds for sponsoring UDC awards for deserving individuals who support our cause.



Dixie Camp also wants to thank the ladies of Benjamin Jenkins Johnson UDC Chapter 2690 in Charleston, SC, and Warren Middleton Hughes Chapter 2026 in Dorchester, SC. who both had several members in attendance.



The biggest thank-you goes to our Commander Rick Little and his wife Wendy for very generously allowing us to have the picnic on his beautiful property at Tucker's Pond on Johns Island. Rick opened up his home to all and made everyone feel welcome. Rick's business, Johns Island Rentals, provided the tents, tables, chairs, AC units, and fans. Thank you very much, Commander!



(L to R): Commander Rick Little & 2nd Lt. Commander Ron Corry.



Adjutant Wes Reynolds



UDC Sales table

Eleven Different SCV Camps represented:

Dixie Camp 2362, H.L. Hunley Camp 143. Gen. Ellison Capers Camp 1212, Secession Camp 4, Fort Sumter Camp 1269, Star of the West Camp 1253, Palmetto Camp 22, States Rights Gist Camp 1451, Marlboro Camp 835 Rivers Bridge Camp 842, Major Egbert Ross Camp 1423 (N.C.)

Four UDC Chapters: Chapter 4, Chapter 190, Chapter 2026, and Chapter 2690

Dixie Camp Leadership 2025-2026

Commander	Rick Little
Lt. Commander	Rob Dillon
2nd Lt. Commander	Ron Corry
Adjutant	Wes Reynolds
Chaplain	Tucker Little
Color Sergeant	Frank Freeman
Quartermaster	Michael O'Neale

Commander's Column

By Commander Rick Little

Compatriots,

The August 8th camp picnic at Tuckers Pond had over 80 members and guests attending. This joint picnic with the UDC was an amazing success. I want to thank all the camp members who helped make this a truly grand celebration. There were nine SCV camps represented and two UDC chapters in attendance. As well as several first-timers who are interested in joining the SCV. Hopefully we'll get them in Dixie camp. But our goal was to gather people of like mind together and fellowship.

The compliments that our camp received for putting on such an event is very encouraging. We shall continue to live out the charge that was given to us by Steven D. Lee to honor our Confederate ancestors' good name.

Commander Dean Stevens informed the group of how the Division will proceed, should any municipality try to remove or alter our monuments in the state of South Carolina.

Mathew Locke told of the progress being made at Castle Pinckney. He and his band of volunteers have got a dock at the castle now, and he told us that the four cannons that are still there are going to be excavated and put on display at some point in the future.

I like any big event. The main thing people will remember is the food, and we had an abundance of excellent side dishes, desserts, and the best barbecue chicken I have ever tasted. Everybody walked away satisfied.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1 at the American Legion, 968 Folly Road. I have several personal awards for our members from the National Reunion. We will hopefully induct one new member, and good Lord willing, some of our new prospects will be at this meeting as well.

Look forward to seeing y'all again,
Dixie Camp Commander
Rick Little

Confederate History

Did you know?

By UDC Historian Cindy Reynolds

The United Confederate Veterans was officially established for "social, literary, historical, and benevolent" purposes, reunions served to commemorate the War Between the States and, over time, became platforms for reconciliation while also reinforcing regional identity and sectional pride.

During their height, reunions were enormous, city-wide celebrations. The 1900 reunion in Louisville attracted more than 15,000 veterans and an estimated 100,000 visitors. The 1917 gathering in Washington, D.C., marked a powerful moment of national reconciliation during World War I and was attended by President Woodrow Wilson.



Commemorative 1951 US Postage Stamp

Reunions featured grand parades with marching bands and military units, formal balls, picnics, fireworks displays, and speeches by prominent figures such as General John B. Gordon. As the veterans aged, the reunions gradually became smaller. The final United Confederate Veterans reunion took place in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1951, attended by only three verified veterans. To commemorate the occasion, a three-cent postage stamp was issued by the United States Government.



This 3¢ stamp was issued by the United States Postal Department in 1951 in honor of the final reunion of United Confederate Veterans

Dixie Camp 2362 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday September 1, 2026, at 6:30 PM
September Camp Meeting at
 American Legion Post 147
 968 Folly Rd, Charleston, SC 29412
 All SCV, UDC, prospects, and guests welcome.
 Supper at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:15 pm.

Saturday, September 19, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

SC SCV Leadership Conference
 Town of Lexington Conference Center
 111 Maiden Ln, Lexington, SC 29071

This free event is open to all **SCV members**. The conference provides information and training about how the SC SCV operates. Members from camps all over the state will attend, so it's a great way to network and meet other like-minded people. Dress code is casual. A free, hot lunch will be served. If you would like to attend, please let Adjutant Reynolds know, and he will get your name on the list.

Tuesday October 6, 2026, at 6:30 PM
October Camp Meeting at
 American Legion Post 147
 968 Folly Rd, Charleston, SC 29412
 All SCV, UDC, prospects, and guests welcome.
 Supper at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:15 pm.

Tuesday November 3, 2026, at 6:30 PM
November Camp Meeting at
 American Legion Post 147
 968 Folly Rd, Charleston, SC 29412
 Closed meeting for **camp members only**.
 Camp business and officer elections to be held.
 No guest speaker this month.
 Supper at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:15 pm.



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Adjutant's Column

By Adjutant Wes Reynolds

Dixie Camp is continuing to grow. We currently have 13 members and 2 associate members. All our members have paid their dues for the next year, except 1 (I will be contacting you soon, lol).

We received leads on several new prospective members from our picnic and will be following up on those in the next few weeks.

The camp picnic was a great event, and the turnout was amazing. This proves to me that the Confederate Community in Charleston is alive and well, and they want to get involved. I hope this event inspires other SCV Camps and UDC Chapters to think about hosting events and reaching out to others.

If you have any questions about Dixie Camp or joining the SCV, please contact me by email at scscv2362@gmail.com.

Dixie Camp Adjutant
 Wes Reynolds

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