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The Battle of Fredericksberg

PRESENTED BY MAC WYCKOFF

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HISTORIAN FOR THE LAST 18 YEARS AT THE FOUR BATTLEFIELDS AROUND FREDERICKSBURG

Who were the South Carolinians prominent in the Battle of Fredericksburg. The vast majority of the Confederate soldiers were from our state. Kershaw's Brigade, under the command of Brig. Gen. JOSEPH B. KERSHAW consisted of the following groups, noted with their commanding officers.

Some who may be discussed in depth this evening by Mac Wyckoff:

2d South Carolina, Col. John D. Kennedy.

3d South Carolina:

Col. James D. Nance.

Lieut. Col. William D. Rutherford.

Maj. Robert C. Maffett.

Capt. William W. Hance.

Capt. John C. Summer.

Capt. John K. O. Nance.

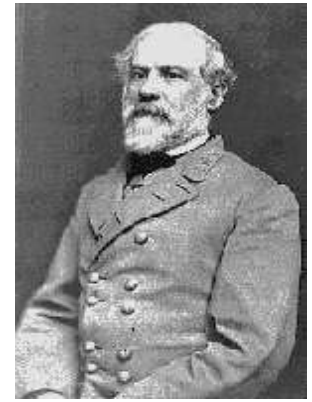
7th South Carolina, Lieut. Col. Elbert Bland.

8th South Carolina, Capt. E. T. Stackhouse.

15th South Carolina, Col. W. D. DeSaussure.

3d South Carolina Battalion, Lieut. Col. W. G. Rice.

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THE OPPONENTS

MAJ. GEN. AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE & GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE

UNION	CONFEDERATES
Commanders	
Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside	General Robert E. Lee
Armies	
of the Potomac	of Northern Virginia
Strengths	
116,683 infantry, cavalry, artillery	58,500 infantry, cavalry, artillery
Casualties	
1,284 dead, 9,600 wounded, 1,769 missing/prisoners	608 dead, 4,116 wounded, 653 missing/prisoners
Perspectives	
A sound plan that may well have been successful had it not been subject to so much delay. Burnside's inflexibility contributed greatly to the appalling casualties	Burnside's chances of success were fading when Longstreet arrived at Fredericksburg. With the arrival of Lee he stood no chance of success

MAC WYCKOFF

Mr Wyckoff graduated from Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon with a degree in history. He was employed as a historian for the National Park Service for 25 years which included work at Fort Sumter National Monument (where he was the first civilian to live at the fort), Shiloh, Chickamauga and Chattanooga and for the last 18 years at the four battlefields around Fredericksburg,

He has published books on the 2nd South Carolina and the 3rd South Carolina of General Kershaw's Brigade as well as several articles on this brigade. He operates a website called *South Carolina in the Civil War* and co-founded an annual symposium concerning South Carolina in the Civil War.

He has led battlefield tours for many groups including Civil War Round Tables, American and British military units, senior citizens, school children and the FBI Training Academy. He lectured to many Civil War Round Tables throughout the country. Mac is a co-founder of the *Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table* and the current newsletter editor of this group.

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Go to <http://members.tripod.com/mwyckoff/persons.html> for some interesting information about South Carolina individuals in the Civil War.

Reservation for November 10th Meeting At McCracken Middle School
Dinner @ 5:45pm—Program @ 7:00pm

Menu for This Meeting
Fried Chicken • Turkey
Sugar Peas • Macaroni
Slaw • Potato Salad
Butter Beans
German Chocolate Cake • Strawberry Cake
Rolls • Ice Tea • Coffee
Catered by Duke's of Ridgeland

TO ATTEND PROGRAM ONLY (no dinner) Make your reservation by calling Johanna Verwer 705-9201

 Dinner For November 10th, 2004


Number of Dinners: ___ @ \$11 each = ___


Names: _____

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Dinner Form & Check Must be RECEIVED no later than NOON November 4th 2004

Season schedule

NOVEMBER 10 BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG* On December 13, 1862, Union General Burnside built his bridges, crossed the Rappahannock, and assailed General Lee's army in its prepared position. One will also learn about the Angel of Marye's Heights via **Mac Wyckoff** a long time member and leader of the Rappahannock Valley CW Roundtable and sought after Civil War presenter.

JANUARY 12 FAITH IN THE FIGHT: CHAPLAINS IN THE CIVIL WAR* The chaplains on both sides fought for the spiritual and physical well-being of the combatants. **Dr. Bud Robertson** is one of our most informative speakers and he is the Director of the Virginia Tech Civil War Center.

FEBRUARY 9 THE JEWISH CONFEDERATES Learn about Jewish aspects of the Civil War and their contribution to the Southern war effort. Presented by **Robert N. Rosen** a native of Charleston and founder of The Rosen Law Firm.

MARCH 9 MURFREESBORO-STONE'S RIVER* In May and June of 1863, Maj. Gen. Grant's armies converged on Vicksburg, investing the city and entrapping a Confederate army under Lt. Gen. Pemberton. On July 4, Vicksburg surrendered after prolonged siege operations. A study in the failure of the Confederacy's High Command. This is excitingly presented by **Edwin C. Bearss**, a well known military expert and renowned Civil War lecturer .

APRIL 13 GEORGIA HEROINES* The dedication and hardships that women suffered during the "War Between the States" will be highlighted. Our presenter, **Mrs. Tommie Phillips LaCavera**, is a noted author and very knowledgeable about the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the U.S. Daughters of 1812.

MAY 11 THE FIRE-EATERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA A closer look about those Southerners who were staunch and unyielding advocates of secession. Presented by **Dr. Larry Rowland** of Beaufort, SC. Dr. Rowland, a long time Professor of History at the University of South Carolina - Beaufort.

* There IS a "Morning After"

TO BE AUCTIONED AT THIS MEETING



Just after daybreak on the morning of June 11, 1864, Confederate General Wade Hampton and 5,000 Confederate Cavalrymen intercepted Union General Phillip Sheridan's 6,000 Federal Cavalrymen at Trevilian Station in Virginia. A fierce battle erupted in the woods, forcing the cavalymen to fight on foot. In the heat of the fight, Hampton seized the opportunity to mount a charge against the Federals in a dusty clearing near the railroad. Bolstering Hampton's veterans was a force of newly arrived *South Carolinians* that included the *Cadet Rangers* - Company F of the 6th SC Cavalry - which had been formed at *The Citadel*. A Certificate of Authenticity goes with this print by Mort Kunstler.



BONNIE & RALPH JAMES HAVE ORGANIZED OUR HOSPITALITY GROUP AND RUN THE 50-50 DRAW

THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

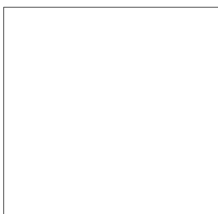
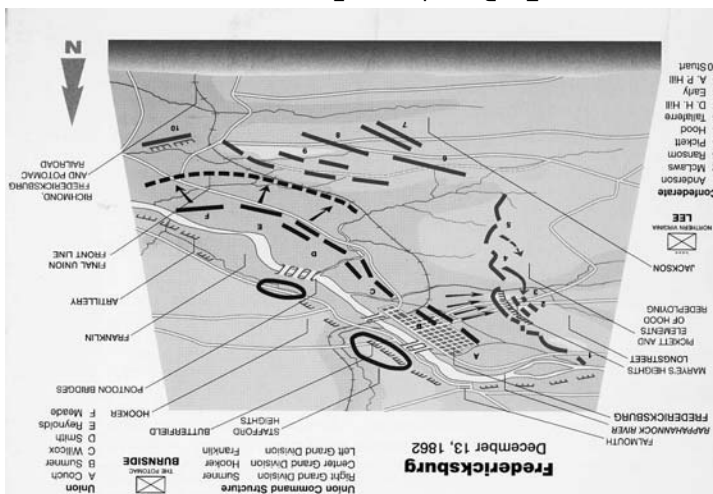
The Heritage Library, an excellent source for genealogical research located on Hilton Head Island, is still seeking someone with an interest in Civil War history and who has some library skills to be a shepherd for its large collection of Civil War materials. The Library recently installed new computers for use by researchers and staff so is up to date with capability for handling the vast resources available both in-house and on the web.

It seems like someone in the LCWRT would want and be able to take over handling the Civil War materials at the Library. They would probably spend a few hours each week working on the files and helping Civil War researchers find information in them at the Library. Personnel there now who were responsible for accumulating the material would be more than happy to help the new volunteer get established or immersed (the choice is up to the individual) in this interesting work. If this tickles your fancy, get in touch with Bill Trapp at 843 705 2455.

LOST & FOUND

One Key at last meeting; see Johanna

THE BATTLE LINES AT FREDERICKSBURG



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There were many more individuals. A memorable one in this bloody conflict was that of Richard Kirkland, as illustrated in the graphic to the right.



ROGER RAMM BRINGS HIS ORDER OF BATTLE TO HIS DUTIES AS SECRETARY.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 14
Morning Confederate Sergeant Richard Kirkland goes into the no-man's land in front of the wall to give water to wounded Union soldiers. His mission of mercy lasts over 90 minutes.