

Dixie Camp Meeting Recap

By Newsletter Editor Wes Reynolds

Members of Dixie Camp 2362 met on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 PM at American Legion Post 147 on James Island. Camp members enjoyed a delicious meal of pork tenderloin, rice, green beans, and bread served by our Mess Sergeant George Durst.



Karen Stokes' Presentation

After the meal, the meeting was called to order at about 7:00 PM. After the pledges and reading of the Charge, we were honored to have author Karen Stokes of UDC Chapter 4 give us a presentation about the burning of Columbia and the atrocities committed by federal troops in 1865. The presentation was also live-streamed on the Camp's Facebook page.



Following the presentation, Cmdr. Little inducted Lance Sudano into the camp and presented him with his SCV Membership Pin and Name Badge. Camp members George Durst, Lewis Hayes, Frank Freeman, and Wes Reynolds were presented with National SCV

Individual Medals. Ron Corry and Tucker Little were presented with Dixie Camp Lifetime Member Certificates.



Lance Sudano receives his SCV Membership Pin



(L to R): Frank Freeman, George Durst, Lewis Hayes, and Wes Reynolds.

Regular camp business included the success of the 1st Annual SCV Picnic, discussion about preparations for the 2027 SC Division Reunion, the Camp billboard by Rick Little, and the upcoming camp elections in November.

Commander Little reminded everyone to keep Joe Melton and Wayne Hall in their prayers as they deal with health issues.

A camp field trip to McLeod Plantation on James Island is being planned for the fall. Details to be announced.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the camp formed a circle and sang a robust version of Dixie, led by our Lt. Cmdr. Rob Dillon. We had 9 of 14 camp members in attendance (64%) and 10 guests. Thank you to all who could attend.



Commander's Column

By Commander Rick Little

Compatriots,

Karen Stokes presented to us the true horrors that the citizens of Columbia went through at the hands of the drunken Yankees in 1865. Her research and dedication are a great reminder of why we do what we do. We are charged with seeing that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

I'd like to welcome our camp's newest member, Lance Sudano. Also, I want to thank George Durst for another wonderful meal.

I've gotten some very positive feedback from our billboard advertising. Let's hope we get our name out in front of a lot of people.

The American Legion Post 147 is hosting a barbecue cook-off on October 23 & 24. It's a fundraising event for American veterans. I would like for our camp to participate and show our appreciation for allowing us to use their meeting space and kitchen. This could be a great recruiting event for us as well.

I have sent an email to our new Commander-in-Chief, Tony Griffin, asking if he would be our keynote speaker at the Division reunion next March. I have met him several times. I'm hopeful he will be able to make it.

Please pray healing prayers for Joe Melton and Wayne Hall.

Don't be shy to ask a relative or friend to come join us October 6th at 6:30 PM. I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Dixie Camp Commander
Rick Little

Dixie Camp Leadership 2025-2026

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

Dixie Camp 2362 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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**. Rick Little, Rob Dillon, Ron Corry, and Wes Reynolds have all registered to attend.

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 7:00 pm.
Guest Speaker: Historian Rick Hatcher

Friday & Saturday, October 23-24, 2026

BBQ Cook-Off Competition at

American Legion Post 147
968 Folly Rd, Charleston, SC 29412
This is a fun camp activity with the goal of connecting to the community, recruiting new members, and maybe winning a prize.

Tuesday November 3, 2026, at 6:30 PM

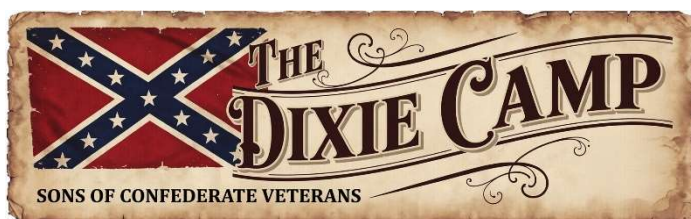
November Camp Meeting at

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 7:00 pm.

Tuesday December 1, 2026, at 6:30 PM

December 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 7:00 pm.
Guest Speaker: Author Mark Powell



Did you know?

Confederate History

By UDC Historian Cindy Reynolds

South Carolina Souvenir

This is a souvenir of a Confederate reunion and is made from a palmetto frond and displays the Confederate and South Carolina flags. The badge next to it was worn by UCV members at the 1887 reunion at Macon, Georgia, the last one attended by Jefferson Davis. By 1887, Jefferson Davis was elderly and lived a quiet life at his Beauvoir estate in Mississippi. However, his rare public appearances in the late 1880s became massive cultural events in the South. Former Confederate President Jefferson Davis made his notable public appearance to review attending veterans. It drew massive national media attention and helped lay the groundwork for formal veterans' organizations. The 1887 gathering in Macon, Georgia, was a massive reunion tied to the Georgia State Fair, held around October 24–29, 1887. However, the United Confederate Veterans (UCV) organization itself was not founded until June 1889.



SC Confederate Reunion Souvenirs

Adjutant's Column

By Adjutant Wes Reynolds

Our little camp is continuing to grow, and we currently have 14 full members and 3 associate members. All our members have paid their dues for the next year, so we have 100% retention. We have a few prospects out there so I expect several new members before the end of the year.

The 2027 Division Reunion planning has started, and the camp has put together all the forms needed. We will need help selling ads for our program. If you have any articles you want to see in the program, please let me know.

It is my honor to serve as your Adjutant, and I plan to run for the next two-year term. I hope I have your support. If you have any questions about Dixie Camp or joining the SCV, please contact me anytime by email at scscv2362@gmail.com.

Dixie Camp Adjutant
Wes Reynolds

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