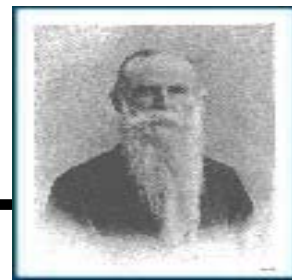


# THE BUGLER



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## Camp Officers

**Camp Commander:**  
*Denver Erickson*

**1st Lt Commander:**  
*Kyle Erickson*

**2nd Lt Commander:**  
*Jack Sanders*

**Chaplain:** *Jack Sanders*

**Adjutant:** *Paul Honaker*

**Treasurer:** *Paul Honaker*

***Our newsletter can now be found on the Camp website @ [www.1854.ksscv.org](http://www.1854.ksscv.org)***

## COMMANDERS CORNER

The Picnic is over and aside from the heat; it went very well. Although low attendance was obvious, it appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves and went home full of both food and knowledge of several different topics of discussion.

In attendance were Camp/Division Commander Denver Erickson, Jack Sanders and his two children Cailey and Logan, Jack's Grandfather Jack Snook, Paul Honaker, Larry "Cowboy" Wiezorek and his two son's Jake and Justin.

I arrived at 0900 hours to set up the smoker and begin cooking which I enjoy doing. I started with the burgers and finished with beer brats and hot dogs. I must admit that even though I enjoy the opportunity to do this, it was quite lonely until the first guests arrived.

Two neighborhood dogs smelled the smoker and came to investigate. We had several discussions as to when the food would be finished and to be patient and wait their turn. Like little children at Christmas time awaiting their parents to awaken, they went to each sack and cooler to see what else was on the menu. Apparently anticipation was not their virtue and they left minutes before Cowboy and his son's arrived.

This is the first year in five that I can remember that no one came with the favorite deviled eggs, which are usually in great demand and show. This year potato salad was on everyone's shopping list. After saying grace, the meal was served and the fun began.

Each member assisted in cleaning up afterwards and then it was off to Constitution

Hall where we met Tim LeRue of the Kansas Historical Society. Tim gave us a tour of this historical building and then we dismissed for home.

On to future Camp Meetings. I have scheduled Commander James "Spike" Speicher of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920, as our guest speaker this month. His topic will be an in-depth review of the recovery and restoration of the H.L. Hunley (Confederate Navy Submarine), as well as the archaeological discovery of it's first crew and their reburial.

Commander Speicher was instrumental in the recovery of the crew and was a pallbearer for the final interment of the first crew at Magnolia Cemetery in

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

You will be receiving your renewal notice for your 2008-2009 dues in the next couple of weeks. The dues for National has increased to \$ 30, however your Camp dues are still \$ 10 and Division dues

have remained the same at \$ 5.

*Please plan to attend the meeting on 16 August 2008. As Denver stated above Ret. Col James*

*"Spike" Speicher will be our guest speaker. Spike gives a fascinating presentation on the CSS Hunley.*



***Confederate Trivia***

1. What 34-foot submarine, which never saw battle, ended up at the Louisiana State Museum?
2. What momentous event in the world's naval history occurred on February 17, 1864?
3. Why were Union ship captains told not to anchor their ships in the deepest parts of channels?
4. What was the source of power in the Confederacy's first submarine?

1. CSS Pioneer
2. The first combat sinking of a ship by a submarine. The CSS HT. Hunley sank USS Housatonic
3. Confederate Submarine would move under the boats and leave an explosive mine behind.
4. Hand-cranked propeller.

*Confederate Trivia Answers*

**AROUND THE KANSAS DIVISION**

The 10th Annual Kansas Division Convention was held 21 June 2008 in Lawrence Kansas at the Watkins Museum.

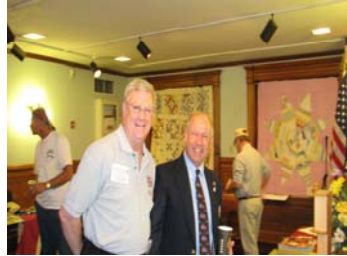
The Cols Lewis & Harrison Camp was well represented this year. Those in attendance this year was Division/ Camp Commander Denver Erickson, Division Chief of Staff Jack Sanders, Division/ Camp Adjutant Paul Honaker, Camp 1st Lt Commander Kyle Erickson. Also present were our two newest Camp Members



Jack Sanders (L), Paul Honaker (R) and Dick Croft, Adjutant South Ks Camp

Michael Redmann and Larry "Cowboy" Wizeorek.

The Convention gave us the opportunity to meet with other Camp Members around the Kansas Division. We renewed some old friendships and made some new friends.



Ret Col James "Spike" Speicher, Cmdr Major Thomas Key Camp (L) and Ret Lt Col Ed Kennedy, Cmdr Gen William Steele Camp (R)

As most of you know this year is the 200th birthday of the Confederacy's only President, Jefferson Davis. We celebrated with a birthday cake for President Davis and a presentation from one of our Division's youngest

Members Compatriot Heath Booth from the South Kansas Camp.



Denver and Paul cutting and serving the Jefferson Davis birthday cake.

Elections were held this year for two Division positions that were both open. Heath Booth was elected to the position of Indian Brigade Commander and our very

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**CAMP ELECTIONS**

As Denver mentioned in his Commanders Corner we held elections at our Annual Camp Picnic for 2008-2009 Officers and there were two other issues on the ballot. The following Camp Members were voted in to their respective Camp Positions by the majority of Camp Members in attendance:

Camp Commander — Denver Erickson

1st Lt Commander — Kyle Erickson

2nd Lt Commander — Jack Sanders

Adjutant — Paul Honaker

The other two issues on the ballot were:

Combine the position of Adjutant and Treasurer. (This is recommended by the SCV Headquarters)

The second issue, which Denver also mentioned in his Corner, was to change our Spring and Summer Camp Meetings to Thursday evenings.

Both issues were passed by the majority in attendance.

*Paul A. Honaker  
Adjutant*

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## COMMANDERS CORNER

Charleston, South Carolina.

In October, Miss Lisa Winters will be back with her presentation on photography of the 1800's. Lisa has equipment of all types from tin type, ruby glass, and more. She is very knowledgeable in her field and gives an excellent presentation. This will be another one you won't want to miss.

I know this next subject is getting old, but as the Commander, I feel I must keep

addressing it. **RECRUITMENT!** Please try to make the meetings when able and bring a guest so that hopefully our numbers will increase. We also need to set up some dates for recruitment at places throughout our area. I have sent out a flyer for our next guest speaker in hopes you may be able to make copies and place them around your area to attract new prospective members.

It was voted on and passed that we will be moving our Spring and Summer meet-

ings to Thursday evenings and keep our Fall and Winter meetings on Saturday mornings. This became an issue when we realized that Saturdays in the Summer are very busy for Families and may be easier if we go to Thursday evenings. This will begin next Spring.

See you at the next Meeting  
16 August 2008.

*Your Humble Servant  
Denver J. Frickson*

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own Robert Super was elected to the position of Border Brigade Commander.

As with any Convention, business was conducted and reports were presented on the activities and accomplishments of each Camp within the Division. However, Denver conducted the business portion so efficiently that we ran ahead of schedule. This enabled those of us who were hungry to eat a little earlier than expected.

The highlight of the Convention was author Mr. Donald L. Gilmore. Mr.

Gilmore is the author of many military historical books. Most recently he wrote *Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border*, which he sold and auto-



graphed for those Members who purchased his book at the Convention. (See the book review in *The Bugler* newsletter, 4th Quarter 2007) If you did not purchase his book at the Convention, you

should make it a point to purchase this book. It is the one book that you should include in your library. It is by far the most un-biased and best books written on the Border Wars.

Mr. Gilmore's program was "*Unbridled Violence on The Kansas-Missouri Border*". He held the complete attention of all those in attendance.

I would like to thank Cowboy for all of the attached pictures.

*Paul Honaker*

From *The Politically Incorrect Guide to The South (and Why It Will Rise Again)*

- New Englanders contemplated secession after the Louisiana Purchase and again during the War of 1812.
- All states in the continental U.S. added after the original thirteen colonies were acquired while a Southerner was President.
- Virginian George Mason refused to sign the Constitution because he thought it gave the federal government too much power.
- The Northern states wanted the new national government to take on Revolutionary War debts, but the Southern states had already paid most war debts on their own.

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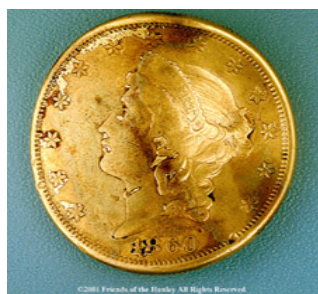
### Next Meetings:

**August 16, 2008**

**Sept 20, 2008**

**October 18, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. at  
Westside Christian  
Church  
432 SW Lindenwood Ave.  
Topeka, Kansas 66606**



*Lt Dixon's Gold Coin*



## HUNLEY CREW BURIAL

*The following is a reprint from the website of the Friends of the Hunley. This is just a primer for Col Speicher's presentation this Saturday.*

**"April 17th, 2004**

The morning was warm, and the waters off Charleston Harbor were unusually calm. It was perhaps the same sort of sea Hunley Commander Lt. Dixon was waiting for in 1864 when he and his crew launched the experimental vessel that began the age of modern day submarines

But this day would not mark the beginning of the Hunley crew's mission, but rather the completion of their century long journey to a final burial. On April 17th, 2004, the submarine pioneers that manned the first successful combat submarine were buried.

The ceremony began at 9:15 am with a memorial service at White Points Garden. Immedi-



ately after the ceremony, horse drawn caissons followed by a 19th century period dressed procession led the crew to their final resting place. The procession marched 4.5 miles through downtown Charleston, and ended at Magnolia Cemetery

The Hunley's eight-man crew was then laid to rest next to others who lost their life on Hunley test missions.

### **A Celebration of our Nation's History**

The Hunley crew's burial required nearly a year of planning and volunteers gave thousands of hours of their time to ensure the crew's interment was a memorable and dignified event. The burial was attended by tens of thousands of people who came to honor the crew and witness this historic moment. Visitors came from around the world including Australia, Germany, France, and Great Britain.

Additionally, the Friends of Hunley research team was able to locate descendants of 3 of the crewmembers, and they participated in the burial of their ancestors. Family members of Frank Collins, James Wicks, and Joseph Ridgeway were in attendance as well as a descendant of Queenie Bennett, the woman historians believe gave Lt. Dixon his life saving gold coin. The attendance of crew-member descendents and the overwhelming amount of visitors made the burial not just a solemn and inspirational event, but a celebration of our nation's history.

Hundreds of journalists came to Charleston to cover what many have called the last Confederate burial. The Hunley crew's faces and biographies were on every news network and in every major paper in the U.S. as

well as many overseas. Because of this, when the crew was buried, the world was not watching strangers being laid to rest, but rather people whose faces we now knew and personal histories we can remember.

### **The Hunley Crew's Final Journey**

The crew's journey to this day began on February 17th, 1864, when they achieved a maritime first by sinking the USS Housatonic. After the Hunley successfully completed its mission, the sub's crew signaled to shore that they were on the way home and then mysteriously vanished. Since then, the fate of the Hunley and her crew became a part of American legend and intrigue.

When the Hunley was finally located in 1995, one of the main goals of the Hunley Commission



and Friends of the Hunley was to bring these maritime pioneers home and lay them to rest with honor."

**[www.Hunley.org](http://www.Hunley.org)**