

# Captain Andrew T. Harllee's



# Dispatch



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## The Month of May in History

May 10, 1863 Lt. Gen Stonewall Jackson dies of his wounds.

May 7, 1864 Gen. Sherman's armies, numbering 100,000 men began their march on Atlanta.

May 11, 1864, Gen. J. E. B. Stuart is mortally wounded in the cavalry battle of the Battle of Yellow Tavern, Virginia and dies the following day.

May 22, 1865 former Confederate States President Jefferson Davis is imprisoned at Ft. Monroe, Virginia.

## Escape From Point Lookout Prison

[Luther B Lake] (Continued from last month)

He then said for us to keep on down the stream and we could get around it. "Thank you, sir. Thank you, sir." "I would like to know who you are," he said. We are getting chilly and had to walk to keep warm, as our clothes were wet as water. We told him to come down and see who we were. He finally did so, and told us who he was, and at last I told him we were Confederate soldiers and had just come out of the bay from Point Lookout Prison. "What! What! Confederate prisoners from Point Lookout?" "yes, truly so; feel our clothes and you find them wet." He did so, and said: "Boys, are you not cold? Wait a minute." He stepped into the house and brought out a quart bottle of pure old rye whisky and a glass and told us to drink freely. I think I heard one of the toasts: "Here's to Jeff Davis, General Lee," and something about Stonewall Jackson, General Stuart. "Here's to General Pickett, boys." I think that was the best whisky I ever drank in all my life. I know it. When it became day we were fifteen miles from prison and the stream up. I have thought about that old Southern gentleman a thousand times since. Before writing more, I give the commands of these rebel soldiers. Tongue and Sloane were scouts for Gen. J. E. B. Stuart; Wiley was an independent scout and operated in Fairfax County; T. W. Lake was a member of Col. John S. Mosby's 47<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry; L. B. Lake was a member of General Pickett's Division. We were traveling and scouting along the first day and concluded that we would rest and dry our clothes. Some of us slept while some were on guard. We were off the road some distance in the woods. Heard horses clattering along the road; "Wake up, boys, Yankee cavalry after us!" They did not see us and, being good scouts, we evaded them and took another road. At night we were guided by the stars. We flanked all the towns of any size. The main thing with us was to get something to eat on the route. We met an old gentleman who

wanted to know who we were and where we were going. We of course, did not know anything. I asked him if he was a Southern man. His reply was that he did not know in these days and times. I told him we were Confederate soldiers escaped from Point Lookout Prison, when he asked what we were doing with those blue pants on. "We are using them to scout in." I took from my pocketbook a pass from Gen. R. E. Lee, which he read and said: "Well, boys, there is my home on the hill. Go up there and get all you want to eat, and, as he rode on he raised his hat and something fell to the ground. I picked it up and found it to be a five



Point Lookout Prison

dollar greenback. We went up to the house, and the lady and two girls gave us a splendid breakfast, but it was hard to make them believe that we were Confederate soldiers. We gave each a button from our jackets as souvenirs. Day and night we marched through the peninsula of Maryland, footsore and weary. But we were free: no Yankee guard to say to us (when we forgot and put our hands to the bars of the iron-grated windows): "Take you hand back there, Johnnie." The next time it would be a shot. (To be continued next month)

## Easter is Past—and so is the Easter Bunny

Easter, as far as the celebrated Easter Sunday is concerned has come and gone as of the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. This year has also been a year of controversy for the Easter Bunny in different places around the country. The Easter Bunny has been banned from many places. If the bunny shows up at all in these places, he has to be called Peter Rabbit, or in some cases, the Spring Rabbit. In all of these controversial Easter Bunnies, there is no problem with 'bunny,' it is the Easter part of his name that is causing the problems. Much of this came about when a craft fair was planned at Tiverton Middle School, in Tiverton Rhode Island. The Easter Bunny was to have made a stop at the craft fair to help in a fundraiser to help the school's Parent-Teacher Council by having his picture made with students. Just as the word "Christmas" is out of bounds for all school publications and activities, so is the word "Easter" at a school event, according to Superintendent William Rearick. The school has also sent a flier home by its students, inviting them to an egg hunt—not an Easter egg hunt. "We cannot promote a religion, any particular religion, by having that term 'Easter' associated with it. We think it promotes it," said Superintendent Rearick. The Easter Bunny was kicked out of a courthouse in California, also. The problem with this bunny is that

he had a sign wishing everyone a happy Easter. In other words, the bunny could have stayed if he had given up that sign.

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## Does South Carolina have a College Football Team Left that WE Can Cheer for?

The citizens of South Carolina are for the most part, a people who are proud of our formal education system in the state. The two most prominent schools, the University of South Carolina and Clemson University have football coaches who have taken a stand against the Confederate flag. They, Coach Bowden and Spurrier have made public statements against the flag flying next to the Confederate monument on the State House grounds. Tommy Bowden did his little speech thing a few months ago when he jumped on the NCAA bandwagon against the Confederate flag.



**USC COACH STEVE SPURRIER**

For all of the USC fans, these are a few of the quotes from Steve Spurrier concerning the Confederate flag. "My opinion is we don't need the Confederate flag at our Capital, I don't really know anybody that wants it there, but I guess there are a lot of South Carolinians that do want it there." Spurrier talked about the game last year with Tennessee that was featured on ESPN's "GameDay," which he said was "marred by some clown...waving that dang, damn

Confederate flag behind the TV set. And it was embarrassing to me and I know embarrassing to our state." Spurrier apparently understands that he should not be publicly expressing such opinions, but he just couldn't help himself. He said, "I realize I'm not supposed to get in the political arena as a football coach, but if anybody were ever to ask me about that damn Confederate flag, I would say we need to get rid of it. I've been told not to talk about that. But if anyone were ever to ask me about it, I certainly wish we could get rid of it." "It would make us a more progressive, better state, I think, if the flag was removed." Spurrier also went on to say that "if our team wins big and wins the conference championship, then I'll have a bigger voice. That's just the way life is. If I want to make a change to hopefully make this state better, we need to win big." (Go Georgia Bulldogs?) He said, "If you had a relative who died in the Confederate war, maybe you'd feel very strongly about it, too. But that's history, if it represents something that angers people, then why do that?" Don Gordon, who is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Heritage Officer of the South Carolina Division, says, "As a USC graduate, I love Carolina football, but I'm not willing to give up my heritage for any football recruit or any football coach." He said that Spurrier's call for the removal of the flag was "the moral equivalent of calling



**Sen. Darrell Jackson**

our ancestors 'nappy-headed hos.'" Democratic Senator Darrell Jackson said, "I was pleasantly surprised and commend (Spurrier) for such a courageous and bold stand." Then, in true form of someone who lacks true courage and the inability to take an honorable stand himself, Senator Jackson said, "I was part of the compromise (that moved the flag from the top of the State House to the grounds).

But, in retrospect, we probably should have gone further and had

it resolved. My mind has been changed and perhaps other people who were part of that compromise feel differently, too."

[EDITOR] Since we are at the tail end of this article, I feel that I should comment about the Senator Jackson's final remark. He has very clearly told the world that he has no character, that he is a liar and untrustworthy. How do I come to this conclusion? This man clearly stated that he was a part of the compromise reached in order to take the Confederate flag down from the dome of the State House and place it at the Confederate monument on State House Grounds. Since he was in agreement of the negotiations settled upon, he gave his word that the compromise was accepted by, and, settled by both parties. Now, looking back, he sees things differently. In other words, his word don't mean squat! If a man's word ain't no good...well, he ain't neither! Come to think about it, Senator Jackson may be setting precedence; some others may now see things differently also. So, maybe the compromise should be voided, the flag again place upon the dome and the African-American monument pushed off the State House grounds. That monument was also a part of Sen. Jackson's compromise. I wonder if he wishes to address that as well. Probably not. You see he only wishes to change the things HE doesn't care for. Again, your wishes are immaterial to him! Now, as far as Mr. Steve Spurrier is concerned...did I say GO GEORGIA BULLDOGS? He is a coach that I was never particularly fond of anyway, but I had respected him for the way he normally disciplined his players. Obviously, I don't like his comments about the Confederate flag and probably, he doesn't care that I don't like it. Opinions though, are something that belongs to each of us and of course I have mine. So, if the good coach can express his, then mine should be expressed also. "If anybody were ever to ask me about that damn USC coach, I would say get rid of him. It would make the University a more progressive, better university, I think, if the coach was removed." Oh! I may need to add, "Coach, if what you represent angers people, then why do that?" The coach and Sen. Jackson both speak with the same reasoning. In their view, diversity means, you conforming to my way of thinking. Inclusiveness means, you conforming to my way of thinking. Progressive means, you conforming to my way of thinking. I am always amazed when these folks talk of removing our flag because it may hurt or offend someone else, why don't they consider that removing that flag will hurt or offend us. Shouldn't we be classified as a part of the citizenship of this country as well? I suppose we are the part that doesn't matter.

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## Condolences

The Mother of compatriot Billy Norton, who was also the Grandmother of compatriot Quentin Horne, passed away April 13, 2007. This was announced at our last meeting, but for the members who were not present; please join in remembering these two compatriots in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Think About it

Definition of 'BUDGET': A method for slowly going broke!

The kind of items normally sold door to door are items retail stores don't think are worth selling!

## Meeting in May

The Captain Andrew T. Harlee Camp 2010 Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet on Thursday, May 17. One of the most important things to help make this a successful meeting is that you attend. You are a part of this organization and this Camp needs you to help in its continued success. Everyone is important and your input is needed. Compatriot Roy Jackson is heading up the kitchen this month. He has always prepared a good meal in the past—a good indication that we will have a lip smackin' supper Thursday night. The speaker this month will be Dr. Larry Nelson of the Francis Marion History Department. His subject should be a most interesting one as he speaks of "Why a negotiated settlement of the War Between the States was impossible." This has the makings of a very good history lesson. Take time to come on out to the American Legion building and learn what we can about that particular era and time. While you're at it, bring someone with you; that should be twice the fun. Try and be there by 6:30 PM for the evening meal and the meeting should begin around 7:00. Let's all get together and honor our Confederate veterans and that special heritage they bequeathed to us.

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## Memorial Day Services

The Marion and Dillon services were both held on April 28th. The keynote speaker for both services was South Carolina Division Commander Randy Burbage. He did a splendid job at both services. It is always a moving experience when the roll call of the dead is called and the names of the old veterans ring out among the ears of the now living. For a brief moment, these men are given the well-earned honor of praise and recognition for their brave sacrifices. For that brief moment, could it be possible that the spirit of those old heroes is among us? That question may be debated, but the feeling is very real. When our Southern men who dress in the uniform of those old war veterans and march to the same cadence as did those old veterans it seems to take you back to another time. Then as the cannon and musket fire a volley in honor of those Southern heroes, the reality of battlefield sounds are heard as that vision of being taken back to this period in history is made more evident. It is a true privilege to attend, or be a part of such a memorial service. As each day passes, every member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans should realize that the memorial services are an annual event, but SCV members should honor Confederate veterans every day. We should desire to, and it is our obligation to honor them constantly. It is our duty to defend the Confederate soldier's good name. We are the guardians of his history, we are to emulate his virtues and perpetuate those principals he loved as well as to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations. Come on SCV members, let's accept our charge and make our ancestors proud of our actions.

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## That Just Ain't Funny Jay!

NBC's "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno makes a pretty good living by just being funny or by making funny remarks. Well, all of those remarks that he thinks are funny don't set well with members of

the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This is another one of those cases where everyone in television thinks that we have to soft pedal remarks about certain minority folks, but give the Southern folks hell without offering any justification! While making all of the jokes Leno could about Don Imus, the radio talk host who was recently fired because of the racist remarks made on his program, Leno stated that, "They say [Imus] is still working on raising funds for his favorite charity, the sons of the Confederacy." This of course is an "attempt to equate the Confederate soldier with racism," according to our Commander in Chief, Chris Sullivan. Commander Sullivan called for an apology by Mr. Leno saying, "While it is regrettable that Mr. Imus made his racially charged and derogatory comments about the Rutgers ladies basketball team, it is equally offensive that Mr. Leno would attack Southerners the way he did. Mr. Leno ought to apologize for his offensive remarks." Of course there has been no apology...and of course, since the offense was to Southerners, there isn't likely to be one.

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## Eye Witness on April 9, 1865

[Sgt. F. M. Mixson Co. E, 1<sup>st</sup> SC (Hagood's)]

"On the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1865, we were halted in a field. Firing was going on down on the front. We had not long stopped when we noticed that the firing on the front had ceased. We were lying down on each side of the road. Presently we saw two men galloping up the road. On reaching us we discovered one to be one of our general's staff officers, the other to be a Yankee officer. Right then there was excitement. We knew something was wrong, but what was it? Sleep and exhaustion had gone; everybody was up, stirring around and wondering. We were held here in this position and under this strain for over three hours, when the report got started that Lee had surrendered. Very shortly after we heard this we saw a crowd of horsemen coming up the road. We soon recognized Gen. Lee among them. Every man got on his feet, and we commenced yelling for Lee. The old man pulled off his hat, and, with tears streaming down his cheeks, without a word, he rode through us. Lee was not the only one shedding tears—old men who had wives, sons, daughters, even grandchildren at home; middle aged men who had families at home; younger men who had left a young wife, and young fellows like myself—all were bowing their heads with tears; but no thought of censure; no criticism of Gen. Lee, ever entered the minds of any of us. We knew he had done for the best and we had more confidence in him, as he rode through us that day, than we ever had before, and we loved him more. We knew how humiliated he felt, and, knowing this, we were anxious to make him feel that we recognized that he had done right, and our confidence and love for him, instead of being shaken, had been increased. He was certainly now more of an idol than ever before."

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