

# The Belo Herald

Newsletter of the Col. A. H. Belo Camp #49

And Journal of Unreconstructed Confederate Thought

**April 2016**

This month's meeting features a special presentation:

## Evault Boswell Red River Rebels



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*Our Next Meeting:*

**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm**

**La Madeleine Restaurant**

**3906 Lemmon Ave near Oak Lawn, Dallas, TX**

**\*we meet in the private meeting room.**

All meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome.



**Have you paid your dues??**

Come early (6:30pm), **eat**, fellowship with other members, learn your history!



**"Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope that it may find a place in history and descend to posterity." Gen. Robert E. Lee, CSA Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865**



## COMMANDER'S REPORT



Dear Belo Compatriots,

Greetings again everyone. Hope to see each of you this Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> at **la Madeleine** for the dinner hour from 6:00 – 7:00p.m. and our meeting starting at 7:01p.m.. Come be amazed at the fantastic speakers that James continues to line up each month.

Unfortunately we will have to cancel our plans for the trip to the Grand Prairie Gun Club on April 16, 2016, due to the fact that the gun club is now having an all-day skeet tournament on both Saturday and Sunday (all ranges will be closed). Our plans are to now put it back on the calendar for the month of May (most likely the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday again).

Rock Creek Barbeque Club is still on for Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> For those of you that may have gone out on their web-site, it appears that they have still not updated their schedule from last year ( I got my meeting date from one friend that is on the Board of Directors). For those of you that have attended in the past, you know how great this is! They are very SCV / Confederate friendly and we plan on having a table this year for opening Sunday. The price is \$22.00 for all you can eat barbeque and beer. Their website is [www.rcbbq.org](http://www.rcbbq.org) for directions/ information. They begin serving at noon. Hopefully this stays fixed for April.

I believe a topic we should discuss at this month's meeting is both the state and national conventions (the state in Kerrville and the national here in Dallas/Richardson). Please let us know if you have an interest in attending either convention. We will need to have five members attend the state convention if we want to exercise our right to cast ballots for candidates/issues. The state convention is June 3-5, 2016. Also keep in mind the national convention that begins July 13-17, 2016, to determine if we as a club want to participate in some of the activities and or the process of determining our delegates.

Please as always bring those dollar bills for the book raffle!!

Again we welcome all to our meetings, so please come out and support Belo Camp.

So years later, I hope it can be said for each one of us, "**Decori decus addit avito**".

Deo Vindice,  
David Hendricks





## Chaplain's Corner

# Disappointed? Don't Be!

Someone once said, "America is an insane asylum, and the inmates are in charge." I don't know if that's exactly true, but it sounds about right. Because someone also said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

The American people elect the same candidates, to the same offices, to do the same work, for the same reasons, with the same results, as those who were elected before them. Then we wonder why things don't change and just keep getting worse. We've put the Democrats in charge. We've put the Republicans in charge. We've elected men and women from every race and background who make campaign promises to fix all our problems. But, the end result is just more of the same.

The Bible refers to those, "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray." (2 Pet. 2: 14,15a) The Bible then states, "These are wells without water." (Vs. 17) And, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption." (Vs. 19) This seems to be a fairly close description of many we elect to have our best interest at heart and in mind. How can we expect different results?

Under such leadership, as a nation, we have "forsaken the right way, and are gone astray." So, what happened? How did we go astray? I'm sure most of us know. We have abandoned the policies and politics of our founding fathers, and have amended the Constitution until it is barely recognizable as the one they intended. And, as a nation, we have forsaken their Christianity as well. But, I see a glimmer of hope.

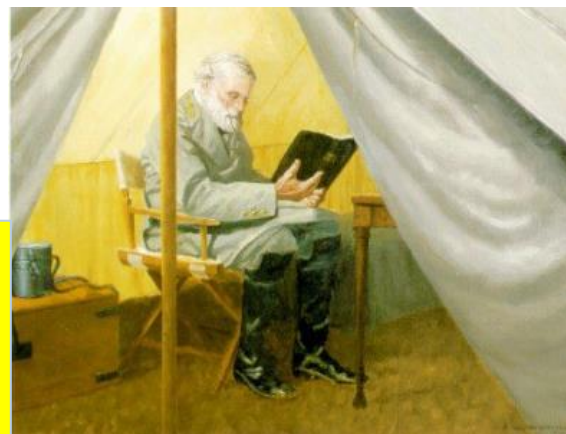
Even the most complacent American will eventually say, "Enough is enough, and I've had enough." This is reminiscent of our Revolution. Also, more and more states are proclaiming their sovereignty and States Rights. In fact, if my information is correct, since our election, or reelection should I say, three states, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina have petitions circulating requesting a peaceful withdrawal from the United States. I don't know how far this will go, but it's a sign of the times. It seems that many Americans are beginning to see things the way our Confederate forefathers did, whether they realize it or not.

So, if you're disappointed, don't be. Perhaps we are on the verge of turning back to the "right way." But, I believe it must begin with turning back to our Christian Faith. This is true of our nation, and it is also true of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We must remember the course laid out for us by those who fought for Southern independence. This is not only a responsibility, but an honor. However, to be successful, we must also remember the Christian faith practiced by the officers and men of the Armies of the Confederate States of America.

It is my prayer that God bless the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our most worthy Cause. When we put our faith and trust in God, we are never disappointed.



**Bro. Len Patterson, Th.D**  
Past Chaplain, Army of Trans-Mississippi  
1941-2013



**"IN ALL MY PERPLEXITIES AND DISTRESSES, THE BIBLE HAS NEVER FAILED TO GIVE ME LIGHT AND STRENGTH."**

**-GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE**

Please be in prayer for our efforts across our Confederacy to protect the monuments, flags and place names. Pray for our own members to learn the truth of history and for wisdom to use it.

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# Belo Camp 49 Upcoming Meetings:

## 2016

April 7<sup>th</sup> - Evault Boswell – Red River Rebels

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Grand Prairie Gun Range — rescheduled for May. Details to come!

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Rock Creek Bar-B-Q - [www.rcbbq.org](http://www.rcbbq.org)

-\$22.00 for all you can eat barbeque and beer.



Do your kids and grandkids know the real reasons the war was fought? Has school taught them that Lincoln is their "favourite President?"

Send them to Sam Davis Youth Camp 2016 to learn the truth about their heritage and why it is important!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZtiM\\_smgBU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZtiM_smgBU)



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Clifton, Texas





**Belo Camp had a great turnout for our March Meeting. Commander David Hendricks discussed upcoming events and the recent Ft. Worth Livestock Parade and Flyover.**





our program featured J.Pat Baughman, who spoke on The Scottish Migration to the South. Talk about a fired up Confederate, he always makes sure to sing Dixie or Texas Our Texas when he comes to visit! The program was very informative and well researched. These are our ancestors!







**The R. E. Lee, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #239  
Cordially Invites you to attend our  
★Confederate Heritage Bar-B-Que★**



*All proceeds will go directly toward the fight for our heritage defense*

**Location: Hawaiian Falls Banquet Room  
8905 Clifford Street, White Settlement, TX 76108**

**Business Casual Dress or Uniforms Requested**

**Order your tickets today, space is limited!!**

**Ticket Price: \$30.00 for singles or \$50.00 for couples**

**April 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM ~ doors open at 6:00PM**

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Information, Cash or Check only! Checks Payable to: R E Lee Camp 239**

**Please Send your Admission and Guest Names to:**

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# University of Texas Case Headed To Supreme Court !

## Sons of Confederate Veterans do not have standing to prevent University's removal of confederate officer statues on campus

Posted on [March 25, 2016](#) by [Ryan Henry](#)

<http://www.rshlawfirm.com/sons-of-confederate-veterans-do-not-have-standing-to-prevent-universitys-removal-of-confederate-officer-statues-on-campus/>

*Gary David Bray and Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc., And David Steven Littlefield v Gregory L. Fenves, In His Official Capacity as The President of the University of Texas at Austin*, 06-15-00075-CV (Tex. App. – Texarkana, March 24, 2016).

This is an interesting case where U.T. Austin was sued by the Sons of Confederate Veterans asserting the University could not move two statues of confederate officers on its main campus. The Texarkana Court of Appeals held they did not have standing to bring such a suit.

George Washington Littlefield was the largest contributor to the University in the first fifty years of its existence. Littlefield served in the Terry's Texas Rangers during the Civil War and after the war was a successful rancher, real estate investor, and banker. In his will dated July 1, 1918, Littlefield provided for several large bequests to the University, including a bequest to establish the Littlefield Fund for Southern History and another to erect an arch and five statues on campus. Littlefield's will gave the trustees discretion as to the arrangement and design, but directed the statues be given "prominence" at the University. However, as a change of mentality occurred over the decades, calls to remove the statues occurred both inside and outside the University. The "controversy came to full boil in the spring of 2015, when new student government leaders took office and began a social media campaign to remove" some of the statues and others were vandalized multiple times. After receiving community input the University president announced one statue would be moved to the Briscoe Center for American History where the statue could be put in full historical context and for the removal of another from campus. The next day the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. ("SCV") filed suit seeking to stop the move. The trial court denied the SCV's temporary injunction request and granted the University's plea to the jurisdiction. SCV appealed.

The court of appeals held generally, a citizen lacks standing to bring a lawsuit challenging the lawfulness of governmental acts. Unless standing is conferred by statute, a plaintiff must show that he has suffered a particularized injury distinct from the general public. And even though Bray and David Littlefield (who are also plaintiffs and members of the SCV) would feel insulted by the action, they would not suffer any individualized injury. No member of the SCV was named as a trustee under the Littlefield will, none are beneficiaries by any evidence, and none have a financial interest under the will. Additionally, the SCV does not have standing as third party donee beneficiaries of the bequest. The will gave discretion to the trustees regarding various aspects of the bequest. The University cannot be permanently bound by a condition that the statues remain displayed on the main mall. The Legislature in 1881 which granted the main mall of the University to the school expressly limited the board of regents' authority to impress any part of the forty acres set aside for the campus "with a trust or restrictions, the effect of which might be to hamper them or their successors in the proper administration of the institution as they may determine wise and expedient to meet changes in conditions from time to time." While the SCV members asserted taxpayer standing in their opening statement on oral arguments, none of the pleadings establish taxpayer standing. And since no individuals of the SCV has individual standing, the SCV does not have associational standing. The trial court properly granted the plea and denied the injunction.

If you would like to read this opinion, click [here](#). Panel:

Chief Justice III Morriss, Justice Moseley, and Justice Burgess. Memorandum opinion given by Justice Burgess. **Attorneys for the Appellants are C.L. Ray and Kirk D. Lyons.** Attorney for the Appellee is Adam N. Bitter.



**Court of Appeals  
Sixth Appellate District of Texas**

**J U D G M E N T**

Gary David Bray and Texas Division, Sons  
of Confederate Veterans, Inc., and David  
Steven Littlefield, Appellants

No. 06-15-00075-CV v.

Gregory L. Fenves, in his Capacity as the  
President of the University of Texas at  
Austin, Appellee

Appeal from the 53rd District Court of  
Travis County, Texas (Tr. Ct. No. D-1-GN-  
15-003330). Opinion delivered by Justice  
Burgess, Chief Justice Morriss and Justice  
Moseley participating.

As stated in the Court's opinion of this date, we find no error in the judgment of the court below. We affirm the trial court's order granting Fenves' plea to the jurisdiction.

We further order that the appellants, Gary David Bray and Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc., and David Steven Littlefield, pay all costs of this appeal.

RENDERED MARCH 24, 2016  
BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
JOSH R. MORRISS, III  
CHIEF JUSTICE

ATTEST:  
Debra K. Autrey, Clerk



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JOSH R. MORRISS, III

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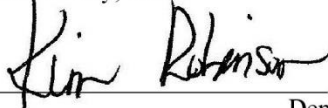
**Style:** Gary David Bray and Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc., and David Steven Littlefield  
v.  
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The Judgment of the Trial Court in the referenced proceeding on appeal from Travis County was this date **AFFIRMED**, in conformity with the written Opinion of this Court of even date.

A true copy of this Court's Opinion and Judgment is enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Debra K. Autrey, Clerk

By   
Deputy

cc: Hon. Karin Crump, Judge Presiding  
Velva L. Price, District Clerk (DELIVERED VIA E-MAIL)

# Call to Action!!

## Veteran Discrimination at Crown Hill Cemetery

In 1931 the War Department had 1,616 Confederate American soldiers removed from Greenlawn Cemetery to Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana. These soldiers represent nearly all of the Confederate States of America. In this relocation, the Confederate American soldiers were buried not individually but rather in a "mass grave." These soldiers died as prisoners of war in Indianapolis at Camp Morton.

April of each year the Sons of Confederate Veterans honor these American veterans with a public ceremony and wreath placement. In past years the grave site was decorated with Confederate American flags (the American flags under which these veterans served and died). This year the Indiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans are prohibited by the Cemetery from the display of the Confederate American Flag or any other Confederate American symbol.

In our opinion there should be equal rights for all American veterans. Confederate American veterans have been recognized by Congress as "American Veterans" and should have all rights and honors consistent to their service -- including the display the American flag under which they served and died. To deny this right is discrimination. In this age, it is important that we all coexist without discrimination and bigotry.

We therefore call upon Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana to allow all American veterans to be honored with the proper placement of the American flags and symbols under which they served and died.

If you agree that there should be equal rights for all American veterans, perhaps you could write a strong but polite note to the cemetery and ask that they allow equal rights for all veterans -- which includes the prominent placement of the colors under which they served and died.

The cemetery address is:

Crown Hill Cemetery  
700 West 38th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Respectfully,  
Ray L. Parker  
Chaplain-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
<https://tclf.org/landscapes/crown-hill-cemetery>

# CALL TO ACTION!!

## Ole Miss

Chancellor Vitter has added a plaque to the base of the Confederate Monument on the campus of Ole Miss. The monument is dedicated to the memory of the University Grays, members of the student body who left campus and DIED on the field of honor. Yesterday, Vitter met with the NAACP, who is demanding that MORE BS be added to the plaque. Vitter says he wants to hear from YOU about what you want added to the plaque. Tell him to REMOVE the plaque. Tell him the monument should ONLY speak of the Ole Miss students who paid the final sacrifice when called to battle.

Email: [context@OleMiss.edu](mailto:context@OleMiss.edu) AND [chancllr@OleMiss.edu](mailto:chancllr@OleMiss.edu)

"Chancellor Vitter (at Ole Miss) has today posted an open letter to the university community acknowledging and endorsing our request to consider additional input to the contextualization language we recommended for a plaque at the Confederate statue on Lyceum Circle.

Comments and suggestions regarding the message or ideas expressed in the plaque should be submitted by email to us at [context@OleMiss.edu](mailto:context@OleMiss.edu) **by April 8.**



## See the letter here:

<http://news.olemiss.edu/message-um-advisory-committee/>

# CALL TO ACTION!!

March 11, 2015

Compatriots,

At an AOT Heritage Defense meeting this week we learned...

Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Alabama has been bought by a Pennsylvania company, which no longer allows the Confederate flag to fly over our dead.

There is a flagpole close to the monument that has always had a Confederate Flag flying. It honors those who died at the Battle of Moses Hill.

The salesman a Mr. Williams said a lady representing the owners, told the local cemetery to take down the flag, it was not acceptable.

\*\*\*I would suggest you let them know how you feel, or you can just go ahead and let them trample all over our heritage.

They cannot be allowed to continue this discrimination.

**Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery**

**3800 Hwy 431 N (334) 298-0225**

**Phoenix City, AL**

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# ARE YOU MAD ENOUGH YET!!!

The tide is turning, but we will only win when ALL of us raise our voices and drown out those who have had the floor and the ears of our legislators and elected officials for far too long. Louisiana residents...call to arms...



Sons of Confederate Veterans, Louisiana Division

### **CALL TO ACTION!**

From the SCV LA DIV Commander:

Louisiana Division Members,

As you must know by now, we are in a struggle to save our Confederate statues and monuments from the forces of political correctness. Now you can all help in the preservation effort and we need you desperately to do so.

Senator Beth Mizell from Franklinton is sponsoring SB247 to preserve any and all historical monuments and veterans monuments. Please call or write your senators and representatives and demand, beg, whatever you have to do to get them to back this bill. This could be a game changer.

Senator Mizell and two representatives on committee answered our survey back in the fall saying that they would do what they could to help us and now they are coming through on their promises. Senator Mizell's office has contacted the Louisiana SCV asking what we think should be in the bill so there is no doubt that they are serious about this.

Now you must help them by making contacts in government and getting these folks some help. Please do this. It could not be more important.

Thank you.

Thomas E. Taylor  
Commander, Louisiana Division  
Sons of Confederate Veteran



# Mississippi governor says Confederate Heritage Month nothing new

## NAACP asks for Union Appreciation Month

Published 2:44 PM CDT Mar 28, 2016 By [Scott Simmons](#)



JACKSON, Miss. —Gov. Phil Bryant said Monday that Confederate Heritage Month is nothing new and should be seen as little more than studying the past.

Bryant responded to criticism that followed his proclamation that declared [April as Confederate Heritage Month](#). NAACP officials said there should also be a Union Appreciation Month.

“So I would tell them to understand (that) this is a part of history, that Democratic and Republican governors have had this, and I will continue to do so as long as I am governor,” Bryant said.

“So no Union Appreciation Month, as the NAACP has asked?” 16 WAPT’s Scott Simmons asked.

“I think we do that on Memorial Day, on Veterans Day. We do it twice a year,” Bryant said.

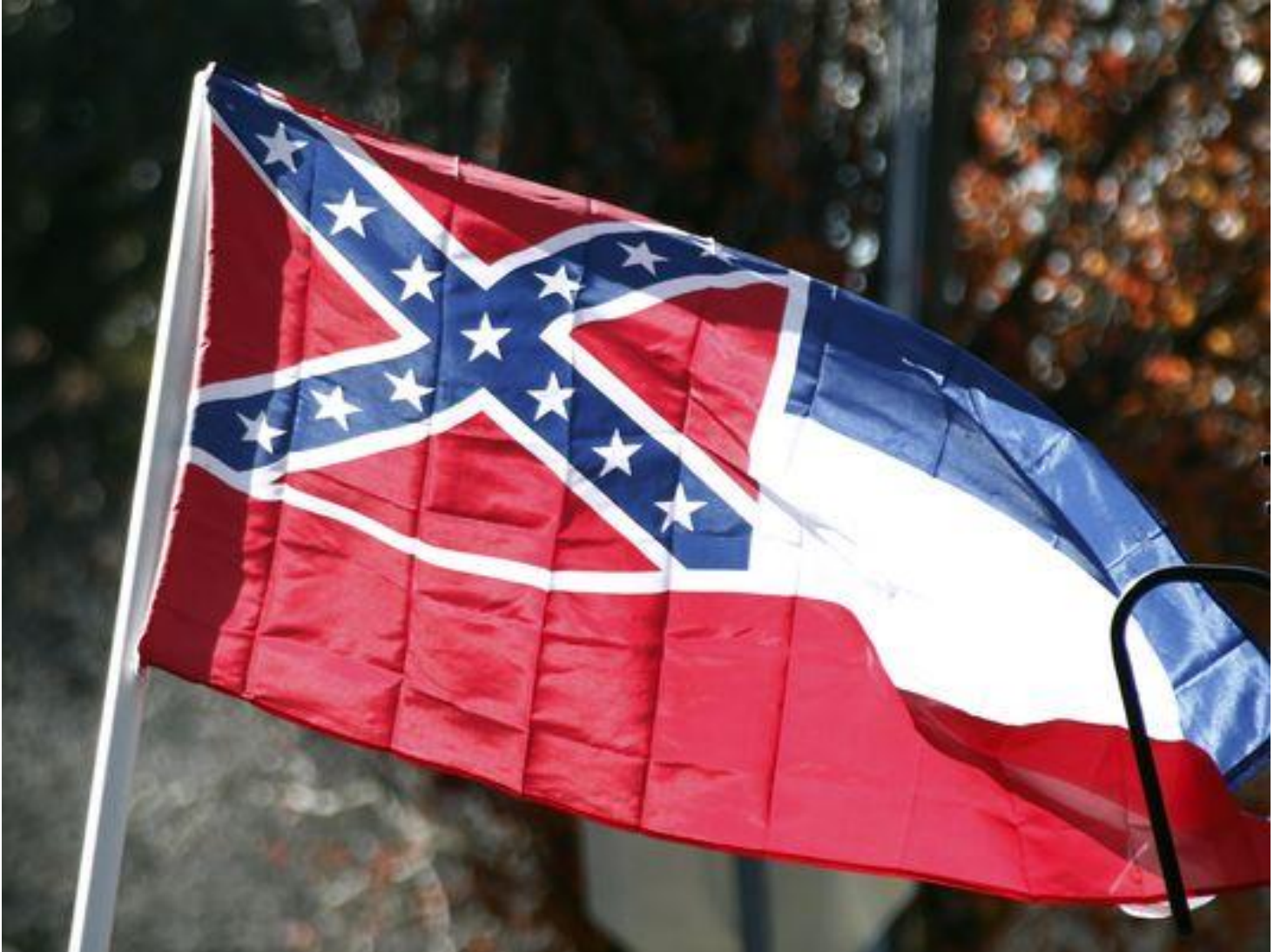
[Dozens of people attended a rally](#) over the weekend in downtown Jackson to protest Confederate Heritage Month.

<http://www.wapt.com/news/central-mississippi/jackson/mississippi-governor-says-confederate-heritage-month-nothing-new/38731502>

Editors Note: The NAACP wants a Union Appreciation Month to commemorate the yankee bastards who came and raped black women wholesale and tossed their lifeless bodies in the trash. Consider the following: **‘The damned niggers, as a general rule, prefer to stay at home, particularly after they found out that we only wanted the able-bodied men, (and to tell the truth, the youngest and best-looking women). Sometimes we took off whole families and plantations of niggers, by way of repaying secessionists. But the useless part of them we soon manage to lose; [one very effective was to "shoot at their bobbing heads as they swam rivers" after the army units crossed over], sometimes in crossing rivers, sometimes in other ways.’** (Letter home from near Camden, SC by Yankee Thomas J Myers, Lieut., Feb 26, 1865)

# Lawsuit calls Mississippi flag a ‘vestige’ of slavery

Emily Wagster Pettus, Associated Press 10:50 p.m. CST March 4, 2016



A Mississippi state flag is unfurled by Sons of Confederate Veterans and other groups on the grounds of the state Capitol in Jackson during a January rally in support of keeping the Confederate battle emblem on the state banner. Mississippi's attorney general said Wednesday he will defend the flag against a lawsuit that seeks to remove its Confederate battle emblem, even though he thinks the flag hurts the state and should change. (Photo: Rogelio V. Solis / AP)

The Confederate battle emblem on the Mississippi flag is unconstitutional because it's a “vestige” of slavery, an attorney argues in an update to his lawsuit seeking to change the banner.

Carlos Moore of Grenada, Mississippi, filed new arguments Thursday in a lawsuit he originally filed Monday. In the new arguments, Moore says the emblem used by some Confederate troops during the Civil War violates the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which outlawed slavery.

Moore also expands his original argument that the flag violates the 14th Amendment's equal protection rights of African-American residents of Mississippi, including himself. He argues in the update that the flag also violates equal protection rights for people who live outside the state.

“Mississippi is the only state that includes a symbol of a treacherous and insurrectionist Confederate army in its official state flag, restricting the liberty to be free from such tyranny said non-residents enjoy in all other states,” Moore wrote Thursday.

The lawsuit is against Republican Gov. Phil Bryant, who has said Mississippi voters should decide whether to redesign the 122-year-old banner. Bryant spokesman Clay Chandler called the lawsuit “frivolous.”

At the request of Sons of Confederate Veterans, Bryant recently proclaimed April as Confederate Heritage Month.

The public display of Confederate symbols has been widely debated since the slayings of nine black worshippers at a Charleston, South Carolina, church in June. The white suspect had previously posed for online photos with the rebel flag, which has a red field with a blue X dotted by 13 white stars.

Since the Charleston attacks, several Mississippi cities and counties and some universities have stopped flying the state flag. Moore filed his lawsuit several days after legislative leaders said they could not get consensus on bills that would either remove the Confederate symbol from the flag or withdraw state money from public entities that refuse to fly the banner.

A hearing on the flag lawsuit will be set after Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood files a response for the state. Hood said in an interview Wednesday that he thinks the flag hurts Mississippi but he will defend the lawsuit because it’s his duty as the state’s top legal officer.

<http://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/local/2016/03/04/lawsuit-calls-mississippi-flag-vestige-slavery/81355388/>



# Mississippi flag removed from Oregon Capitol

[Gordon Friedman](#), Statesman Journal 3:37 p.m. PST March 11, 2016

The state flag of Mississippi flies at Wilson Park which is adjacent to the State Capitol, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in Salem, Ore. Rep. Lew Frederick, D-Portland, has called for the removal of the flag because it contains the stars and bars.

One Mississippi ... zero Mississippi. The state flag of Mississippi has been removed from the Oregon Capitol grounds.

It flew as part of the Walk of Flags installation, which displays the flag of each state. Mississippi's flag gained notoriety for its Confederate emblem last year, following a racially motivated mass shooting that killed nine in Charleston, South Carolina.

Oregon lawmakers agreed last year to remove the flag, though they decided to give the Mississippi Legislature a chance to change the flag before removing the one on the Capitol grounds. Since that didn't happen, the flag came down after the Oregon Legislature concluded its 2016 session.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, and Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, made statements last week that they were moving to take the flag down as soon as possible. Kotek said last year that the flag is a symbol of racial intolerance and that it is in conflict with Oregon's values.

Several Mississippi cities — including Jackson, the capital — do not fly the state flag.



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<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/oregon/2016/03/10/mississippi-flag-removed-oregon-capitol/81610542/>

# Court order: Confederate monuments must stay until appeal exhausted

March 25, 2016 WWLtv.com



Watch Video News Report [HERE](#)

NEW ORLEANS - A ruling by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals states that four Confederate-era monuments must remain in place until a line of appeals has been exhausted.

The court issued an injunction preventing Mayor Mitch Landrieu's administration from moving forward with the monument removal until the appeal is heard.

The ruling is a victory - even if temporary - for opponents of the city of New Orleans recent city council vote to declare the monuments a nuisance and have them taken down and moved into

storage before eventual placement in an undetermined spot as historical artifacts.

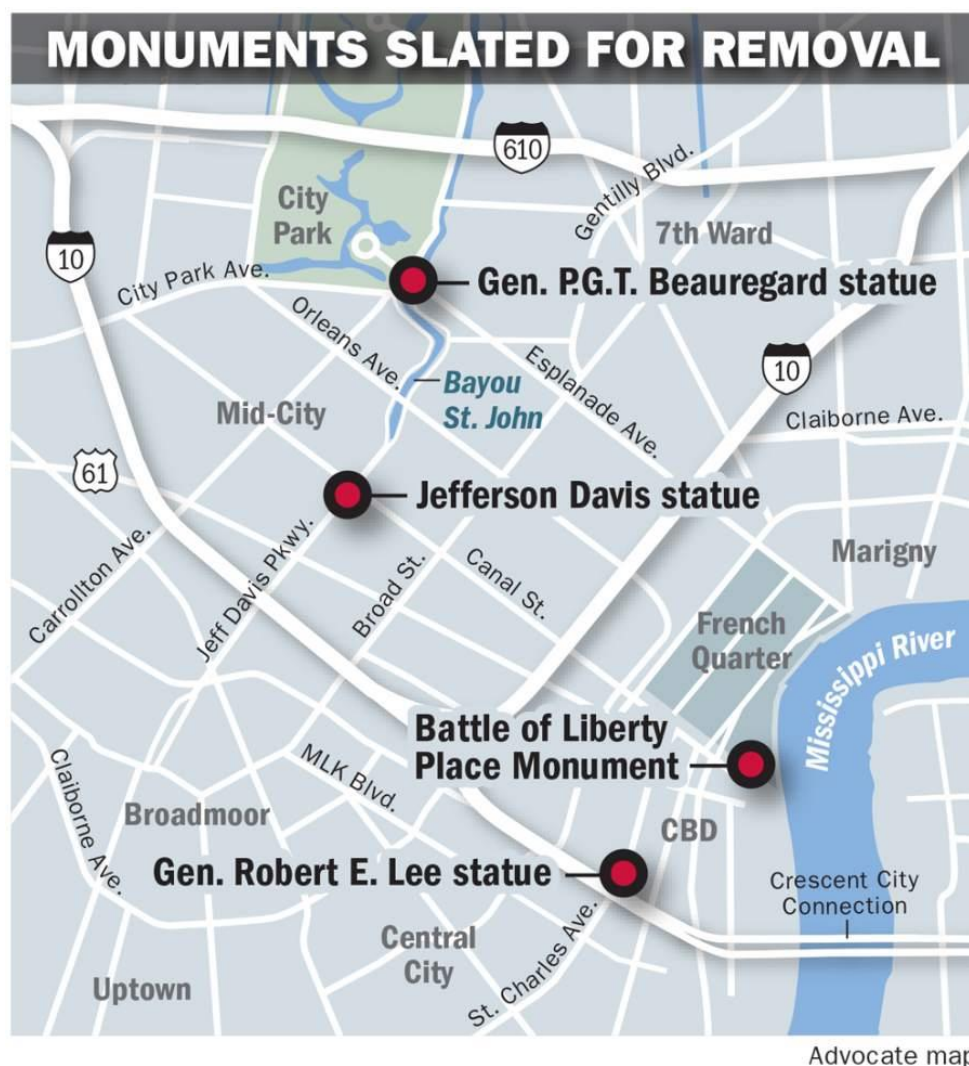
"We appreciate the unanimous decision of the panel of federal judges, which acknowledges that removing the monuments is premature," said Pierre McGraw, president of the Monumental Task Committee. "This action will allow for a full review of the constitutional and statutory issues at stake in this case. Ultimately, the monuments will remain in place until the merits of the case are heard."

The issue has provided acrimony since the council voted 6-1 in favor of an ordinance that would lead to the removal of the Robert E. Lee statue at Lee Circle, the P.G.T. Beauregard monument in front of City Park's entrance, the Jefferson Davis memorial on Jefferson Davis Parkway and the monument to the Battle of Liberty Place.

The city has had trouble getting a contractor to remove the monuments as some of the applicants have complained about threats made to their businesses. In addition, the state legislature may take up a bill that would prevent the removal of historic monuments.

"The city is evaluating implications that this ruling may have on the bid process," City Hall spokeswoman Sarah McLaughlin said in a prepared statement.

<http://wwltv.com/news/court-order-confederate-monuments-must-stay-until-all-appeals-exhausted/102080369>



# City must leave Confederate monuments in place while case is appealed, 5th U.S. Circuit Court rules

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[Plans to take down four monuments](#) to Confederate leaders and a white supremacist uprising in New Orleans will be put on hold while a case seeking to block their removal plays out, a federal appellate court ruled Friday.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an injunction preventing Mayor Mitch Landrieu's administration from moving forward with the monuments' removal until the court considers an appeal by the statues' supporters.

Judges Edith Brown Clement, Jennifer Walker Elrod and Leslie H. Southwick, all appointed by former President George W. Bush, issued the order.

The decision overturns a ruling by U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier, who was appointed by former President Bill Clinton, that the [city could go ahead](#) with plans to remove the statues because the plaintiffs were unlikely to prevail at a trial.

The injunction stems from a case brought by the Monumental Task Committee and other groups opposed to taking down the statues honoring Gen. Robert E. Lee, Confederate President Jefferson Davis, Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard and a militia group known as the White League that sought to overthrow the state's biracial Reconstruction-era government.

## More On This Topic

- [Bill filed in Legislature to prevent takedowns of Confederate monuments](#)
- [Potential timeline for removing New Orleans' Confederate monuments revealed in new documents as bidding begins](#)
- [Our Views: New Orleans should settle Confederate monuments issue, not micromanaging state bureaucrats](#)

"We appreciate the unanimous decision of the panel of federal judges, which acknowledges that removing the monuments is premature," Monumental Task Committee President Pierre McGraw said in an emailed statement. "This action will allow for a full review of the constitutional and statutory issues at stake in this case."

The New Orleans City Council voted 6-1 in December to allow the monuments' removal, as Landrieu had requested several months earlier.

The monuments' defenders argue that removing them would violate the federal and state constitutions and would ignore the stake the Monumental Task Committee and other groups have in their fate because of work the groups have done to maintain the statues.

Those groups asked for an injunction earlier this week, noting that their appeal of Barbier's ruling was unlikely to be resolved before the city is due to choose a contractor to do the work on April 22. Briefs from the groups

opposed to the removal are not due until four days before that date, and the city is not required to respond until mid-May, when the removal of at least three of the statues presumably would be underway or completed. A ruling from the appeals court is not expected until the summer.

The Landrieu administration did not say Friday what effect the ruling would have on its plans.

“The city is evaluating the implications that this ruling will have on the bid process,” administration spokeswoman Sarah McLaughlin said in an email.

In their request for an injunction, the monument backers argued that allowing the process to go forward could result in irreparable harm to the statues if they are damaged during the removal. They said that damage would be impractical or impossible to repair and that while contractors would be on the hook for those repairs, the city’s bid documents do not require contractors to have insurance that would cover that cost.

The plaintiffs also argued that the withdrawal of the originally selected contractor — whose owner said he had received death threats because of his willingness to participate in the project — and the crane company that firm had identified to do the removal means there is no evidence the companies involved in the work would have the expertise necessary to remove the statues without damage.

“An evolving set of facts and several errors of law by the trial court have combined to create a situation in which an injunction issued by this court is the only remedy that can prevent needless damage to or destruction of four priceless works of art that have graced the New Orleans cityscape for more than a century,” according to the plaintiffs’ filing.

The court order could also provide an opportunity for state lawmakers to [pass a bill aimed at preventing the monuments’ removal](#). Even if the city wins the ongoing court fight, the passage of the legislation to keep the monuments standing could spark another legal battle.

Follow Jeff Adelson on Twitter, [@jadelson](#).

<http://www.theneworleansadvocate.com/news/15297780-128/city-must-leave-confederate-monuments-in-place-while-case-is-appealed-us-5th-circuit-rules>

## DETAILED PRESENTATION ON THE THREE DAY BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

Hello Southern Patriots:

Would your camp enjoy a detailed presentation on the three day battle of Gettysburg?

To do the battle justice, I bring along a three dimensional, full color replica of the Battlefield.

As an Army Officer, stationed at Fordham University, serving with their ROTC detachment, I was given the assignment of putting together a tactical walking tour of the Gettysburg...so I spent a good deal of time on the battlefield and have studied the battle extensively.

So if you are interested, let me know.

This program can be done during a meeting, or even better, we could spend an entire Saturday...studying the battle in detail. This day long program would include instruction on strategy and military leadership.

**Mark Vogl 903-725-3175**





**Kudos to the outstanding efforts of Calvin Allen and the Third Brigade for their leadership at the Ft Worth Livestock Show. They received the "Outstanding Display of Western Heritage Award" standing up for our forefathers and their/our Cause! This man is on fire for Dixie!**

# Va. governor vetoes bill regarding removal of Confederate and other war memorials



Monuments to Confederate generals and a church line Monument Avenue in Richmond. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) vetoed a bill that would prevent communities from removing war memorials. (Jay Paul/Getty Images)  
By [Jenna Portnoy](#) March 10

RICHMOND — Gov. Terry McAuliffe on Thursday vetoed a bill that would have prohibited cities and counties from removing war memorials, including Civil War monuments that recall the South’s history of slavery.

Supporters of the bill say [it would have protected](#) the state’s historical record and legacy, warts and all, while opponents say it would have stymied local debate over how to treat painful symbols of the Confederacy and other wars.

“These discussions are often difficult and complicated,” McAuliffe (D) said in a statement. “They are unique to each community’s specific history and the specific monument or memorial being discussed. This bill effectively ends these important conversations.”

Sponsors do not have enough votes to override McAuliffe’s veto. The Republican-controlled legislature passed the bill mostly along party lines, by a margin of 82 to 16 in the House and 21 to 17 in the Senate.

The drumbeat to remove battle flags and memorials grew last summer after a white supremacist who had posed in photos with the Confederate flag, shot and killed nine worshipers at a historic African American church in Charleston, S.C.

The governor of that state, Nikki Haley (R), called for the flag's removal from the capitol grounds, and McAuliffe (D) ordered it removed from specialty license plates.

In Virginia, Del. Charles D. Poindexter (R-Franklin) said his bill simply sought to clarify an existing state law that says localities cannot "disturb or interfere with" monuments.

He said he got the idea last fall when a judge hearing a Danville case over whether the Confederate flag [should be removed](#) from the grounds of a city-owned mansion said legal protections did not apply to memorials erected before 1998.

"People come here, and they want to learn the history," Poindexter said. "It's all our history. It's what it is. If we don't look at all of our history, we're leaving out the good, the bad and the ugly."

As a boy, Poindexter said he attended memorials for men killed in World War II, whose bodies were brought back to the states years after the conflict ended, and developed a deep respect for soldiers who served in wartime.

But Mamie E. Locke (D-Hampton), chair of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, said personal experience gave her a very different feeling about Confederate war monuments.

Before moving to Virginia, Locke said, she had to walk by memorials to the Civil War every day while working for a state agency in Mississippi, "and that's one of the reasons I quit, because I could not continue to do that."

"Those things were paying homage to an institution that enslaved my ancestors," she said. "Quite frankly, Confederate memorials were paying homage to individuals who fought a war to preserve that institution."

[\*\[At Confederate convention, removal of flag is a battle cry, not a defeat\]\*](#)

She does not advocate removing relics of the past, but said there should be equal effort made to erect monuments to African American heroes and history.

Edwin Ray, of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which supported the bill, said his group is equally offended when the battle flag and other Civil War symbolism are used by hate groups.

"Taking down monuments of unpopular wars is just rewriting history, and that's Taliban-type activity," said Ray, an Air Force veteran. "We need to be able to remember our history as it was, not the way we'd like it to be."

The bill prompted a tense debate on the Senate floor last week when several Republican lawmakers resisted the notion that Civil War memorials are synonymous with slavery.

"It's about human beings who gave their last and fullest measure of devotion so that we could remain free and our principles would be the principles that we pass on to generations thereafter," Sen. William M. Stanley Jr. (R-Franklin) said.

Sen. A. Donald McEachin (D-Henrico), who is African American, took issue with that, saying not all soldiers fought to keep Americans free. "In the Civil War, people died to keep my ancestors enslaved," he said.

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[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/va-governor-vetoes-bill-regarding-removal-of-confederate-and-other-war-memorials/2016/03/10/8505c84a-e6fd-11e5-bc08-3e03a5b41910\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/va-governor-vetoes-bill-regarding-removal-of-confederate-and-other-war-memorials/2016/03/10/8505c84a-e6fd-11e5-bc08-3e03a5b41910_story.html)

# McAuliffe is a **Progressive**

## Commentary on Confederates as “US Veterans”

By [Rudy Ray](#)

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe is a Progressive as are to lesser or greater degrees the majority of so-called Americans in this hey day of Progressivism. Progressivism, though in many ways in its infant stage, is the ideology that drove the Yankee war against the Traditional South.

Trying to fight Progressivism with this "Confederates Were/Are American Veterans" idea is useless and even if some victories are won on that basis/grounds they will be short lived victories.

Yes, Confederate soldiers and sailors were indeed American Veterans- Confederate States of America! They, with the exception of those like Lee and Jackson and some others, mainly officers, were NOT USA Veterans and no damn US Congress or US President can or should make them such. They can resolve and legislate till the cows come home but no resolution makes them US Veterans and in fact they fought against and killed US Veterans! I wish they had killed a million more of the invading, murdering sobs! Fighting for the CONFEDERATE States of AMERICA is what made them American Veterans AND when we place our Confederate Flags upon their graves we are placing an AMERICAN Flag on their grave. Away with this exclusive, arrogant yankee American business. Yes, I am an American by birth, a Confederate American by choice and by blood, and U.S. Citizen or should I say subject by the Progressive, yankee bayonet!

AND playing that U.S. Vet card which defies all logic and reason and history will not work! It would be wrong to do even if it did work but it will not work and some of our enemies cunningly laugh at our attempts to stem the tide of their attacks upon everything Confederate by trying to pretend that Confederate Veterans were U.S./Union Veterans!

The way and the only way to fight yankee Progressivism is the same way our Confederate American Veterans fought it. RESIST! Am I advocating taking up literal, physical arms? Well if and when needed yes. Our Confederate Fathers did not take up arms until they had to. They peacefully resisted first in the U.S. Congress and by the vote and when that did not work they resisted by a peaceful secession to govern themselves. Only when the yankee took out their bayonet and marched into their land and upon their hearths and homes did they take up arms.

The point is they resisted that entire yankee Progressive ideology. They did not attempt to dally with it but called it what it was- an evil, anti-God, anti-bible, anti-traditional values, anti-Constitution, ideology. We must do the same. We can deal and dicker where principles and essential truth is not at stake. But where the basic, essential truth and essential principles are concerned- no compromise.

Our Progressive anti-Confederate American enemies, the real ones behind the sons of belial mob that they manipulate have and are flying the Black Flag. We too need to fly that Black Flag right back at em! Will that be successful? Well were our Confederate Fathers successful? Damn right they were. They went down fighting and not dickering and dealing with the devil.



# Paul Gramling



## Candidacy Announcement

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Compatriots Of The SCV,

One hundred and twenty years ago, our Confederate Veteran Ancestors were faced with the realization the true history of the South and the cause for which they fought and died would be falsely portrayed. They knew there would come a time when someone they could trust, would take a stand against the eradication of all things Confederate. Their Sons and Grandsons were the men the Confederate Veteran put their trust in.....that's US and that time is NOW!!! Our current state of affairs is the exact reason the SCV was established. We must stand together and make our Ancestors proud!!!

Never before, during the history of our organization, is it more imperative for the Sons, and ALL Southerners, to uphold the Charge given to us by Gen. Stephen D. Lee. Now, more than ever, the SCV needs strong and decisive leadership to guide us through these perilous times. At our National Reunion in Dallas, TX this July, I will be standing for the position of Lt. Commander-In-Chief.

Within the past year, men have applied for SCV membership like we've never seen. Although we have Confederate descendants "knocking down our door" to join, there are present members walking out that same door. One of my foremost goals is to work with Camps, Brigades, and Divisions to increase our retention percentage. There are numerous Southern supporters that would give anything to qualify for membership in the SCV. We must instill in our members, who are thinking about walking out that door in which they joined, that they have done the work and are fortunate to have the blood of Confederates running through their veins. Now, more than ever, the South needs all of Her Sons.

As Lt. Commander-In-Chief, I WILL stand with you, just as I have in the past, to insure the defeat of those intent on the eradication of everything we hold dear.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me by phone: 318-294-1563, email: paul1863@cs.com, visit my Face Book page or you can visit my website: [gramling-scv.net](http://gramling-scv.net).

In The Bonds Of The South  
Fighting Phase 2 Of Reconstruction

Paul Gramling, Jr.

Photos:

Paul Gramling and wife Lynda, Temple Texas, June 8, 2015

Paul Gramling May 30, 2015

Paul Gramling May 03, 2015





**The next time you sip on**

👍 Being Libtarded

**Coca-Cola**

**Consider that its founder  
was Lt. Colonel John Pemberton  
of the Confederate Army's 12th Cavalry.**

***Maybe it's time to ban this racist drink?***



Tuesday, April 5, 2016

**Pensacola SCV Hoists Massive Roadside Battle Flag on I-10**

Congratulations to our friends in the Stephen R. Mallory SCV Camp #1315, Pensacola, FL, who raised a 15 FT X 25 FT Confederate Battle Flag on a 71' pole on the North side of I-10 near mile marker 36 over the weekend!



A dedication and cavalcade drive by will be held at 10am on Saturday, April 9th to commemorate Confederate History and Heritage Month in Florida.



Pensacola is once again the City of Five Flags...only this one is a whole lot bigger than the one they took down! Well done, gentlemen.



"For every flag removed, a thousand more will rise to take its place..."

#DixieRising

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**Friday, March 25, 2016**

**[GREAT NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SAVE OUR CIRCLE!](#)**

"HUGE MONUMENTS NEWS UPDATE: We are thrilled to report that the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has granted a preliminary injunction to stop the City of New Orleans from moving forward with the removal of the monuments. This injunction will remain in place while the case is on appeal!!"



<http://www.saveourcircle.com/>

Happy Easter, Mitch! DEO VINDICE!

Virginia Flaggers

Thursday, March 24, 2016

[Charlottesville "Tear Down the Monuments" Rally Report and Update](http://m.roanoke.com/news/virginia/movement-afoot-in-charlottesville-to-remove-lee-stature/article_eaa388d5-464c-5d72-be93-2f9597c52607.html?mode=jgm)

[http://m.roanoke.com/news/virginia/movement-afoot-in-charlottesville-to-remove-lee-stature/article\\_eaa388d5-464c-5d72-be93-2f9597c52607.html?mode=jgm](http://m.roanoke.com/news/virginia/movement-afoot-in-charlottesville-to-remove-lee-stature/article_eaa388d5-464c-5d72-be93-2f9597c52607.html?mode=jgm)

On Monday night, March 21st, Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer submitted the following, very revealing "statement", concerning City Council's plans for the Confederate monuments in Charlottesville.

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**Statement from Mayor Mike Signer on Charlottesville's Confederate Memorials**  
**March 21, 2016**

Charlottesville is indeed a world-class city. But we have dark chapters in our past, including slavery, lynchings, Jim Crow, segregation, Massive Resistance, and Vinegar Hill. We see one of those chapters every time we're in Lee Park or Court Square, where, in the 1920s, City leaders elected to celebrate the Confederacy and, by extension, slavery by placing large monuments to Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. As historical photographs document, these installations occurred with parades of thousands of people celebrating the Confederate cause. We can only imagine how exclusionary those events were.

With the passage of time and our long march toward inclusion, social justice, and societal progress, we can now see those choices for what they were: mistakes that demeaned our brothers and sisters and stained a fine city's legacy. To quote Mayor Mitch Landrieu of New Orleans on another great Southern city's decision to move its Confederate memorials to museums:

"Symbols matter and should reflect who we are as a people. These monuments do not now, nor have they ever reflected the history, the strength, the richness, the diversity or the soul of who we are as a people and a city. This is the right thing to do and now is the time to do it. Moving the location of these monuments — from prominent public places in our city where they are revered to a place where they can be remembered — changes only their geography, not our history."

I believe we must continually strive to heal the wounds created by slavery and racism in our community. For me, this decision is not about one man or one statue. It's about how we reckon today with the City's shameful decisions, during the Jim Crow era, to celebrate the Confederacy in our public places. However, as the Mayor of the whole City, I need to make an informed and deliberative decision on this matter. We've already heard from many Charlottesvilleans on both sides, and I will continue to listen and learn in the weeks ahead. I believe we should rely on the wisdom of our remarkable community by creating a "Blue Ribbon Commission on Confederate Memorials" that will work on issues including:

1. Ample engagement with the community through public hearings and efforts like the petition underway
2. Evaluating and advising on the full range of options before us, including moving the memorials to a museum, changing their context to reflect current values, and adding new memorials
3. Fully explaining the policy behind the effort, including which memorials may be included in the policy and why
4. Assessing the costs involved, including moving monuments and creating new ones
5. Developing both a funding and fundraising strategy for any effort
6. Determining the appropriate historical location where memorials might be moved

I believe this Task Force should be created within 30 days, and should report back to Council on the above questions within 90 days. Finally, I believe Council should also order a full legal review of any obstacles from our attorneys, and that the Task Force should also be advised by our counsel.

In the weeks ahead, I plan on discussing this proposal with my colleagues and with the community, as we forge, together, a path from the darkness of the past to a brighter future.

On Tuesday, March 22nd, members of the Virginia Flaggers joined several dozen history and

heritage supporters to protest a press conference held in Charlottesville's Lee Park, by Charlottesville City Council Vice-Mayor Wes Bellamy to announce plans to tear down the RE Lee statue and change the park name.



Monument supporters reported that Bellamy and others ranted that Robert E. Lee was "trash" that needed to be disposed of, and blamed the memorial for everything from "racism" to "homophobia". The vicious attacks were difficult to hear, and monument supporters are to be commended for their brave stand, and excellent conduct in the face of blatant hate and bigotry.





Great report here: <http://www.nbc29.com/story/31536897/people-show-support-for-opposition-to-lee-statue-in-charlottesville>

One of the highlights of the event was the opportunity to flag and engage Councilman Kristen Szacos, who was the first to call for the removal of the monuments several years ago...



A big thanks to ALL who came out to take a stand!



Later in the afternoon, we released the following statement: March 22, 2016  
Richmond, Va

*"The Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilman Scazos are wasting the taxpayers' money and time by proposing the removal of the monuments in Charlottesville, in clear violation of Virginia state law. (15.2-1812 - Memorials for war veterans)*

*The governor's recent veto of the proposed amendment did not change the law, nor does it allow for the removal of monuments and memorials. In fact, the Virginia legislature reaffirmed the law's original intent. Thankfully, it is still illegal to remove monuments and memorials in the Commonwealth, and our veterans' memorials are safe from the mob mentality of the PC revisionists and haters in Charlottesville and across the Commonwealth.*

*We believe that Charlottesville City Council members should have better things to do than to pursue these self-serving publicity stunts that only serve to divide us and create animosity in the community.*

*Neither the Virginia Flaggers, nor the citizens of the Commonwealth are going to stand by and allow this ISIS like destruction of our history and heritage. If Charlottesville City Council decides to ignore the law and pursues this repulsive purge, they will face serious consequences -- in civil and criminal court -- and in the court of public opinion, which according to all available public polling on the subject, overwhelmingly supports keeping the monuments right where they are. "*

# Call to action:

\*Continue to contact Charlottesville City Council: An email to this address: [council@charlottesville.org](mailto:council@charlottesville.org) will be sent to each Council member, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and the Clerk of Council.

You can also use this link to contact each council member individually via phone and/or email: <http://www.charlottesville.org/departments-and-services/departments-a-g/city-council/council-members>

\*Sign the petition to save the monuments here and ask others to do the same: [https://www.change.org/p/mike-signer-keep-the-robert-e-lee-statue-in-lee-park?recruiter=12538528&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=share\\_twitter\\_responsive](https://www.change.org/p/mike-signer-keep-the-robert-e-lee-statue-in-lee-park?recruiter=12538528&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive)

Stay tuned for more information, updates, and opportunities to join the fight!

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Sunday, March 20, 2016

## [Va Flaggers: RE Lee Statue in Charlottesville Latest Target of PC](#)

Charlottesville Vice-Mayor calls for removal of the magnificent RE Lee equestrian statue, and wants the park renamed:

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/31521671/vice-mayor-wes-bellamy-take-down-robert-e-lee-statue>

*"Charlottesville's vice mayor is calling on City Council to take down a statue honoring Confederate general Robert E. Lee and rename the park that surrounds it.*

*Vice Mayor Wes Bellamy and his supporters will hold a press conference in Lee Park on Tuesday. Bellamy says this is a chance for the community to stand together to show the city that it's time for change.*

*He says the Robert E. Lee statue has symbolized a lot of different things since it was installed in 1924. Bellamy believes city leaders need to take action when anyone in the community feels disrespected.*

*"I've spoken with several different people who have said they have refused to step foot in to that park because of what that statue and the name of that park represents. And we can't have that in the city of Charlottesville," Bellamy said.*

*Charlottesville City Councilor Kristin Szakos faced strong criticism a few years ago for questioning the relevance of the Confederate statues.*

<http://wina.com/news/064460-064460-064460-064460-064460-bellamy-backs-removing-statue/>

Apparently, the Vice-Mayor's "supporters" include the members of this group "Unity in the Community"...

Are **YOU** mad enough yet?

## Call to action:

\*Call and/or email City Council members ASAP and voice your displeasure with this proposal. Remind them that removal of monuments is still protected by Va State law and is listed on the Virginia Landmark Registry and the National Register of Historic Places. Ask them if they really want to bring this kind of disunity and unrest to their city by disrespecting the history and heritage of its citizens. Tell them to leave our monuments and memorials alone.



Join us on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM as we discuss the importance of helping our city become more inclusive, open, and respectful to all.

Please meet us on the steps of Lee Park in Charlottesville to join in the effort to remove the statue of General Robert E. Lee and change the name of Lee Park. The time for change is now. The time to come together, and do what is right is before us.

If you cannot make the event on Tuesday, please inform City Council that you are opposed of the Statue and Park by emailing the Charlottesville City Council at [council@charlottesville.org](mailto:council@charlottesville.org)

#UnityInTheCommunity #OneCharlottesville #BeTheChange

An email to this address: [council@charlottesville.org](mailto:council@charlottesville.org) will be sent to each Council member, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and the Clerk of Council.

You can also use this link to contact each council member individually via phone and/or

email: <http://www.charlottesville.org/departments-and-services/departments-a-g/city-council/council-members>



*"Duty is the most sublime word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less." ~ R. E. Lee*

The Virginia Flaggers



**WE CANNOT TRUST PEOPLE  
WHO HATE OUR ANCESTORS**



**TO PROTECT  
OUR DESCENDANTS**

# Momentum to Remove Confederate Symbols Slows or Stops



A Confederate monument outside the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery.

KEVIN D. LILES FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

By ALAN BLINDER

March 13, 2016

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — After a white supremacist was accused of killing nine black churchgoers in South Carolina last summer, Gov. Robert Bentley of Alabama acted decisively: Within a week, and without public debate, he ordered the removal of four Confederate flags outside the State Capitol here.

But that was last year. Now, not even nine months after the massacre at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the momentum to force Confederate symbols from official display has often been slowed or stopped. In some states this year, including Alabama, lawmakers have been considering new ways to protect demonstrations of Confederate pride.

"The pendulum has gone the other direction, where it's no longer about trying to take away the emblems," said Dane Waters, a political consultant who worked on a failed effort this year to remove the battle flag from Mississippi's state flag. "It's now about protecting them and insulating them from future efforts, even after another Charleston-type shooting."

That attack produced widespread outrage about the battle flag's prominence and helped lead to its lowering at South Carolina's Statehouse. A handful of Mississippi cities refused to fly the state's flag, the only one in the country with the

disputed emblem, and the speaker of the State House of Representatives urged a redesign. Confederate symbols were removed from public view. Retailers like Walmart stopped selling battle flag merchandise.

This year, legislators in at least 12 states have considered measures about how the Confederacy should be recognized. In some of those states, lawmakers sought to curb reminders of Confederate history, but there have also been bills, like proposals that advanced in Alabama and Tennessee, to offer new safeguards for controversial monuments and memorials.

“When the governor did what he did, it just punctuated the fact that we can’t erase history, we can’t whitewash it or push it under the carpet like it never happened,” said State Senator Gerald Allen of Alabama, whose bill would prohibit many monuments from being “relocated, removed, altered, renamed or otherwise disturbed” without a legislative committee’s approval.

Mr. Allen, a Republican, said, “It’s important that we tell the story of what has happened in this country because that’s what shaped and molded us as a nation.”



A portrait of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee hangs in the First White House of the Confederacy, which is across the street from the Capitol in Montgomery.

KEVIN D. LILES FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Recognition of the Confederacy is widespread. The Southern Poverty Law Center will conclude in a forthcoming report that there are at least 1,170 publicly funded Confederate symbols across the country.

Although critics of Confederate symbols were encouraged by their victories last year, people on both sides of the debate said few other significant changes appeared imminent. They said that political pressure in favor of traditional Southern imagery had outlasted the shock associated with the Charleston killings, for which Dylann Roof will stand trial this summer.

“I don’t think it was a false momentum,” said State Representative Justin T. Bamberg of South Carolina, a Democrat. “You had an awakening of society in 2015, but an awakening in and of itself doesn’t mean action.”

The actions that did materialize, though, emboldened defenders of Confederate heritage displays.

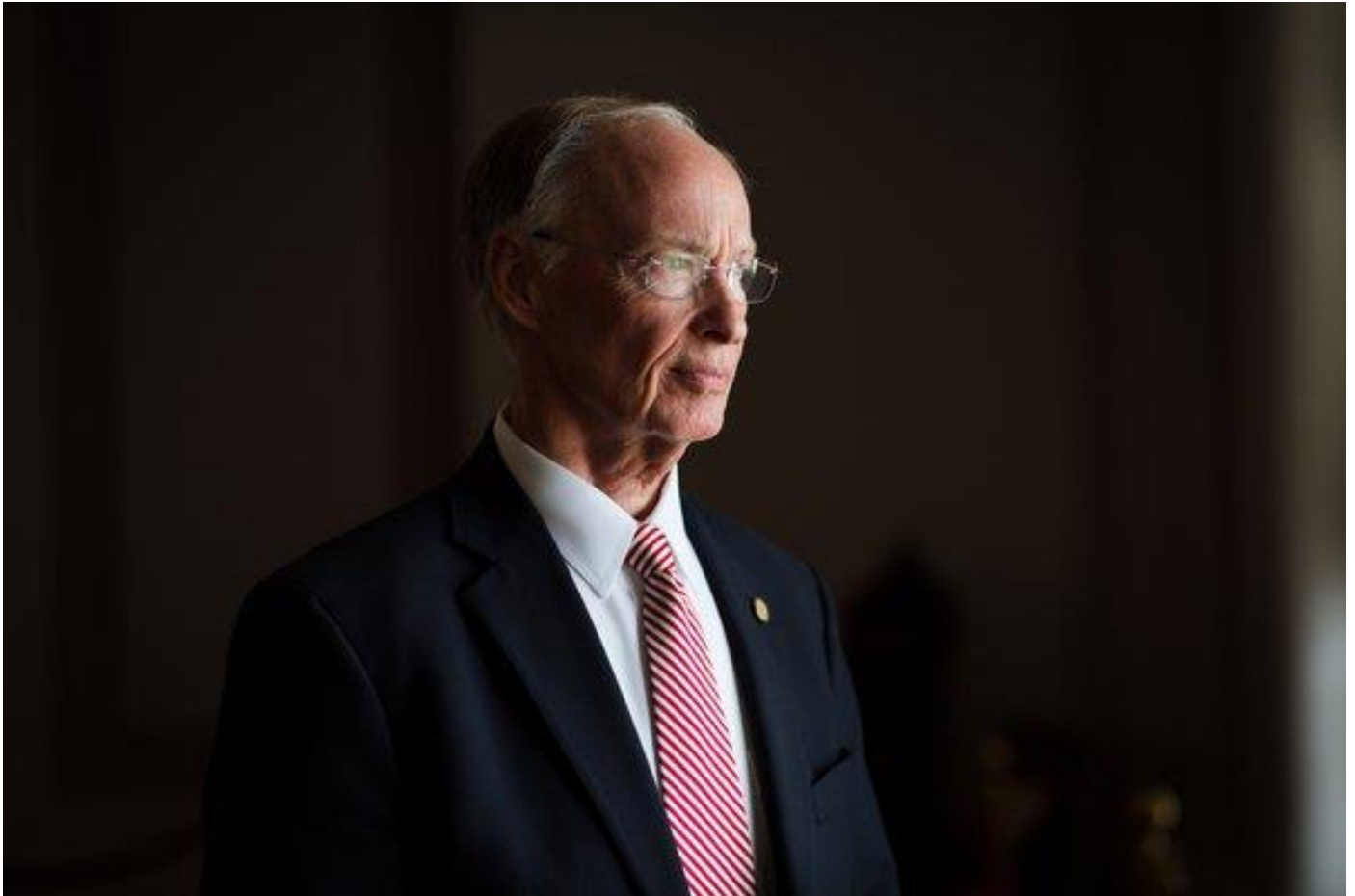
“The rush to get rid of all Southern stuff in a day or a month or a week or whatever it was, it was sobering for a lot of people,” said Greg Stewart, the executive director of Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis’s last home, and a supporter of keeping the battle emblem on the Mississippi flag. “Our strength right now is the result of their overreach.”

Mr. Stewart said many Southerners were reluctant to allow state officials to decide how to commemorate the region’s history. “We knew in Mississippi that the trick always is to keep the decision in the hands of the public,” said Mr. Stewart, whose state voted overwhelmingly in 2001 to leave the battle emblem on the state flag.

This year, Mississippi lawmakers did not pass any of the dozen bills that could have led to a changed flag. The debate recently entered the courts when a Mississippi lawyer argued in a lawsuit against Gov. Phil Bryant that the flag “is tantamount to hateful government speech” and “encourages or incites private citizens to commit acts of racial violence.”

Mr. Bryant has called for another referendum on the flag. In an email, a spokesman described the lawsuit as a “frivolous attempt to use the federal court system to usurp the will of the people.”

Although courts have sometimes intervened in matters about the Confederate flag, clashes about Southern heritage are mostly expected to play out in the legislatures and in local government meetings. Much of the pressure is on governors and legislative leaders, who have sometimes balked at scheduling hearings or votes on bills relating to the Confederacy. Not all the results favor Confederate symbols.



“I believe in heritage, I believe in history, and I believe we should always honor history, and we do that in Alabama,” said Gov. Robert Bentley.

KEVIN D. LILES FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

On Thursday, Gov. Terry McAuliffe of Virginia vetoed a bill that would have made it illegal for local officials “to disturb or interfere” with military memorials. On the same day, Gov. Rick Scott of Florida approved a plan to begin the long process of replacing a statue of a Confederate general that the state had added to the United States Capitol’s art collection.

But there is sharp division in Louisiana, where New Orleans officials decided to remove four Confederate monuments and spurred an uproar that led to legal challenges and a bill in the Legislature. (In Mississippi, one lawmaker cited the Legislature’s interest in “material that promotes the historical integrity of Mississippi and its most revered Confederate icons” and filed a resolution urging New Orleans to transfer the statues to Beauvoir.)

What will happen in Alabama is uncertain. Despite bipartisan concerns about Mr. Allen’s bill seizing local power, the Senate easily approved the proposal. But lawmakers and lobbyists said the measure appeared to be in jeopardy in the House.

Mr. Allen often notes that his legislation would offer equally rigid protections for monuments that draw little opposition these days, like one of Jesse Owens, the revered Olympian from Alabama who was black. But black lawmakers say that argument masks the intentions of the bill, which is similar to one that Tennessee lawmakers passed this month.

“It’s not hard to see where it’s going,” said Senator Rodger Smitherman, a Democrat. “Its primary purpose, in my opinion, was to keep intact many of the monuments that were assembled and are a reflection of oppression.”

Mr. Bentley, in an interview in the State Capitol room where Alabama voted to secede, did not say what he would do if the Legislature passed Mr. Allen’s proposal.

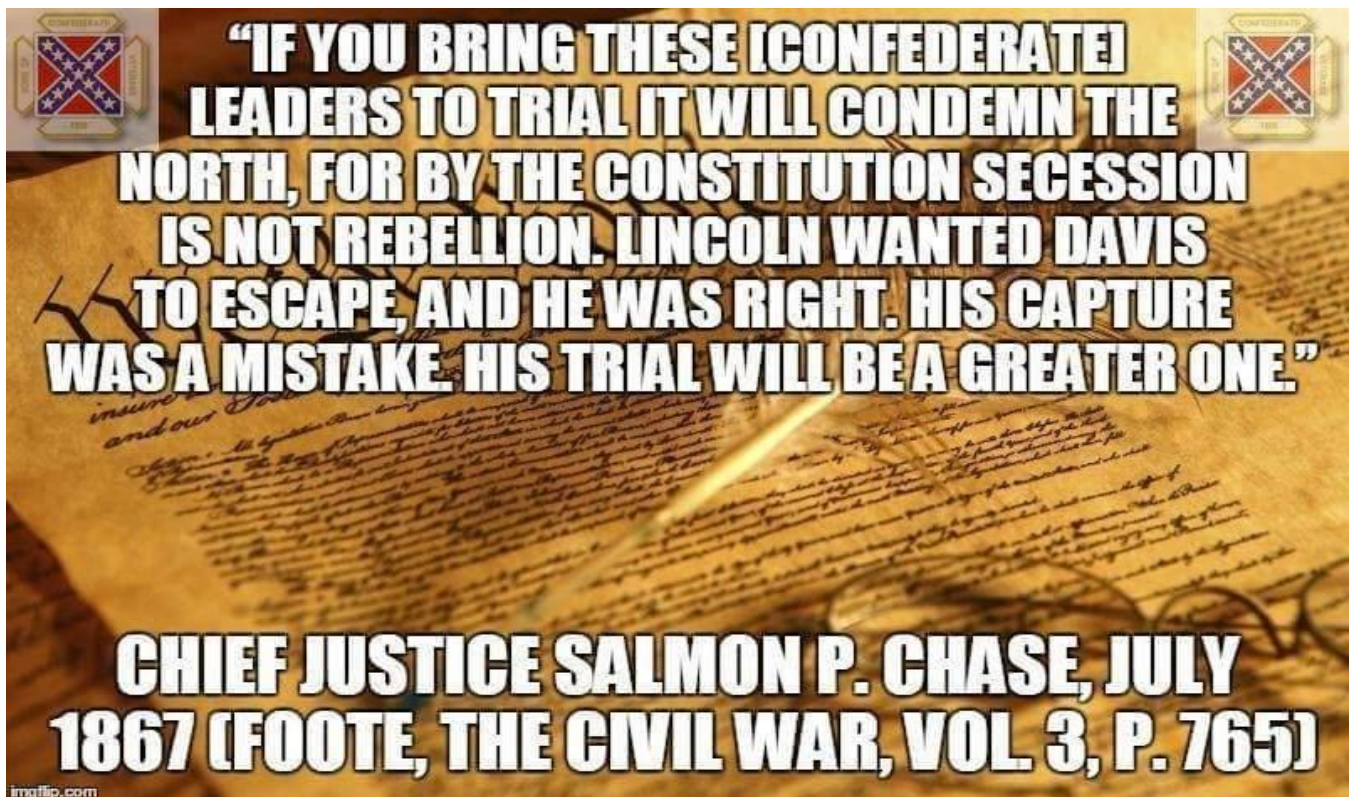
“I believe in heritage, I believe in history, and I believe we should always honor history, and we do that in Alabama,” said Mr. Bentley, who added quickly that “we should take into account the sensitivity of all of our citizens on all issues.”

Public sentiment is mixed, but support for Confederate symbols remains.

Days after opponents denounced Mr. Allen’s proposal in the Senate, a middle-aged man stopped at the Governor’s Mansion’s gift shop with a question: “Do y’all have any bronze medals with Jefferson Davis on them?”

The store, a worker reported, seemed to be out of stock.

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# Texas Division **Rescinds Boycott** of Confederate Union Grounds

**UPDATE:** Sunday March 26, 2016

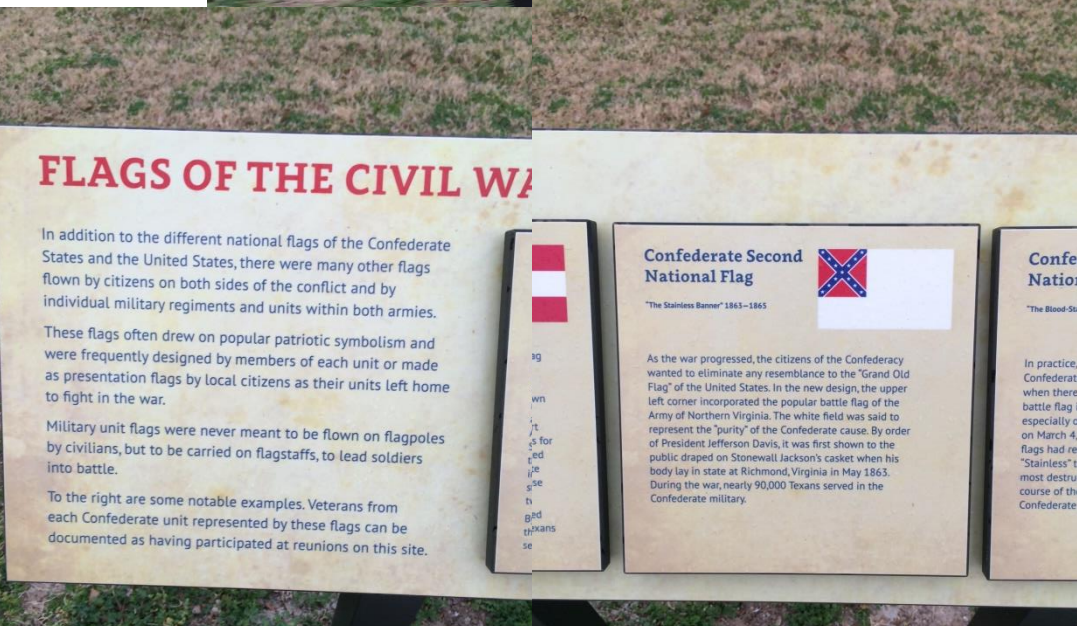
Compatriots,

Our division commander has been in contact with the CRG and the flags have been restored so no reason exists to include that facility in our boycotting of the Texas Historical Commission sites.

David McMahan  
Lt Commander  
Texas Division

The Confederate Reunion Grounds flags are flying and the Friends group representing many camps within the Division; is not pleased with the call for a boycott of the park made by an officer who spoke via email to the division with bad info. The park welcomes help from the SCV. Do not let the relationship being built over many years be destroyed by foolish passions. Questions can be answered with details by calling

**Chad Weldon. 972-523-0905**



# The Call For Boycott

Compatriots,

Over the last couple of years, there has been nothing but total disregard by the Texas Historical Commission towards the valiant Confederate Veterans. From the lowering of the flags at Mexia to the pulling of a headstone at Fort Lancaster, they have shown no respect for the history of our beloved state, or its citizens. Last weekend, at the Texas Division Executive Commission meeting in Lorena, I addressed the issue and suggested that all activities of the Texas Historical Commission be boycotted. Not one voice was against this action. At this time we whole heartedly encourage all members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to no longer participate in the upcoming events at Fort Lancaster, the Mexia Confederate Reunion Grounds, or Fort McKavitt. We are all volunteers at these activities, so we don't have to do anything else, just stay home.

This email and this action may be forwarded and shared with anyone you wish. I have no shame in standing up to an agency of the state who is supposed to be our servant.

David McMahan

Lt Commander

Texas Division



## “OLD VAL VERDE”

### *A Stirring Symbol to Rally Around*

This three-inch ordnance rifle, named the “Old Val Verde” cannon by the Confederate veterans, became a symbol that connected Texas veterans to their Southern identity and the Lost Cause movement, which sought to bolster camaraderie among Southern veterans and restore the honor of the fallen Confederate soldier.

Confederate troops captured the cannon at the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana, in April 1864. The cannon campaigned with the Val Verde Battery until 1865 when the Texas artillery unit surrendered at the end of the Civil War. But rather than surrender their cannons to the Federal troops, the Texas soldiers dismantled them and buried the metal ring tubes at Fairfield, Texas.



#### **Why is this cannon called a “rifle”?**

This artillery piece was the latest in weapons technology in 1860. It fired a shell that weighed about eight pounds. See if you can find the spiral grooves in the barrel called rifling, that spun the projectile through the air for greater distance and accuracy than a cannonball.



#### **Promoting the Reunion**

The cannon is pictured here in downtown Mexia in the 1890s promoting an upcoming Reunion. By 1885, the “Old Val Verde” had been recovered and placed on a carriage built by the veterans. It was fired twice daily during reunions by veteran artillerymen. Today, the historic firing tube has been conserved and sits on a metal reproduction carriage.

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ALEJO DE LA ENCARNACION PEREZ

(MARCH 23, 1835 - OCTOBER 10, 1918)

ALEJO DE LA ENCARNACION PEREZ, INFANT SON OF MARIA JUANA NAVARRO PEREZ, WAS THE YOUNGEST KNOWN SURVIVOR OF THE 1836 BATTLE OF THE ALAMO. FROM 1861 TO 1864 ALEJO SERVED IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY. AFTER THE CIVIL WAR HE SERVED THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN A NUMBER OF OFFICES, INCLUDING THOSE OF POLICE OFFICER AND CITY MARSHAL. ALEJO'S MARRIAGES, TO MARIA ANTONIA RODRIGUEZ AND FLORENCIA SAPPO VALDEZ, PRODUCED 11 CHILDREN. AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH HE WAS THE LAST KNOWN ALAMO SURVIVOR.

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UN RECUERDO DE SU TATARANIETO  
GILBERT I. PATINO, JR Y BISNIETA  
DOROTHY M. PEREZ



*“The four years that I have given to my country I do not regret, nor am I sorry for one day that I have given—my only regret is that we have lost that for which we fought. Nor do I for one moment think that we lost it by any other way than by being outnumbered at least five if not ten to one. The world was open to the enemy, but shut out to us. I shall now close this diary in sorrow, but to the last I will say ... our Cause was just...” by L. Leon.*

## A SAD JOURNAL ENTRY OF A TAR HEEL CONFEDERATE...

April—I suppose the end is near, for there is no more hope for the South to gain her independence. On the 10th of this month we were told by an officer that all those who wished to get out of prison by taking the oath of allegiance to the United States could do so in a very few days. There was quite a consultation among the prisoners. On the morning of the 12th we heard that Lee had surrendered on the 9th, and about 400, myself with them, took the cursed oath and were given transportation to wherever we wanted to go. I took mine to New York City to my parents, whom I have not seen since 1858.

Our cause is lost; our comrades who have given their lives for the independence of the South have died in vain; that is, the cause for which they gave their lives is lost, but they positively did not give their lives in vain. They gave it for a most righteous cause, even if the Cause was lost. Those that remain to see the end for which they fought—what have we left? Our sufferings and privations would be nothing had the end been otherwise, for we have suffered hunger, been without sufficient clothing, barefooted, lousy, and have suffered more than anyone can believe, except soldiers of the Southern Confederacy.

And the end of all is a desolated home to go to. When I commenced this diary of my life as a Confederate soldier, I was full of hope for the speedy termination of the war, and our independence. I was not quite nineteen years old. I am now twenty-three. The four years that I have given to my country I do not regret, nor am I sorry for one day that I have given—my only regret is that we have lost that for which we fought. Nor do I for one moment think that we lost it by any other way than by being outnumbered at least five if not ten to one. The world was open to the enemy, but shut out to us. I shall now close this diary in sorrow, but to the last I will say that, although but a private, I still say our Cause was just, nor do I regret one thing that I have done to cripple the North.

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Source: Diary of a Tar Heel Confederate Soldier, By L. LEON, 1913.

Link to free e-book: <http://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/leon/leon.html>

Photo used: Artwork of French painter, Carolus Duran



**Varina  
Howell Davis**

*"Under it [the  
Battle Flag] we  
won our  
victories and  
its glory will  
never fade. It  
is enshrined in  
our hearts  
forever."*

Varina Howell, Jefferson Davis, Ex-President of the Confederate States of America: A Memoir, Volume 2 (New York: Belford Company, Publishers, 1890), 36.

# WE'LL START SEEING NOW WHO IS REALLY FOR HERITAGE



**& THOSE WHO HAVE ACTUALLY  
BEEN EXPLOITING RACE & WEAKNESS,  
IN SERVICE TO POWER  
& THE WORST POLITICAL CORRUPTION**

*~ MAEVE MAGDALEN*

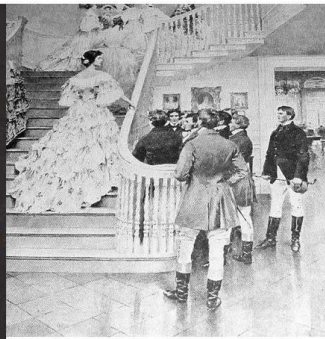
## *Southern Ladies*



Varina Banks Howell Davis



Mary Anna Custis Lee



Hetty Carr Cary



Mary Boykin Chesnut



Augusta Jane Evans Wilson

## *Northern Ladies*



Mary Todd Lincoln



Ellen Ewig Sherman



The Grimke Sisters



Julia Grant



*Any Questions?*

# Confederate monument vandalized in McCracken County

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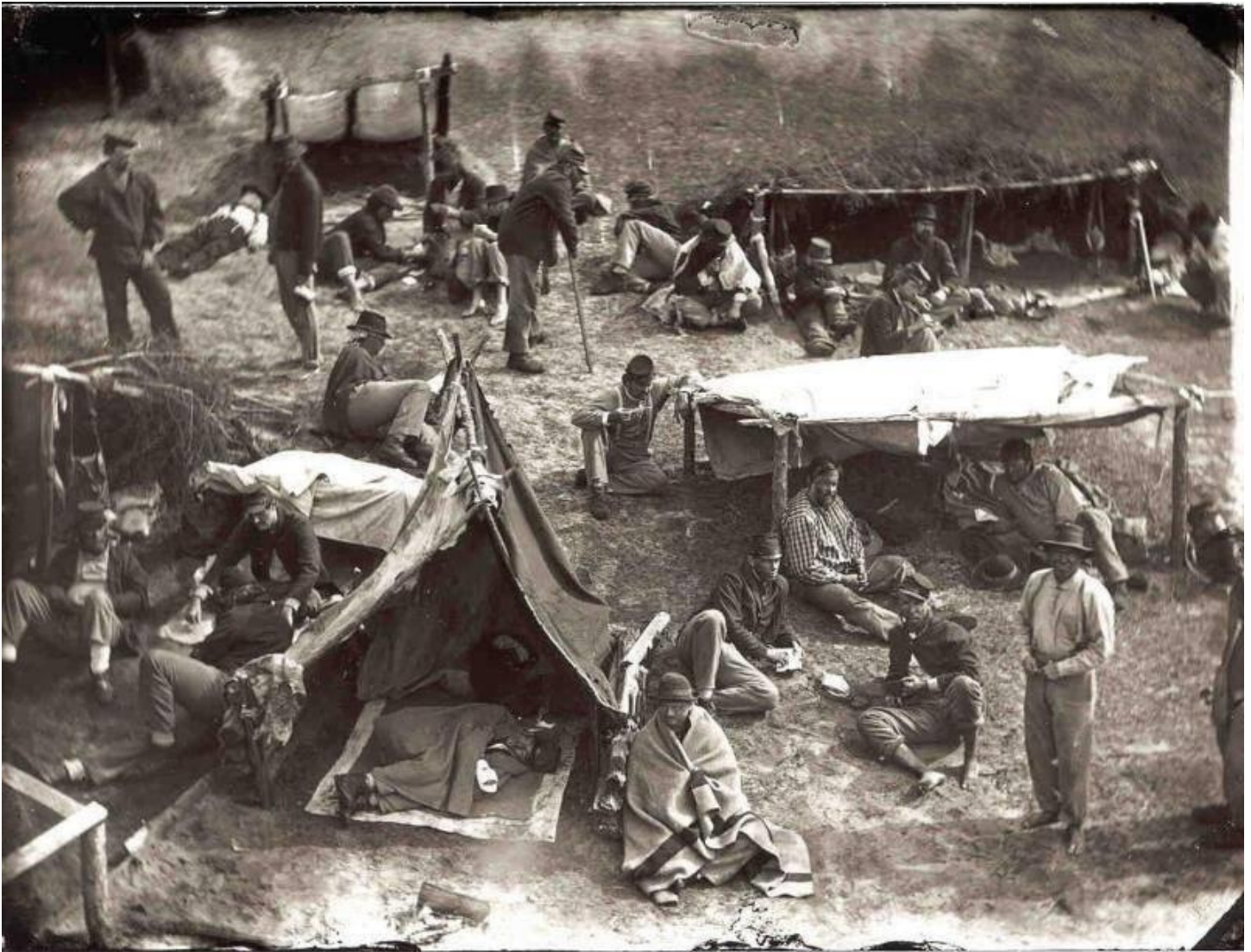
MCCRACKEN COUNTY, KY -

The McCracken County Sheriff's Department is asking for help with a vandalism investigation.

Sometime after dark Tuesday and into the early hours of Wednesday, the Confederate monument located at 6900 Benton Road near Traders Mall was vandalized.

The statue was broken loose and overturned. Damage to the monument is estimated at \$1,800. The property and display is owned by The Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Anyone with information is asked to call the McCracken County Sheriff's Department at (270) 444-4719.



Defending the Heritage

~Robert~

# The myth of war crimes at Andersonville

Commandant Wirz was charged with 13 allegations of murder, but not one single victim was named. How do you murder 13 people with several thousand witnesses and no one can name a victim?

Wirz was charged with conspiracy, who did he conspire with? Doesn't it take more than one to make a conspiracy? No one other than Wirz was brought to trial.

One of the victims was supposedly killed on February 1, 1864. Wirz did not arrive at Andersonville

until March.

Two victims Wirz supposedly killed in August 1864. Wirz was away on sick leave at the time.

145 of 160 witnesses said they had no knowledge of Wirz ever killing or mistreating anyone.

The dates given by the other witnesses didn't match the dates on the charges against Wirz. So the court changed the dates. How convenient!

The Yankee court decided which witnesses could be called by the defense.

Several key witnesses were not allowed to testify for the defense.

One defense witness was arrested when he arrived to testify on Wirz's behalf.

The prosecution's key witness claimed he personally saw Wirz kill two prisoners. The court gave him the commendations for his "zealous testimony" and rewarded him with a government job. Eleven days after Wirz was hanged a Union veteran recognized him as a deserter for a New York Regiment. The deserter was fired from his new job and promptly admitted that he committed perjury during the trial but, it was too late for Wirz...

Just one example of how Yankee wordsmiths have done a hackjob on the truth and use their monopoly of the media and education to enforce their myths.

Here is what one yankee pow said after the war. Edward Wellington Boate; page 190, **ANDERSONVILLE: THE SOUTHERN PERSPECTIVE**, edited by J.H. Segars, copyright 1995 –

"A policy like this is the quintessence of inhumanity, a disgrace to the Administration which carried it out, and a blot upon the country. You rulers who make the charge that the rebels intentionally killed off our men, when I can honestly swear they were doing everything in their power to sustain us, do not lay this flattering unctious to your souls. You abandoned your brave men in their hour of their cruelest need. They fought for the Union, and you reached no hand out to save the old faithful, loyal, and devoted servants of the country. You may try to shift the blame from your own shoulders, but posterity will saddle the responsibility where it justly belongs."

Portions from "The South Was Right" by the Kennedy brothers.



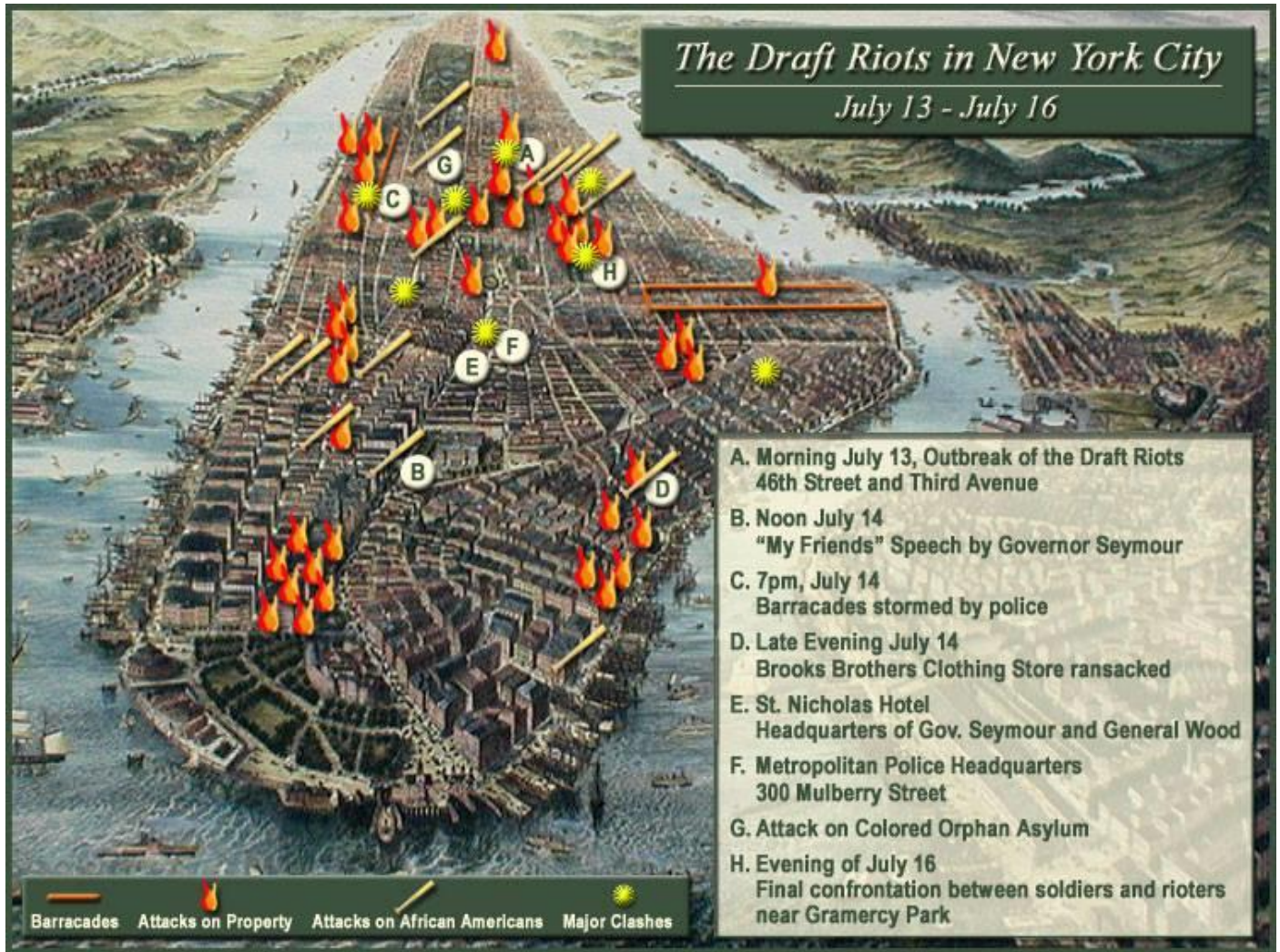


**"They steal, rob, enter houses, take many things they want before the eyes of the master and mistress of the house...Even what they do not want they destroy...actually reducing people to the point of starvation, and then insulting them by telling them that they will sell them what they want if they take the oath of allegiance. I did not know that any people could be so brutal."**

Cadmus Wilcox describing Yankee depredations in a letter to his sister, April 21st, 1863.







# The Slavery Issue



## Defending the Heritage

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Slavery in the 1800's is a subject that I try to completely avoid discussing with anyone who has bought into the fallacy that it was "THE" cause of the War of Northern Aggression. Why? Because talking to someone who actually believes that misconception is like talking to a brick wall..... they simply don't comprehend anything.

So why am I breaking my silence now? Because I am sick and tired of the South and Southern people constantly being attacked by Northern antagonists who really have no clue or without any true care about slavery. They pretend to, but that too is a lie. This country has a serious problem with human trafficking that occurs in every state of the US. Human trafficking is slavery, plain and simple. These individuals, who attack the South, the Southern people, and some FB groups, don't do a single thing to stop the current slave trade activity going on in this country. They don't even talk about it. Due to the sheer nature of this crime, accurate statistics are difficult to obtain. It is estimated that the National Human Trafficking Resource Center received almost 20,000 calls in 2011. That's 164% of the 2010 statistics. Estimates of up to 60,000 individuals are brought into this country for the sole purpose of

human trafficking with 98% of those individuals in sex trafficking. Most victims detected are female with children accounting for about 27%. Where is the outcry about this slave trade????

The North wants everyone to believe that the Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery in the US. There's a slight problem with that misconception. It is estimated there were 4 million slaves during that time. Thanks to a loophole, approximately 1 million blacks legally remained slaves after the Emancipation Proclamation was declared. How? The Proclamation only applied to states and territories "in rebellion against the US." Basically, if you were a slave in the pro-Union territory or recently captured Confederate territories, your freedom was not granted by the Proclamation.

Why didn't Lincoln grant ALL slaves their freedom? While the Emancipation Proclamation was his masterpiece, Lincoln hated slavery and complete abolition was a very touchy subject. Turning the war into a crusade to end slavery was not the kind of thing the average northerner would voluntarily die for.

Lincoln said, "I would do it if I were not afraid that half the officers would fling down their arms and three more states would rise."

Still not convinced? How about this.....the North was very racist and so prejudiced that white people actually discriminated against other white people. So if you were a non-white, your life was not a pleasant one.

I used to live in a Northern state where the Underground Railroad ran. It was a well-known fact that while the residents of this city did all they could to protect slaves escape to Canada...they knew they could be hung for treason if caught. This is also a Northern state that a large portion of the mid and southern sections were sympathetic to the Confederacy and South.

The North had a larger number of abolitionists and progressives, but they also had blatantly racist laws preventing black people from actually getting rights as citizens. They also had lynch mobs. It was the North, not the South, that had the country's most violent race riot in history. What started out as a protest against the Union's draft policy, ended as a full assault on any black unlucky enough to exist and get caught.

Back in those days, the Northern black man was exempt from the draft so he could attend to his home. That exemption did not set well with the poor whites who couldn't afford the \$300 to buy their way out of the draft. When I state it didn't set well, I mean it infuriated the whites to a point of a frenzied rage. At the end of the 4 day riot, at least 11 blacks were lynched throughout Manhattan. Hundreds more were assaulted and a children's orphanage burned to the ground. After Gettysburg, 4000 Union troops were called to subdue the insurrection. New York City's black residents were so terrorized by these riots that by 1865, the black population dropped to the lowest it had been in 45 years.

What about Town Line, New York? It successfully seceded from the Union altogether during the war and was not readmitted to the US until Town Line held a ceremony on January 24, 1946. YES, 1946!!! The residents voted 90-23 to rescind the old vote.

Letters, family diaries, and family papers that a friend of mine has, showed clearly that the black servants here in the South were looked upon as family. They were best friends and were by far, held with highest regard and utmost trust much more than white servants. The black servants freely and gladly kept their family name after the war. Why would they do that? Because they wanted to continue to be associated and be a part of a family they loved.

The North didn't know or understand the South back then, and they definitely don't know or understand the South or the Southern people today.

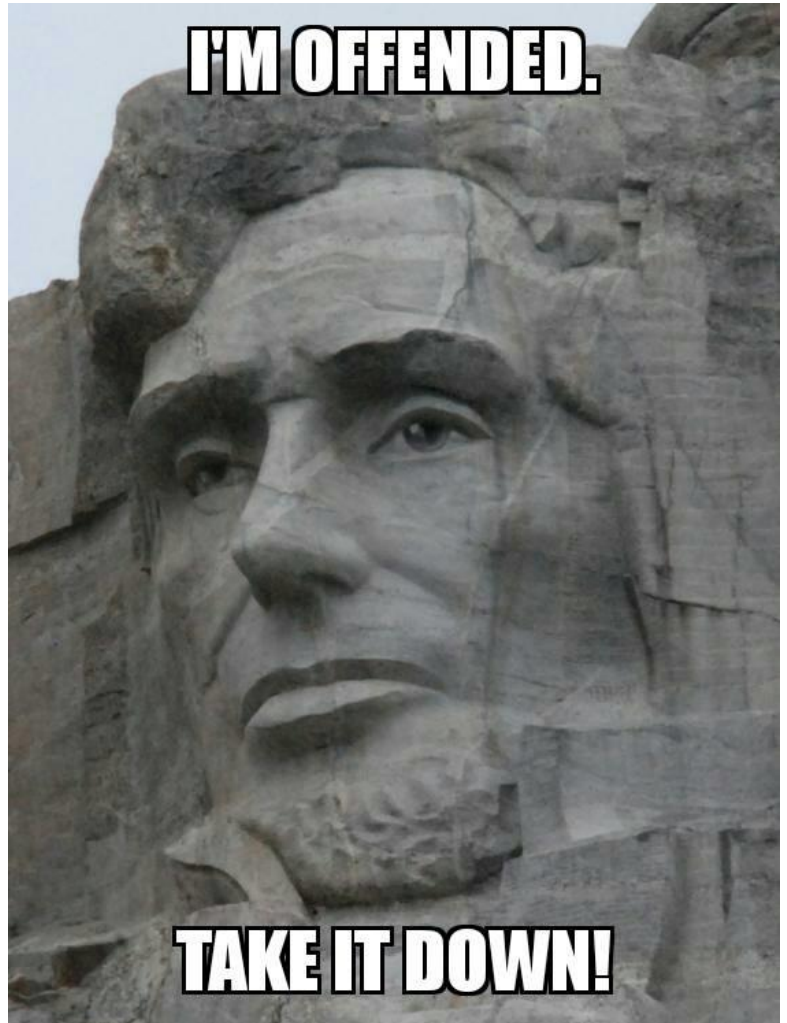
The following poem, written by a Southern woman, illustrates the love and affection that exists between a Southern child and his caregiver:

## ME AND MAMMY

By Howard Weedon

Me and Mammy know a child  
About my age and size,  
Who Mammy says won't go to heaven  
Cause she's so grown and wise.  
She answers "Yes" and "No" just so  
When folks speak to her  
And laughs at Mammy and at me  
When I say Ma'am and Sir.  
And Mammy says the reason why  
This child's in such a plight  
Is cause she's had no Mammy dear  
To raise her sweet and right.  
To stand between her and the world  
With all its old sad noise  
And give her baby heart a chance  
To keep its baby joys.  
Then Mammy draws me close to her  
And says The Lord be praised  
Here's what I calls a decent chile  
Cause hit's been Mammy raised.

Deo Vindice!



“Why is it” asked a Yankee of a Rebel, “that you Rebels are always fighting for Liberty, while we Federals only fight for honor?”

“I suppose,” said the Rebel “that each are fighting for what they most lack.”



## 12 Reasons to Fly the Confederate Battle Flag:

- 1) It is one of the oldest Christian Symbol on Earth (The St. Andrews Cross) and silently, but eloquently lets the world know that a Christian family resides at the residence where it is flown.
- 2) It is a universal symbol of resistance to tyranny, having been sighted flying in nearly every modern day conflict where people were, or are, fighting an oppressive and despotic governance.
- 3) It lets the world know that you know where you came from, and are proud of your ancestor's efforts to preserve their liberty and God-given freedom.
- 4) It is a sign of unity that is instantly understood by all who have Southern blood, and if enough folks would begin flying it, it would almost overnight put an end to the liberal clamor to have it, and all Confederate symbols removed from public view.
- 5) It is a constant and powerful reminder that we have not forgotten what the Yankees did to our Ancestors and to our civilization, and are still doing, and that we do not intend to forget, nor forgive, until they cease meddling in our Sovereign affairs.
- 6) It honors the thousands of Southern Men, and Boys, whose blood was spilled, and who lost their lives, homes and everything they had, trying to keep the "Free, Constitutional, Representative Republic" that was bequeathed us by the Founders. A Republic we have not had, since Lee laid down his sword!
- 7) It is a reminder that Liberty is a God-given right, not a commodity to be controlled by greedy politicians, left-wing liberal teachers, and power-crazed activist judges. And also a reminder that Liberty is worth fighting for.
- 8) The sight of it subtly stirs the embers of pride which still glow, ever so faintly, in every real Southerner's heart, and which, now more than ever, need to be re-kindled into a bright and blazing fire!
- 9) It lets those who would oppress us, and steal our liberty know, that they have not yet succeeded, and will have not succeeded, until they have killed every last one of us, and destroyed every last Battle Flag. This has seldom happened in any oppressed country throughout history and will not happen here, unless we fail to educate our children about the real meaning of our flag.
- 10) Flying the Battle Flag reinforces the meaning of the First Amendment to the Constitution, which is supposed to guarantee that no despot can interfere with your God-given right to express Yourself, (Freedom of Speech).
- 11) It symbolizes the unique Southern States, where, we as a separate people, with a common background, have preserved, and continue to preserve, our honorable cultural heritage. In fact, the design of the Flag is Christian and Celtic in origin.
- 12) And finally....It is so brilliantly beautiful, one of the most beautiful, if not "the most beautiful" flag on the planet!!

# Alabama Supreme Court

## Rejects

### U. S. Supreme Court's

### Marriage Opinion

Mar 4, 2016

Montgomery, AL – Today, in a 170-page ruling, the Alabama Supreme Court rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's marriage opinion by [issuing its own Judgment](#) in favor of Liberty Counsel's Petition for Mandamus. In the petition, Liberty Counsel demanded on behalf of its Alabama clients – Alabama Policy Institute (“API”) and Alabama Citizens Action Program (“ALCAP”) – that the state's probate judges obey Alabama's Constitution and laws. On March 4, 2015, the Alabama Supreme Court ordered the probate judges to immediately cease issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

“The ruling last year by the Alabama Supreme Court was historic, and is one of the most researched and well-reasoned opinions on marriage to be issued by any court in the country. **Today's opinion by the Alabama Supreme Court calling the U.S. Supreme Court's marriage opinion 'illegitimate' will be remembered in history like the 'shot heard around the world,'**” said Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel.

Following the June 26, 2015, U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 *Obergefell* opinion on marriage, the Alabama Supreme Court requested the parties to file additional briefs. Today, the Alabama Supreme Court issued its final Judgment, thus affirming and implementing its March 4, 2015 opinion.

“The Alabama Supreme Court has openly rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 marriage opinion, labeling it 'illegitimate' and without legal or precedential authority. This is a clear victory for the rule of law and an historic decision by the Alabama Supreme Court. The Judgment makes permanent the Alabama Supreme Court's order prohibiting probate judges from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The Alabama Supreme Court has rejected the illegitimate opinion of five lawyers on the U.S. Supreme Court,” said Staver.

Chief Justice Roy Moore and Justice Tom Parker issued concurring opinions openly criticizing the U.S. Supreme Court marriage opinion. Using Supreme Court Chief Justice John Robert's term of “five lawyers” when referring to the Supreme Court *Obergefell* opinion, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore wrote a blistering 105-page concurring opinion:

- Today this Court by order dismisses all pending motions and petitions and issues the certificate of judgment in this case. That action does not disturb the existing March orders in this case or the Court's holding therein that the Sanctity of Marriage Amendment, art. I, § 36.03, Ala. Const. 1901, and the

Alabama Marriage Protection Act, § 30-1-9, Ala. Code 1975, are constitutional. Therefore, and for the reasons stated below, I concur with the order.

- I agree with the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John Roberts, and with Associate Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito, that the majority opinion in *Obergefell* has no basis in the law, history, or tradition of this country. *Obergefell* is an unconstitutional exercise of judicial authority that usurps the legislative prerogative of the states to regulate their own domestic policy. Additionally, *Obergefell* seriously jeopardizes the religious liberty guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- Based upon arguments of “love,” “commitment,” and “equal dignity” for same-sex couples, five lawyers, as Chief Justice Roberts so aptly describes the *Obergefell* majority, have declared a new social policy for the entire country. As the Chief Justice and Associate Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Alito eloquently and accurately demonstrate in their dissents, **the majority opinion in *Obergefell* is an act of raw power with no ascertainable foundation in the Constitution itself. The majority presumed to legislate for the entire country under the guise of interpreting the Constitution.**
- The *Obergefell* majority presumes to amend the United States Constitution to create a right stated nowhere therein. **That is a lawless act.**
- I submit that our Founders knew a lot more about freedom than [Justice Kennedy’s opinion] indicates. They secured the freedoms we enjoy, not in judicial decrees of newly discovered rights, but in the Constitution and amendments thereto. That a majority of the Court may identify an “injustice” that merits constitutional correction does not dispense with the means the Constitution has provided in Article V for its own amendment.
- Although the Court could suggest that the Constitution would benefit from a particular amendment, **the Court does not possess the authority to insert the amendment into the Constitution by the vehicle of a Court opinion and then to demand compliance with it.**
- Novel departures from the text of the Constitution by the Court are customarily accompanied by pretentious language employed to conceal the illegitimacy of its actions. Justice Scalia in his *Obergefell* dissent refers to this abandonment of “disciplined legal reasoning” as a descent into “the mystical aphorisms of the fortune cookie.”
- Some of the ostentatious phrases used in the majority opinion [are] more suitable to a romance novel.
- The majority seeks to invoke the grief, sorrow, and compassion associated with a Greek tragedy. Riding a tidal wave of emotion, the ensuing tears and pathos then suffice to fertilize a new constitutional right nowhere mentioned in the Constitution itself.
- Abandoning the role of interpreting the written Constitution, the majority has instead decided to become the supposed “voice” of the people, discerning the people's sentiments and updating the document accordingly. **The function of keeping the Constitution up with the times, however, has not been delegated to the Court -- or to Congress or the President; that function is reserved to the states under Article V.**
- Historically, consummation of a marriage always involved an act of sexual intimacy that was dignified in the eyes of the law. An act of sexual intimacy between two men or two women, by contrast, was considered “an infamous crime against nature” and a “disgrace to human nature.” **Homosexuals who seek the dignity of marriage must first forsake the sexual habits that disqualify them from**

**admission to that hallowed institution. Surely more dignity attaches to participation in a fundamental institution on the terms it prescribes than to an attempt to wrest its definition to serve inordinate lusts that demean its historic dignity.**

- A “disgrace to human nature” cannot be cured by stripping the institution of holy matrimony of its inherent dignity and redefining it to give social approval to behaviors unsuited to its high station. Sodomy has never been and never will be an act by which a marriage can be consummated.
- Government exists to secure that right. Because liberty is a gift of God, it must be exercised in conformity with the laws of nature and of nature’s God.
- **Liberty in the American system of government is not the right to define one's own reality in defiance of the Creator.** . . . But the human being, as a dependent creature, is not at liberty to redefine reality; instead, as the Declaration of Independence states, a human being is bound to recognize that the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are endowed by God. Those rights are not subject to a redefinition that rejects the natural order God has created.
- Citing Genesis 2:24 -- The *Obergefell* majority's false definition of marriage arises, in great part, from its false definition of liberty. **Separating man from his Creator, the majority plunges the human soul into a wasteland of meaninglessness where every man defines his own anarchic reality.** In that godless world nothing has meaning or consequence except as the human being desires. Man then becomes the creator of his own reality rather than a subject of the Creator of the Declaration.
- This false notion of liberty, which permeates the majority opinion in *Obergefell*, is the ultimate fallacy upon which it rests. In a world with God left out, the moral boundaries of Scripture disappear, and man's corrupt desires are given full rein. The end of this experiment in anarchic liberty is yet to be seen. The great sufferers will be the children -- deprived of either a paternal or a maternal presence -- who are raised in unnatural families that contradict the created order.
- The invocation of “equal dignity” to justify the invention of a heretofore unknown constitutional right is just another judicial mantra to rationalize the invalidation of state laws that offend the policy preferences of a five-person majority.
- The majority opinion in *Obergefell* represents the culmination of a change in our form of government from one of three separate-but-equal branches to one in which the judicial branch now exercises the power of the legislative branch.
- The *Obergefell* majority, presuming to know better than the people themselves how to order the fundamental domestic institution of society, has usurped the legislative prerogatives of the people contrary to the Ninth and Tenth Amendments.
- **In short, the majority acts not as a court of law but as a band of social revolutionaries.** The Chief Justice, amazed at this presumption, exclaims: “Just who do we think we are?”
- The Chief Justice's quotation of Justice Curtis's Dred Scott dissent merits serious consideration. **If acquiescence to *Obergefell* indicates that “we have no longer a Constitution,” then the legitimacy of *Obergefell* is subject to grave doubt.** If five Justices of the Supreme Court may at will redefine the Constitution according to their own policy preferences, the mechanism of judicial review, designed originally to protect the rights of the people from runaway legislatures, has morphed into the right of five lawyers to rule the people without their consent.

- Indeed, as the Chief Justice warns, the plenary power the majority asserts to redefine the fundamental institutions of society offers no assurance that it will not give birth to yet further attacks on the social order.
- **If, as the Chief Justice asserts, the opinion of the majority is not based on the Constitution, do state judges have any obligation to obey that ruling? Does not their first duty lie to the Constitution?**
- The right to change the form of government in this country belongs to the people themselves through the amendment process, not to judicial oligarchs.
- These metaphors identify the essence of the majority's actions: an illegal displacement and usurpation of the democratic process. Chief Justice Roberts accuses the majority of imposing “naked policy preferences” that have “no basis in the Constitution.” Accordingly, the majority's “extravagant conception of judicial supremacy” is “dangerous for the rule of law.” The unmistakable theme that emerges from these critiques is lawlessness.
- Justice Scalia also emphasizes the revolutionary character of the majority's assault on the social order -- elevating the “crime against nature” into the equivalent of holy matrimony. This decision, “unabashedly not based on law,” represents a “social upheaval” and a “judicial Putsch.” Justice Alito sounds the same themes. **The Court has not unwittingly tread into forbidden territory; instead, it has acted “far beyond the outer reaches” of its authority, boldly trampling the right of the people “to control their own destiny.”**
- For the last 50 years, the Supreme Court has consistently misused the Fourteenth Amendment to destroy state laws that protect the marital relation and its offspring. *Obergefell* is the latest fruit of this corrupt tree (refer to Matthew 7:17-18).
- **Truly, the less basis the majority has for its innovations upon the Constitution, the grander is the language employed to justify them, as if high-blown rhetoric could compensate for the absence of constitutional substance.**
- *Obergefell* is but the latest example of the Court's creation of constitutional rights out of thin air in service of the immorality of the sexual revolution. Like *Roe*, *Obergefell* is no more than “an exercise of raw judicial power ... an improvident and extravagant exercise of the power of judicial review that the Constitution extends to this Court.”
- Amendments to the Constitution are the business of the people pursuant to Article V; they are not the business of the Court under Article III. **Truth may not always be clearly seen, but the majority's reasoning should not blind us to the reality that the Court seems determined to alter this nation's organic law.**
- The definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman has existed for millennia and has never been considered an “ill tendency.” By contrast, **the Court's attempt to redefine marriage is “a dangerous fallacy which at once destroys all religious liberty.”**
- **The *Obergefell* majority, conspicuously overlooking the “essential and historic significance” of the connection between religious liberty and “supreme allegiance to the will of God,” failed to appreciate the seriousness of imposing a new sexual-revolution mandate that requires Alabama public officials to disobey the will of God.**



- Religious liberty, however, is about more than just “teaching” and “advocating” views of marriage. The majority condescendingly approves religious speech against same-sex marriage but not religious practice in conformity with those beliefs. As Chief Justice Roberts states in his dissent: “The First Amendment guarantees ... the freedom to 'exercise' religion. Ominously, this is not a word the majority uses.”
- *Obergefell* promises to breach the legal protections that have shielded believers from participating in acts hostile to their faith. As Chief Justice Roberts points out, the *Obergefell* majority piously declaims that people of faith may believe what they want and seek to persuade others, but it says nary a word about them practicing or exercising their faith as the Free Exercise Clause provides.
- The Free Exercise Clause, an express constitutional provision, logically takes precedence over a pretended constitutional right formulated from whole cloth by “five lawyers.”
- Foreseeing the dire consequences for religious freedom in the principle that same-sex marriage must be given equal stature with holy matrimony and foreseeing the inevitable pressure to compel religious institutions, businesses, and practitioners of professions to conform to that unreality, it would be imprudent to wait for the onset of these persecutions, to stand idle until *Obergefell* “usurped power had strengthened itself by exercise, and entangled the question in precedents.” Rather “the axe [must be] laid unto the root of the trees,” (refer to Matthew 3:10) and the consequence avoided by denying the principle. **To allow a simple majority of the United States Supreme Court to “create” a constitutional right that destroys the religious liberty guaranteed by the First Amendment violates not only common sense but also our duty to the Constitution.**
- I disagree with the conclusion that the “rule of law” requires judges to follow as the “law of the land” a precedent that is “a super-legislative imposition,” “a mockery,” “a legal fiction,” and “an utter travesty.”
- **By the plain language of Article VI, state judges are bound to obedience to the Constitution, laws made in pursuance thereof, and treaties made under the authority of the United States, not to the opinions of the United States Supreme Court.**
- Thus, in the plainest terms and employing emphasis, Hamilton declared that acts of the federal government that invade the reserved rights of the states are “acts of usurpation” that deserve to be treated as such. Such acts “would not be the supreme law of the land, but an usurpation of power not granted by the Constitution.”
- **The Supremacy Clause, quite obviously, by this chain of reasoning, does not give the United States Supreme Court or any other agency of the federal government the authority to make its every declaration by that very fact the supreme law of the land. If the Court's edicts do not arise from powers delegated to the federal government in the Constitution, they are to be treated not as the supreme law of the land but as mere usurpation.**
- Thus, if precedents are “manifestly absurd or unjust,” “contrary to reason,” or “contrary to the divine law,” they are not to be followed.
- Applying Blackstone's analysis, which is compatible with that of Hamilton, one must conclude that the *Obergefell* opinion is manifestly absurd and unjust, as demonstrated convincingly by the four dissenting Justices in *Obergefell* and the writings of two Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court in *Costanza*. Basing its opinion upon a supposed fundamental right that has no history or tradition in our country, the opinion of the *Obergefell* majority is “contrary to reason” as well as “contrary to the divine law.”

- **The *Obergefell* opinion, being manifestly absurd and unjust and contrary to reason and divine law, is not entitled to precedential value.**
- **If, as an individual who is sworn to uphold and support the United States Constitution, I were to place a court opinion that manifestly and palpably violates the United States Constitution above my loyalty to that Constitution, I would betray my oath and blatantly disregard the Constitution I am sworn to uphold. Acquiescence on my part to acts of “palpable illegality” would be an admission that we are governed by the rule of man and not by the rule of law. Simply put, the Justices of the Supreme Court, like every American soldier, are under the Constitution, not above it.**
- The general principle of blind adherence to United States Supreme Court opinions as “the law of the land” is a dangerous fallacy that is inconsistent with the United States Constitution. Labeling such opinions as “the rule of law” confuses the law itself -- the Constitution -- with an opinion that purports to interpret that document.
- Opinions of the Supreme Court that interpret the Constitution are, as Lincoln said, “entitled to very high respect and consideration,” but only insofar as they are faithful to that document. In a case like *Obergefell*, the “evil effects” Lincoln described should be confined to the unfortunate defendants in that case. We must protect the institution of marriage from judicial subversion and maintain loyalty to the principles upon which our nation was founded.
- Finally, we should reject the conversion of our republican form of government into an aristocracy of nine lawyers.
- **Some contend, however, that *Obergefell*, by its mere existence, abrogates the March 2015 orders in this case. Those orders, of course, were not the subject of review in *Obergefell*.**
- The Court had no jurisdiction to order nonparties to *Obergefell* to obey its judgment for they have not had an opportunity to appear and defend.
- No Alabama probate judges were parties to *Obergefell*. Neither were they officers, agents, or servants of any of the defendants in those cases, or in active concert or participation with any of them. The *Obergefell* defendants were state officials in the four states in the jurisdiction of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, namely Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. Needless to say, Alabama probate judges were not agents, servants, or employees of any of those state officials. Nor were they in “active concert or participation” with any of them. **Thus, the judgment in *Obergefell* that reversed the Sixth Circuit's judgment does not constitute an order to Alabama probate judges.**
- The dissents of Chief Justice Roberts, Justice Scalia, Justice Thomas, and Justice Alito provide ample justification to refuse to recognize *Obergefell* as a legitimate judicial judgment. *Obergefell* constitutes an unlawful purported amendment of the Constitution by a judicial body that possesses no such authority. As Chief Justice Roberts stated: “The right [*Obergefell*] announces has no basis in the Constitution or this Court's precedent.”
- Rather than limiting themselves to the judicial function of applying existing law to the facts and parties before them, the *Obergefell* majority violated “the metes and bounds which separate each department of power” by purporting to rewrite the marriage laws of the several states to conform to their own view of marriage.

- Even more injurious to the rule of law, the *Obergefell* majority “overleap[ed] the great Barrier which defends the rights of the people” as expressed in the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment. **The majority thus has jeopardized the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience and the right to acknowledge God as the author and guarantor of true liberty.**
- By transgressing “the metes and bounds which separate each department of power” and “overleap[ing] the great Barrier” which protects the rights of conscience, the *Obergefell* majority “exceed[s] the commission from which they derive their authority” and are “tyrants.” By submitting to that illegitimate authority, the people, as Madison stated, become slaves. Free government, rather than being preserved, is destroyed.
- ***Obergefell* is completely without constitutional authority, a usurpation of state sovereignty, and an effort to impose the will of “five lawyers,” . . . on the people of this country.**
- In my legal opinion, *Obergefell*, like *Dred Scott* and *Roe v. Wade* that preceded it, is an immoral, unconstitutional, and tyrannical opinion. Its consequences for our society will be devastating, and its elevation of immorality to a special “right” enforced through civil penalties will be completely destructive of our religious liberty.
- *Obergefell* contradicts “the laws of nature and of nature's God” that were invoked in the organic law upon which our country is founded. **To invariably equate a Supreme Court decision that clearly contradicts the Constitution with “the rule of law” is to elevate the Supreme Court above the Constitution and to subject the American people to an autocracy foreign to our form of government.** Supreme Court Justices are also subject to the Constitution. When “that eminent tribunal” unquestionably violates the limitations set forth in that document, lesser officials -- equally bound by oath to the Constitution -- have a duty to recognize that fact or become guilty of the same transgression.

In a separate concurring opinion, Alabama Supreme Court Justice Parker wrote:

- “*Obergefell* conclusively demonstrates that the rule of law is dead.”
- “*Obergefell* . . . trampled into the dust the last vestiges of the legitimacy of the United States Supreme Court.”
- “*Obergefell* is not based on legal reasoning, history, tradition, the Court’s own rules, or the rule of law, but upon the empathetic feelings of the ‘five lawyers’ in the majority.”
- “[The Supreme Court] majority illegitimately imposed its will upon the American people. We now appear to be a government not of laws, but of ‘five lawyers.’”
- “*Obergefell* is ‘no judicial act at all’ because it is ‘without principled justification.’”
- “*Obergefell* is without legitimacy.”
- “This is not the rule of law, this is despotism and tyranny.”
- “Despotism and tyranny were evils identified in the Declaration of Independence as necessitating the break with King George and Great Britain.”
- “*Obergefell* is the latest example of judicial despotism.”

- “As justices and judges on state courts around the nation, we have sworn and oath to uphold the United States Constitution. We have not sworn to blindly follow the unsubstantiated opinion of ‘five lawyers.’”

Justice Parker quotes from the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1992 abortion decision in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*:

[T]he Court cannot buy support for its decisions by spending money and, except to a minor degree, it cannot independently coerce obedience to its decrees. The Court’s power lies, rather, in its legitimacy, a product of substance and perception that shows itself in the people’s acceptance of the Judiciary as fit to determine what the Nation’s law means and to declare what it demands.... [A] decision without principled justification would be no judicial act at all.... The Court must take care to speak and act in ways that allow people to accept its decision on the terms the Court claims for them, as grounded truly in principle, not compromises with social and political pressures having, as such, no bearing on the principled choices that the Court is obliged to make. Thus, the Court’s legitimacy depends on circumstances in which their principled character is sufficiently plausible to be accepted by the Nation.

**“Justices and judges are bound to interpret the U.S. Constitution. When they write opinions that have no legal foundation, then their opinions lack legal legitimacy.** That is what the five lawyers did on the U.S. Supreme Court in the marriage opinion. They ignored the Constitution, the Court’s precedents, and millennia of human history. Their opinion calls into question the legitimacy of the Supreme Court. When we the people lose trust in the Justices, the authority of the Supreme Court is undermined. If the people accept this 5-4 opinion, then we have transitioned to a despotic form of government. **The people must now decide if we are governed by the rule of law or the whim of unelected judges,”** concluded Staver.

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<http://www.lc.org/newsroom/details/alabama-supreme-court-rejects-u-s-supreme-courts-marriage-opinion>



# TIME TO CHANGE HOW WE DO HERITAGE BUSINESS.



It was bound to happen someday. A Confederate flag case reached the US Supreme Court, the lower appeals court ruled in Liberty's favor. The Supremes split 5 to 4. NO Confederate flag on a state issued license plate without the State's consent. Its "government" speech don't you know.

Since the 1990's the US Courts of Appeal have looked at this issue, the 4th, 5th, 6th & 11th Circuits ALL upheld the right of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to have their logo on specialty plates. Open to one then open to ALL, was uniform rule of the Courts of Appeal that looked at this issue. But then when the 5th Circuit said yes to the SCV, so-called conservative Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott (now Governor Abbott) appealed to the Supreme Court last Fall - the Confederate Community was cautiously optimistic that the court

would follow the well settled precedents of the Courts of Appeal. But wait, who are these SCV nobodies when we have 12 States, including states like North Carolina who issue an SCV specialty tag, lined up against the Confederate flag and liberty? NYET to Liberty! NYET to the Confederate Battle flag! Nyet to the rule of law!

You see as the SLRC has said MANY, MANY times in the past: ALL Confederate flag cases are "political" cases all of them. What does "political" mean? It means all the rules change when deciding a "political" case because the system has a vested interest in the outcome. Every SCV member, every member of the Confederate Community needs to know this when weighing Confederate legal options. That doesn't mean abandon the legal fight - it means go in with your eyes open with realistic expectations. It means don't just leave the case to the lawyers - Confederate Community members should let the lawyers do what they do, while non-lawyers make their case to the court of public opinion - everyone has a role in a legal fight. Leave it just to the lawyers and you should not be surprised when you lose.

But if you do lose - do you accept an illegal ruling? - NO you figure out a new theory, a new angle and you fight on - its why God put you in our community - to fight, and keep fighting, and if you die of old age and the battle is not over - you pass the fight to the next generation - but YOU/WE never, ever give up so long as we are in the right and asking God's blessing on our struggle for LIBERTY!

One of the reasons that we lose these "political" cases is because we have next to zero political clout. We represent less than 200,000 hard definable votes (we actually quantified that number for Karl Rove one time) and of that extended number only a handful are really active. So politicians, legislatures, courts ignore us - there is absolutely NO down side for them in doing so.

And as we have been marginalized over the last 15-20 years our conservative so-called "allies" have taken our support & vote for granted while steadily moving away from us. we are on our own.

And as we at the SLRC have said again, and again, and again and again, if our Confederate Community does not acquire some serious political savvy to support legal & heritage fights - we will continue to lose important fights. and be further & further marginalized in our society.

The SCV relied on the rule of law for 20 years to display SCV logo specialty plates - just like many Flaggers across the country rely on private property rights to keep their roadside flags secure. WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! Our Enemies are working like gravity to undo us. They work at it 24/7 all out of proportion to our numbers & influence. The day will come, sooner than you think, when the forces of evil figure out a legal/political dodge or trick to remove a Battle flag from private property. FLAGGERS start your war chest for that fight today! It will assuredly come sooner than you think and when you are least prepared.

Remember where you live. You live in a Stalinist country that is a mere shell of its former greatness - and it does not suffer dissidents gladly. Look at the drumbeat already started over the tragic shooting in Charleston, where the dangerous mind altering drugs used by the shooter are ignored by the media and all focus is on his Confederate flag car front plate.

Bottom line. We are not mainstream. we got pushed out of the mainstream some time ago. So-called "Gay" marriage is mainstream, Miley Cyrus is mainstream. We need to start thinking and planning and acting like the (soon to be) persecuted minority that we are. We need new tactics; new thinking, new leaders and we need to stop being surprised when our opponents do to us exactly what they said they would do.

We are peaceful and non-violent. We still need to play the political/legal game with the chess pieces offered us. We still need lawyers and knowledge of our increasingly ineffective & corrupt legal system. And there is still a need for the SLRC - which has time-in-grade of fighting this kind of tyranny. Support [www.slrc-csa.org](http://www.slrc-csa.org)

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# What We Are Up Against

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THIS is what we who hold to the just cause of the Southern Confederacy, which was also the cause of the Founders of the original American Republic, are, ARE, not were only but are up against in this current yankee/Progressive Empire. Why do we wonder that they hate our Flag and our Monuments? Why do we send our young men and women to fight and die in their Imperial Wars? Why do we pledge allegiance to their Imperial Flag and Empire/yankee Republic? Why do we as Sons of the Confederate Veterans who fought a desperate defensive war against this yankee Empire give their Imperial Flag a prominent place in our Camps and Ceremonies and Events? And you can take it to the bank, Sherman's imperialistic attitude is THE attitude that reigned in yankeedom in the 1860s and that reigns today. Don't be fooled by the bones some of the more mild imperialists throw us Southerners. Their aim, their goal, all of them is to change us, to as Dabney said "yankeeize" us so that we are all good little subjects to their "glorious union", their yankee Empire.

This little piece is also a good example of not only what we are up against but also of what practical Progressivism is- note the idea of "change", of course the yankee idea of change is "progress". And under yankee rule if men won't change and make progress peacefully the yankee will use his sword to make "progress".

*Sherman viewed Southerners as he later viewed American Indians, to be exterminated or banished to reservations as punishment for having resisted government power. They were subjects and merely temporary occupants of land belonging to his government whom they served. The revealing excerpts below are taken from "Reminiscences of Public Men in Alabama," published in 1872. Bernhard Thuersam*

# Death is Mercy to Secessionists

Headquarters, Department of Tennessee, January 1, 1863.

[To] Major R. M. Sawyer, AAG Army of Tennessee, Huntsville:

“Dear Sawyer — In my former letter I have answered all your questions save one, and that relates to the treatment of inhabitants known, or suspected to be, hostile or “secesh.” The war which prevails in our land is essentially a war of races. The Southern people entered into a clear compact of government, but still maintained a species of separate interests, history and prejudices. These latter became stronger and stronger, till they have led to war, which has developed the fruits of the bitterest kind.

We of the North are, beyond all question, right in our lawful cause, but we are not bound to ignore the fact that the people of the South have prejudices that form part of their nature, and which they cannot throw off without an effort of reason or the slower process of natural change. Now, the question arises, should we treat as absolute enemies all in the South who differ with us in opinions or prejudices . . . [and] kill or banish them? Or should we give them time to think and gradually change their conduct so as to conform to the new order of things which is slowly and gradually creeping into their country?

When men take arms to resist our rightful authority, we are compelled to use force because all reason and argument ceases when arms are resorted to. If the people, or any of them, keep up a correspondence with parties in hostility, they are spies, and can be punished with death or minor punishment. These are well established principles of war, and the people of the South having appealed to war, are barred from appealing to our Constitution, which they have practically and publicly defied....

The United States, as a belligerent party claiming right in the soil as the ultimate sovereign, have a right to change the population, and it may be and it, both politic and best, that we should do so in certain districts. When the inhabitants persist too long in hostility, it may be both politic and right that we should banish them and appropriate their lands to a more loyal and useful population. No man would deny that the United States would be benefited by dispossessing a single prejudiced, hard-headed and disloyal planter and substitute in his place a dozen or more patient, industrious, good families, even if they be of foreign birth. It is all idle nonsense for these Southern planters to say that



they made the South, that they own it, and that they can do as they please — even to break up our government...

For my part, I believe that this war is the result of false political doctrine, for which we are all as a people responsible, viz: That any and every people has a right to self-government . . . In this belief, while I assert for our Government the highest military prerogatives, I am willing to bear in patience that political nonsense of . . . State Rights, freedom of conscience, freedom of press, and other such trash as have deluded the Southern people into war, anarchy, bloodshed, and the foulest crimes that have disgraced any time or any people. I would advise the commanding officers at Huntsville and such other towns as are occupied by our troops, to assemble the inhabitants and explain to them these plain, self-evident propositions, and tell them that it is for them now to say whether they and their children shall inherit their share. The Government of the United States has in North-Alabama any and all rights which they choose to enforce in war — to take their lives, their homes, their lands, their everything . . . and war is simply power unrestrained by constitution or compact. If they want eternal warfare, well and good; we will accept the issue and dispossess them, and put our friends in possession. Many, many people, with less pertinacity than the South, have been wiped out of national existence.

To those who submit to the rightful law and authority, all gentleness and forbearance; but to the petulant and persistent secessionists, why, death is mercy, and the quicker he or she is disposed of the better. Satan and the rebellious saints of heaven were allowed a continuance of existence in hell merely to swell their just punishment.” W.T. Sherman, Major General

(Reminiscences of Public Men in Alabama, William Garrett, Plantation Printing Company’s Press, 1872, pp. 486-488)



*Fannie A  
Beers*

*“To young eyes the new flag seemed an emblem of glory. Young hearts glowed with pride as often as they looked upon it. The story of the eventful hour when it first replaced the ‘stars and stripes’ and floated over the capitol building in full view of the whole city, hailed by acclamations from many thousand voices, is still told with pride by the citizens of Richmond.*



*The moment it was known that Virginia had passed the ordinance of secession, the cheering, enthusiastic crowd which had for hours surrounded Mechanics Institute, made a rush for the State-House to ‘haul down’ the old flag, and run up the ‘stars and bars.’”*

**Fannie A. Beers, Memories: A Record of Personal Experience and Adventure During Four Years of War (1888), 28-29.**

**"FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO  
OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT**



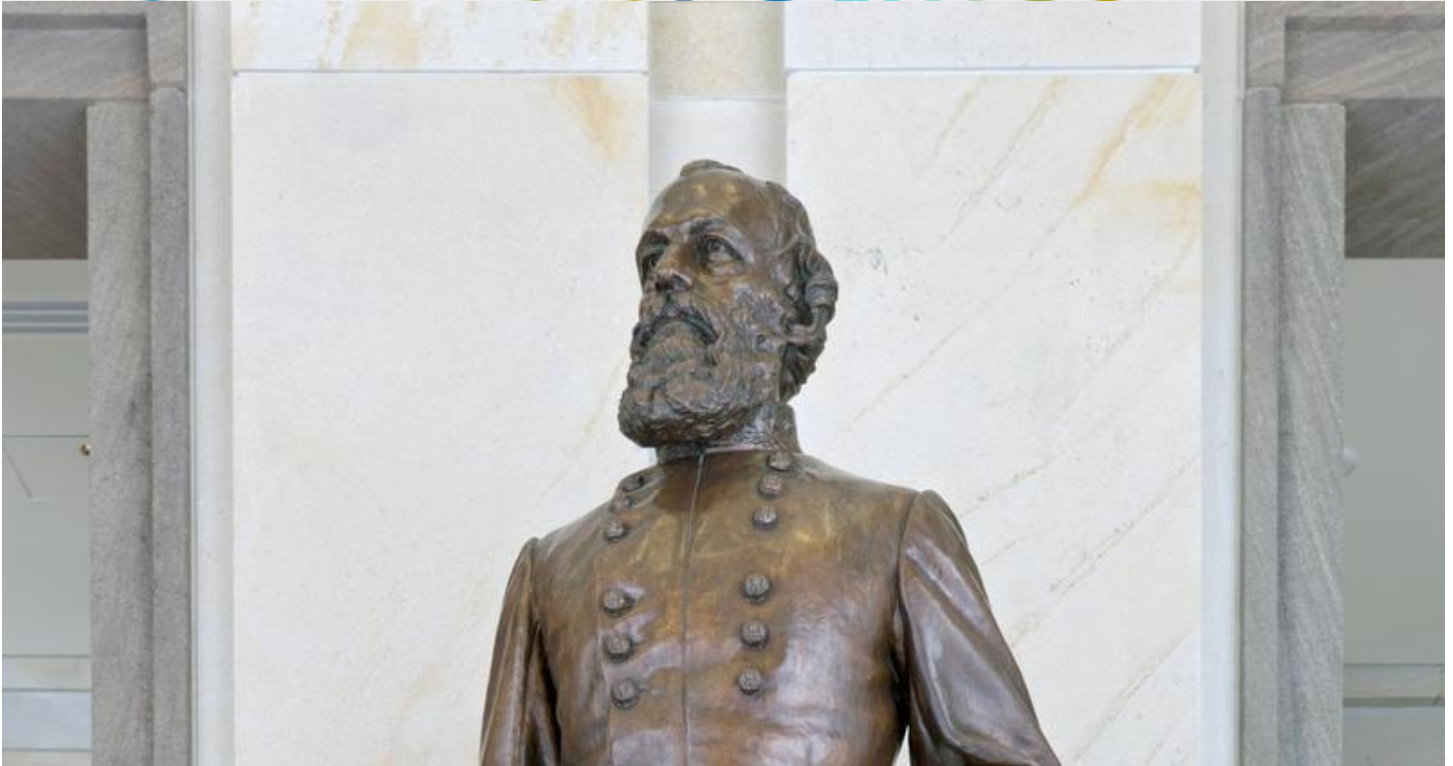
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**"THESE UNITED COLONIES ARE, AND OF RIGHT  
OUGHT TO BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES."**

**NOT ONE NATION.  
13 INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATES.**



## Rick Scott signs bill to replace General Edmund Kirby Smith statue in D.C.

A bill to remove and replace a statue of a Confederate army general is one of more than two dozen bills signed into law Thursday.

Gov. **Rick Scott** signed the bill (SB 310), which calls on the Department of State to select a prominent Floridian to replace General **Edmund Kirby Smith**'s statue in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.

The move to take down the statue came after renewed debate about Confederate symbols, including its battle flag.

The law calls on the Florida Arts Council and the Department of State to estimate the costs of replacing the statue, including the costs associated with designing and creating a new statue, removing the current statue, and any unveiling ceremony.

The recommendations must be presented to Scott, the Senate President and House Speaker by Jan. 1.

Other states have replaced their state statues in the past. For instance, Arizona recently replaced **John Campbell Greenway** with U.S. Sen. **Barry Goldwater**.

Don't worry, though. The Sunshine State's other statue — one of Dr. **John Gorrie**, the father of air conditioning — remains.

<http://floridapolitics.com/archives/204258-rick-scott-signs-bill-remove-replace-general>



**'Old times there  
are not forgotten...'**



# 'Slavery' Spotlight Now Shining on Alamo Defenders

For several months Confederate figures, from Jefferson Davis to Robert E. Lee, have had their legacies questioned and their names removed from streets, schools, and monuments across Texas. And now, News Radio 1200 WOAI reports, that scrutiny is turning to the hallowed defenders of the Alamo, with Jim Bowie the first in the spotlight.

A petition in the City of Austin is calling for a change in the name of that city's Bowie Street, a relatively small street in the Market District on the west edge of Austin's downtown.

University of Texas Historian Don Carleton, Executive Director of the Briscoe Center for American History, says Bowie had very little to recommend him for iconic status, other than the fact that he happened to die at the Alamo.

"Anybody who died at the Alamo automatically went into the Pantheon of Texas Heroes, just by being there are getting killed," Carleton said.

But in reality, he says Bowie was not only a slave owner but was a slave trader, the 19th Century equivalent of a human trafficker.

"Historians have long known that the Texas Revolution was about protecting slavery," he said. "Mexico had banned slavery, and when they did, that was one of the key factors that led to the revolution."

Bowie was a Louisiana land speculator who even worked with infamous pirate Jean Lafitte to import slaves to Galveston Island, and used Texas to get around new laws in the United States which outlawed the importation of slaves. Many of the thousands of slaves who worked the Louisiana plantations in the years before the Civil War were trafficked by Bowie and his brother.

Carleton says Texas history continues to whitewash the pasts of the Alamo defenders, and he says most Texan would be surprised to learn the sordid nature of Bowie's past.

"I think there is great potential for that," he said. "I would say that certainly native Texans who grew up here and learned Texas history in the public schools got none of that."

Texas has been reexamining the role that monuments to Confederates and slave holders have in a 21st Century state. While the North East ISD has decided not to rename Robert E. Lee High School, there has been a healthy discussion over Lee's place in modern Texas, and the Houston ISD has voted to rename Lee High School, as well as Stonewall Jackson Middle School.

But the renaming effort is a potentially slippery slope. The Austin move began when the city playfully renamed Bowie Street for singer David Bowie after his death earlier this month. But Bowie, who ironically adapted his stage name from Jim Bowie, had a history with so called 'baby groupies' in the 1970s, admitting to having sex with a 15 year old girl, making him essentially a statutory rapist.

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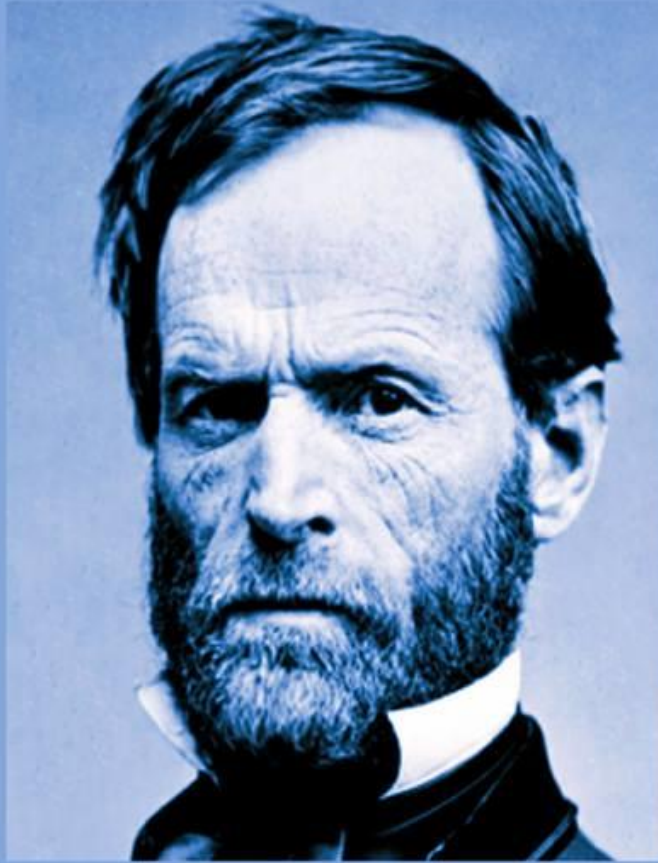
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I cried, laughed, and cried some more. I enjoyed the smells of the smoke house, and the taste of the chicken eggs, (as it all disintegrates before my eyes). I missed the loved ones gone, but hopefully not forever, and I, like you, felt the presence of the man in the moon. You, my Emily Barrett Browning, have given me new poetry to love and cherish. My heart lives, and loves and cries and smiles again. As we read great poetry we put our own experiences into it and it has meaning to each heart that interprets it... as only an individual heart can... and I pray that all the hearts who read it have at least one parrot to bathe in the end... and if no parrot exists for them, then may the WORDS of this great song be the parrot that fills their hearts with love, friendship and happiness forever... because there is nothing better than a great book of poetry. Cherie

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## YANKEE REPORTER COMPLAINS ABOUT "UNCLE BILLY"

Sherman, in December of 1861, during his Lancaster furlough, read the following editorial in the Cincinnati Commercial:

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Source: Newspaper - Cincinnati Commercial, December 11, 1861

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## So which is it? YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS

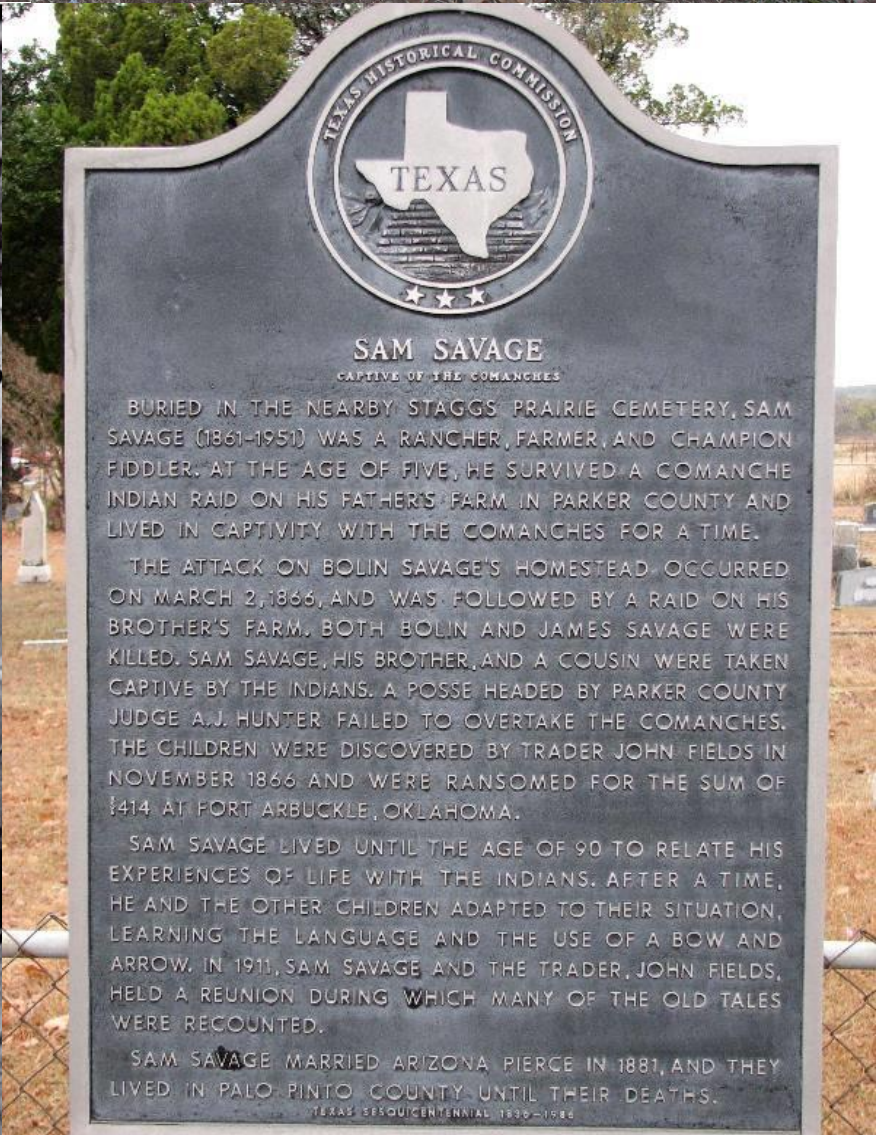
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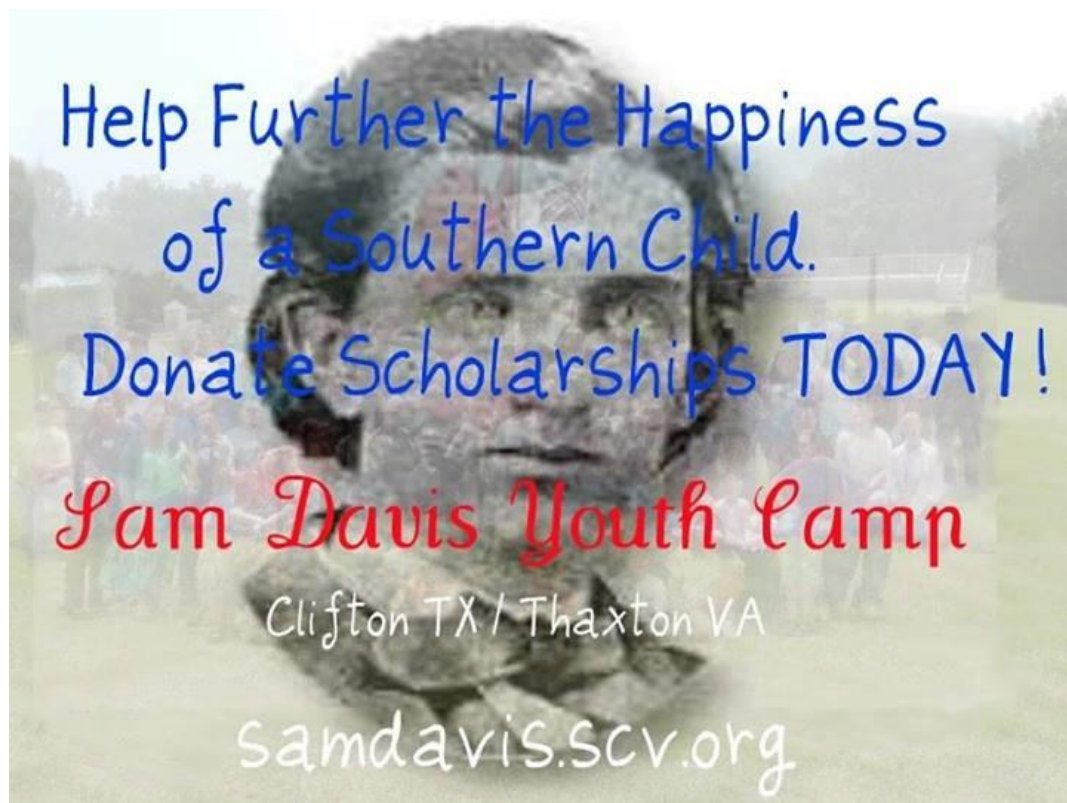
**“If they "have a right to secede," it is no business of the Federal Government what they do. However, if as Congress says, they cannot secede, “they are still in the Union” and the Union CANNOT MAKE WAR ON A STATE.” “Facts the Historians Leave Out” John S. Tilley p.79**

**Therefore, if the Union made war on States that were "still in the Union as Congress claimed," then the president was guilty of treason. Article 3 Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution states, “ Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them...”**

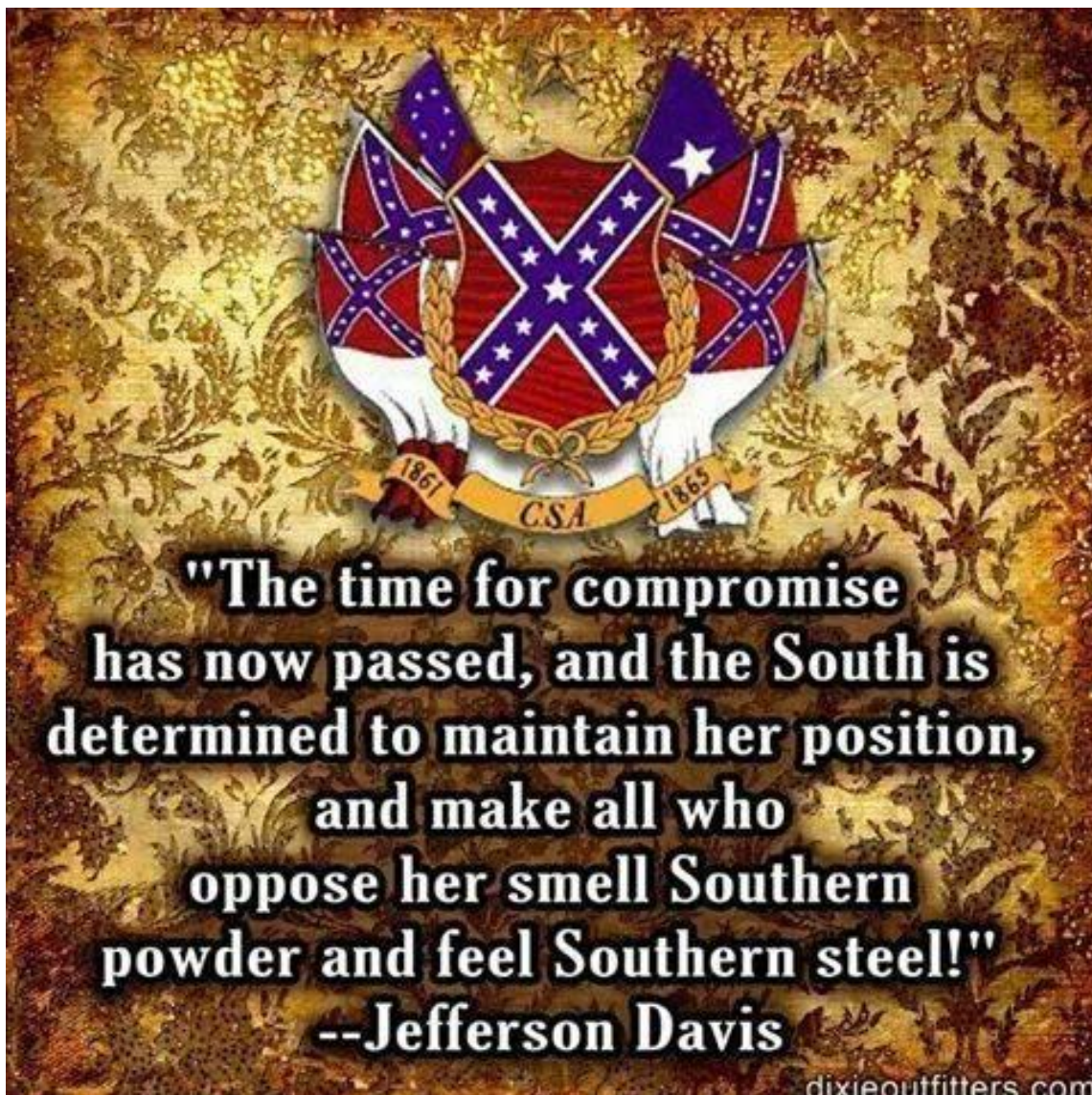
~Robert~

**Either way ‘THE SOUTH WAS RIGHT’ thank you very much.**





**Send your kids to Sam Davis Youth Camps!**





Photograph of the 5th Texas Infantry Flag flown at Second Manassas (Bull Run) on August 29-30, 1862. Flag is now stored at the state of Texas Archives in Austin, Texas.

### Joe Owen

I've been transcribing the letters of **3rd Sergeant Virginius E. Petty** about the battles of Seven Pines and Gaines Mill fought in May and June 1862 for a book about the early battles of Hood's Texas Brigade from Yorktown to Second Manassas (Bull Run), that will be published around late 2017. Sergeant Petty, before the war was a lawyer in Brenham, Texas and was made 3rd Sergeant in the 5th Texas Infantry Regiment soon after the regiment was formed in 1861 outside of Richmond, VA. Sergeant Petty's prose is outstanding as well as his observations about Richmond, the Army of Northern Virginia, and the "Yankee Army." **Sergeant Petty was 100% devoted to the cause of the CSA and would often make his opinion known in his letters to his sister back in Texas.**

During the Second Battle of Manassas (Bull Run,) on August 30, 1862, Sergeant Petty was a flag bearer in the 5th Texas Infantry's famous charge that broke the line of the 5th and 10th New York Infantry line. He was shot "through the bowels" as his senior Sergeant would write to Petty's brother-in-law back home, and would suffer tremendously until his death the next day on August 31, 1862. His Sergeant wrote that Sergeant Petty's dying words were **"tell my family that I die with a devotion to my country and its cause and not to grieve for me."**



March 19, 2016

## **Y'all just don't get it: the Confederate flag debate**

Sooner or later, you just knew it was coming: protesters showing up at Civil War reenactments complaining about the Confederate flags waving on make-believe battlefields. Or, how about booing or spitting at these living historians, volunteers just trying to educate modern folks about a contentious, four-year slice of American history. So, how did we arrive at this pathetic display of public ignorance hijacking civil discourse?

As it turns out, controversy about the flag and other symbols of the doomed Confederacy never really ended with the Civil War. Like the aftermath of the debate over slavery during the founding of the country, it was a problem just kicked down the road for another generation to confront. Now, 151 years after Lee surrendered to Grant in the tiny Virginia hamlet of Appomattox Court House, we're still grappling with symbols we can't decide as a nation represent either heritage or hate.

Before I delve into the minutia of my perspective, it's important to understand that what most people call "the Confederate flag" is just plain wrong. What these malcontents are vocally denouncing is actually the square battle flag of the Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by General Robert E. Lee, and used in some other states. Although it was later incorporated as the canton of the national flag of the Confederate States of America, the controversial flag targeted today only represented parts of the army, not the entire would-be Confederacy. The traditional-size, rectangular version of the battle flag was actually the naval ensign, used solely on Confederate warships, and unseen by most civilians of that era.



*Battle flag of the Army of Northern Virginia (left), First national flag of the Confederate States of America (center), and the Third national flag of the CSA.*

As a Civil War reenactor from Pennsylvania, having portrayed soldiers on both sides of the Mason & Dixon Line (93rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and 13th Mississippi Infantry), my perspective on whether flags of the Confederacy should be publicly displayed has a special, yet deeply personal relevance. In an era of über political correctness, liberal academics who have a robust fondness for open thought, as long as it fits their personal biases, it's hardly surprising that we've arrived where we are — a generation of zombies incapable of critical thought. In their world, free speech (one of our most cherished liberties), is only applauded when nobody's feelings are hurt, and intolerance is embraced like a comfy pillow. Pages of history, therefore, need to be sanitized in this mindset so that our past becomes homogenized mush that can become spoon-fed to the masses. Today, they have become one of the prime instruments — indoctrinated by progressive educators — for dismantling Southern history and, soon, all vestiges of Dixie may be gone with the wind.

The heart of the current debate is centered on whether the Confederate flags represent slavery. I contend that the issue has been appropriated by those who profit from constantly stirring the racial pot for personal gain, thereby diverting attention from the genuine, root causes of racial inequality (which have nothing to do with a flag): dysfunctional, single-parent families; institutionalized multi-generational poverty; staggering school dropout rates among minorities; and misguided dependence on government, instead of the time-honored American tradition of self-reliance.

Before ill-informed Americans rush to judgment on removing the Confederate flag from everywhere, perhaps you should consider some interesting, yet seldom discussed, facts. Over 90% of Confederate soldiers never owned a slave and most claimed they were fighting for Southern independence, to defend their homeland, and State's Rights (the right of a state to determine its own destiny without Federal Government interference). Although the white racist organization, the Ku Klux Klan, has long been associated with the Confederate flag, they more often used the American flag instead. And speaking of the American flag, it was this banner which flew over many ships transporting slaves, especially those of wealthy shipowners from solidly abolitionist Yankee states like Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Yet, we don't hear anyone calling for the removal of the "stars and stripes" from the nation's flagpoles due to their ancestors' sins.

Over 50 years ago, it was prejudiced Southern Democratic leaders who opposed civil rights, school integration, and black voter protections in the 1960s. Now, these same individuals have jumped on the "pull down the flag" bandwagon, having hoodwinked everyone with their morale indignation over Confederate emblems that they once passionately embraced. Apparently a lot of hypocrites come with a Southern accent.

The debate, in my view, should be taken off the national stage and put back into the hands of Southerners themselves. If they want to expunge their own history by taking down flagpoles, relocating statues and renaming streets that's their business, even if it seems like a pointless waste of taxpayer dollars. Oddly, many Southern state governments seem hell-bent on seeing which can erase Confederate symbology the quickest. But not everyone is caving in to what most Southerners view as social engineering run amuck. Many states have stopped offering Sons of Confederate Veterans license plates, which include the battle flag and many motorists have said that, if recalled, they wouldn't return them. Ironically, the most notable state to ditch SCV plates was

Virginia, home of the Confederate capital of Richmond. Last year, that state also threw out its official state song (written by an African-American) for something less historic, more generic and, regrettably, more bland. Lately, though, there's been a notable push-back from the publishing side of the issue, with over two dozen pro-flag books available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) about this divisive, hot topic.



*A sample of the banned Confederate battle flag license plate in Virginia.*

A poll conducted in 2000 showed that 75% of white Southerners thought the Rebel flag represented pride, but the same percentage of African-Americans in the South thought it symbolized racism. Virtually the same poll, conducted last year by CNN/ORC, showed almost identical results. Given this great divide, this debate is certain to linger, fostering further racial anxieties throughout the rest of the former Confederacy.

As for the rest of us, we've mostly moved on. 57% of the country said they view the embattled flag as a symbol of Southern pride and patriotism, nothing so sinister that it needed wiped away. That isn't the case in the People's Republic of California, which has banned the sale or display of Confederate flags on state property (except for historical uses), lest someone break into hives over a piece of multi-colored cloth. Meanwhile, over at the cable channel TV Land, reruns of the silly car chase show "The Dukes of Hazzard" (1979-85) were also pulled due to a Rebel flag being on the roof of the car driven by the main characters — further evidence that sanity has checked into an asylum.

So, where does this leave us? We have some serious problems facing our country: a never-ending flood of trespassers from Mexico; terrorists intent on reeking havoc on American soil; a stagnant economy; a failing public education system; and a whopping national debt crisis. Perhaps we should focus on these real problems, not nonsensical ones. And if the sight of a Confederate flag makes you queasy at a reenactment, do us a favor and just stay home. There are already enough fireworks on the field.

Stephen M. Cobaugh, News Director <https://donegalmediagroup.wordpress.com/2016/03/19/yall-just-dont-get-it-the-confederate-flag-debate/>

# 20 Arkansas homes evacuated because of Civil War landmine



© Provided by Associated Press A Little Air Force Base EOD team came in and boxed up and took it to an undisclosed location to detonate. (Richard Rasmussen/The Sentinel-Record via AP)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Police in Hot Springs, Arkansas, have evacuated about 20 homes after a man mistook a Civil War-era landmine for a cannonball and took it home.

Police say as of about 4 p.m. Thursday that the U.S. Air Force Bomb Squad was looking for a place to explode the ordnance.

Police spokesman Cpl. Kirk Zaner said a Hot Springs

man dug up what he thought was a cannonball near Danville. The man put the 32-pound landmine in the back of his pickup and drove about 65 miles home.

After researching pictures of Civil War-era weapons, the man called police to say he thought he found a landmine with a pressure sensor fuse. Zanier says the Air Force bomb squad X-rayed the device and found what could be explosives inside.

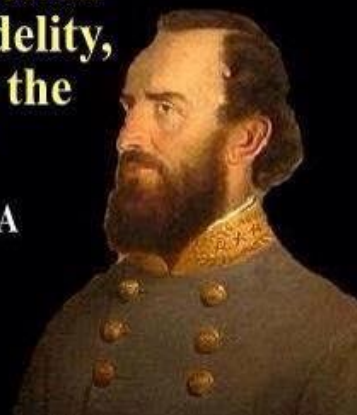


© Provided by Associated Press , works the scene in Hot Springs, Ark., on Thursday, March 31, 2016, where a Civil War era landmine was transported to after it was found on an excavation site near Danville, Ark., Wednesday. (Richard Rasmussen/The Sentinel-Record via AP) MANDATORY CREDIT

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/20-arkansas-homes-evacuated-because-of-civil-war-landmine/ar-BBrcZqL?ocid=sf>

**"If the North triumphs, it is not alone the destruction of our property, it is the prelude to anarchy, infidelity, the loss of free and responsible government; it is the triumph of commerce, the banks and factories."**

— Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, CSA





# An Open Letter to the President: Stop Recognizing the Sons of Confederate Veterans

From Joan Hough

Please take the time to read THE LETTER which follows my words here. Please know that I am not a good typist— my message here has not been proofed—so be at least a little bit tolerant of its form.

A letter attacking all we Southerners cherish is found below my words here. That letter is the work of the very folks who write our children's school books. The august personages (ahem) whose names are listed in THE letter are among the MAIN brainwashing propagandists in America. Sadly you will not find any faculty of any university in our South standing up against these or any other POLITICALLY CORRECT BRAINWASHERS!

As you read all you find of the following, consider what I consider as a good possibility—that the Jews learned from the Southern Holocaust just what Southerners did all wrong. They outdid the defenders of Germany in a skillfully planned, never-surrendering, never ceasing onslaught against all who dare to challenge their version of all that happened in the Jewish Holocaust. They have been immensely successful in fighting the enemies they have singled out—so successful in fact that the famous/infamous United States Hate Bill makes it illegal and even prison gaining if anyone even uses Hate Talk against a Jew. In some nations, anyone challenging a word uttered by a Jew is imprisoned. The Homosexuals have taken the same road. After losing their case of defense and being forced to pay thousands of dollars for not making a cake, The Bible believing-anti sodomy cake makers are prohibited from even utter words of self defense in public by an American Judge. All of the “protected” groups are protected, protected, protected! Free speech is thus murdered.

Confederates deserve that same form of protection, I say. Let us organize and get it.

Aren't you tired of being in the only group fellow Americans can make fun of and get by with? Aren't you tired of being a member of the only group that has absolutely lost all rights to wave its flags and sing its songs? Aren't you tired of being a member of the only group that the Communist-New World Order—our AMERICAN POLITICIANS AND LEADERS can set their dogs on? Aren't you tired of having your blood kin insulted, lied about, and accused of treason? Aren't you tired of your children being taught lies about the South by supercilious University professors who are convinced that they hold the monopoly in brains; they see all, know all, and tell all—and anything they don't know or don't believe is an outright lie?

In the letter that follows, you will note the word “net-confederate” employed. “Neo” in the classical sense mean “Young,” but it now means “new” “revived,” “modified,” and “recent.” The letter writer below, uses the term to describe me and you. I conclude—that word cannot possibly mean me since I'm 85 years old and was born into a family of Confederate-South lovers, and since my Daddy's grandfather fought at Vicksburg for the South and I had a slew of Uncles and cousins fighting in Virginia and the Carolinas, etc. I'm not sure that any “neo” term can apply to me. I certainly am not recent or modified or revived—and my love of the South has existed since the first ones in my lineage landed on Virginia's shores in the 1600s, I can hardly term it “new,” “revived,” or any of the other “neo” definitions subscribed to all Southerner pro-South historical truths. I, unashamedly, proudly love the South. I am absolutely convinced it contains most of the most wonderful folks in the entire world. I love its truths, its mysteries, its melodies, and the wonderfully perfumed country air. I love the beauty of its speech— no matter how much northerners ridicule it or work to force their bland Yankee diction on Southerners. Of course I confessed there was once a time when I practiced Yankee talk; I practiced sending words through my nose and sounding like somebody from Wisconsin. I also confess to saying “Cuber” and “Mummer” in order to talk in the Bostonian fashion like the very rich, very influential, very political Kennedys.

Any Southerner sending an offspring to College or University without properly instruction in the truth about the South should be considered an enemy of truth! I am doing my best to teach my grandsons—I am hoping that others are doing the same, but I seriously doubt this. I continue, daily to find proof that brainwashing has proved highly effective even on Confederate descendants—or perhaps “most especially” on such folks. I am too often horrified at some of the statements being issued in writing or out of the mouths of Sons’ leaders, as well as leaders in other Confederate groups. What’s more members in their groups do nothing to correct the out and out lies or errors presented by such people. Some Confederate descendants pride themselves on “keeping open minds” about the war— as a result their minds are so open all their brains have fallen out!

Recently I read words I found especially despicable written by a Son’s Leader who feels that because he has both Union as well as Confederates soldiers on his family tree, he knows more real truth about the War than most Confederate descendants and his opinions are more valid and reliable. ( I found his opinions reeking of scalywaggism.) How many among us DON’T HAVE a Yankee or two in our lineage?—Certainly all of us whose ancestors appeared on this continent during the time of the Colonies or even shortly before the Revolution are likely to have had some of their own DNA located above the Mason Dixon line, as well as below it. I know I do.— Yet I have the good sense to know THE NORTHERNERS, even those with my surname—even those with the names of a multitude of my grandmothers were wrong—The were seduced into a war that was designed by evil men for evil purposes. I fear that one of the most fiendish of the Yankee radicals was in my maternal line—have not bothered to “Prove” our relationship, because deep down I might be forced to insist he be dug up and reburied or better—flushed!

I do hope somebody with the time to do so will tear into THE letter (below) composed by the men of remarkable ignorance. I could take the time to tear apart all the garbage in the message these “brilliant, smarter than any Southerner, genius, superior human beings” placed in their letter to their great American President of equal genius stats—born somewhere—except in Hawaii and placed in office by men precisely like the writers of THE letter, but I have to take out other garbage now.[]

This Sebesta Academic declares you and me neo Confederates. HE SAYS NEO CONFEDERATES ARE AGAINST ALL ETHNICS. HE then CLASSIFIES ALL CONFEDERATES AS NEO CONFEDERATES. HE AND HIS GANG IN ACADEMIA ARE VILIFYING FRANK CONNER AND ALL FOLKS WHO ACTUALLY KNOW AND SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HORRORS COMMITTED BY THE MARXIST CREATED REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE 1800s.

I find academia loaded, I say LOADED with the Sebesta kind of people[] They are the ones gaining tenure in America’s universities. They teach our young. They vote for Obama. They vote for Hillary. They vote for Sanders. They vote for the Devil.

**I join with all informed, non-brainwashed Americans (including a growing number of fine northerners) able to resist the over a century of intense anti-couto propaganda poured on Americans by the government’s controlled schools, history texts, politicians and American Communists controlling both political parties, but now calling themselves THE NEW WORLD ORDER clan.**

The authors of the “open Letter” regarding the Sons of the Confederate Veterans are obviously as ignorant of law as they are ignorant about the Confederacy. They obviously are unaware that the U.S. government passed a law declaring that Confederates must be accorded all the rights given to U.S. veterans in all wars. To verify this, google for it. This law actually makes the graves of all Confederate military persons the responsibility of the U.S. government because the USA cares for the Union soldiers buried everywhere, including the thousands Lincoln’s folks scoured the South for and moved to Vicksburg. The Confederate bodies in that lengthy battle won by the north by starvation of the the South, were left in most instances somewhere on the battlefield and

never made it to Soldiers' Rest, the Confederate "private" area of the Vicksburg public cemetery and this is a truth not commonly known even by Southerners. Those crosses at Soldier Rest are mostly placed over empty ground. In recent years some of those Confederate bodies have been dug up by new Carpet bagger or scalywag folks illegally seeking Confederate coins, buttons, etc.

The "brave" members of academia signing the letter you are about to read are ignorant of the true origin of the Republican Party. They only know what they have been taught and that is what they teach in their Hate the South classrooms of so-called "higher learning."

After reading the anti Confederate letter, I came to the following conclusion—I hope you will agree with it.

*Maybe it is time for us Southerners to claim we are being discriminated against because of our religion and our ethnicity—that of being **Southerner Christians and Confederates by birth or by choice**. I say, **LET US DECLARE OURSELVES AN ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA**. Actually that makes us a **NATIONALITY** of folks whose ancestors lived in a beautiful, gracious nation named the Confederate States of America. Certainly if anybody in America is discriminated against it is us! As a white person, I am discriminated against for in Texas I am in a legal, U.S. Census recorded minority since the year 2000. White people are the minority race in Texas, yet get none of the usual minority privileges or goodies.—But as a white Southerners, I am doubly discriminated against! In small towns of the South, there may be less of this—but believe me there's not a place in the nation where Southerners are not discriminated against in some manner. it's a national hobby. We are the nation's chosen scapegoats on which our leaders, even the Southern ones, can blame everything!*

**EDITOR'S NOTE: While the following was sent in 2010. The forces and players are actively working to carry out its aims. We need to be aware of these cosigners and be prepared to fight them.**

## An Open Letter to the President: Stop Recognizing the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Historians/History

by **Edward H. Sebesta**

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May 5, 2010

Edward H. Sebesta

President Barack H. Obama

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am a researcher of the neo-Confederate movement and one of the editors of *Neo-Confederacy: A Critical Introduction* (Univ. of Texas Press, 2008). Neo-Confederacy is a movement that has a broad spectrum of prejudices against African Americans, Unitarians, Muslims, Hispanics, gays and lesbians and others. It opposes civil rights. It supports the subordination of women. Beyond that it is against the very ideas that are the foundation of a democratic society; is hostile to egalitarianism; and advocates a hierarchical society which they call “ordered liberty,” which is largely the liberty to order others around.

Included in this letter are several examples of how the federal government itself, and through its associated agencies, continues to support and enable neo-Confederacy. The Office of the President has the opportunity to end federal government support for, and enablement of, neo-Confederacy.

Unfortunately, to date the Office of the Presidency has actively enabled neo-Confederacy. Besides sending a wreath to a monument of neo-Confederate ideology in Arlington Memorial Park, presidents have attended parties celebrating the birthday of Robert E. Lee, thus normalizing the Confederacy, and former president Bill Clinton wrote three letters of congratulations to the United Daughters of the Confederacy undermining former Illinois U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun’s historic 1993 victory over the UDC and Lost Cause nostalgia.

I ask you to end the federal government’s support and enablement of neo-Confederacy starting by not sending a wreath to the Arlington Confederate monument on Memorial Day or any other day this year or years to come.

Rather than celebrating the Confederacy, the United States of America needs instead a national conversation on the Confederacy, the Civil War, the overthrow of Reconstruction and neo-Confederacy. With the approach of the Sesquicentennial of the start of The Civil War, 2010 would be an ideal time to begin such a discussion to acknowledge the historical truth about these issues. With a false understanding of the historical past we poison the future. Or, as the great W.E.B. Du Bois explained angrily in regards to the upcoming Civil War Centennial celebrations in 1960:

*Thus we train generations of men who do not know the past, or believe a false picture of the past, to have no trustworthy guide for living and to*

*stumble doggedly on, through mistake after mistake, to fatal ends. Our history becomes “lies agreed upon” and stark ignorance guides our future.*

The neo-Confederate organization the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is enabled by the federal government in the following ways:

- They are allowed participation in the Combined Federal Campaign as a recognized charity.
- The SCV is permitted to host events for the United States Army.
- The SCV is allowed to get involved with the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) programs in the high schools.

One of the more notable means whereby the neo-Confederate movement is supported is the designation of the SCV as an eligible charity for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) since 2003. As you know, the CFC is the rough equivalent of the United Way for federal government employees. Through the CFC the SCV is enabled to raise funds from federal employees.

Involvement in the activities of the United States Army is shown in a 2006 issue of the *Confederate Veteran*, an official publication of the SCV, which has the following photo caption referring to an activity of a local SCV camp:

*The Colonel James J. Searcy Camp 1923, Columbia, MO, hosted a visit by the US. Army Staff Ride Class to the Centralia, MO, Battlefield and massacre site in connection with their class instruction. More than 40 active NCO members participated. They were all Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.*

Above the caption you can see the officers, many of them African American, standing around a Confederate monument with the Confederate battle flag marked on it. Hence, an American that enlists in the U.S. Army might end up attending a neo-Confederate event organized by the SCV. The SCV's prestige is enhanced by its status as a host of the U.S. Army, the SCV gets to be involved in the class instruction of Army officers, and the SCV is thereby legitimized with US Army officers.

The SCV seeks to be involved in the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC). In the Nov./Dec. 2009 issue of *Confederate Veterans* the SCV announces in an article that it is going to expand the awarding of the South Carolina Division SCV's H.L. Hunley JROTC award nation wide so as to reach, as Program Chairman Trip Wilson explains, "...500,000 cadets serving in 3,500 JROTC units..." The purpose of this award is to advance the goals of the SCV as Chairman Wilson explains:

*If each year we are able to recognize 500 to 1,000 cadets nationwide and get Sons of Confederate Veterans' compatriots into high schools presenting the awards, then there is unlimited potential the good it can do in educating our young people and changing the perception of them and their parents have of our organization.*

The SCV does have an educational foundation, the Foundation for the Preservation of American Culture, which published a magazine, *Southern Mercury*, from 2003 to 2008, which ceased publication due to the lack of funds. From this magazine we can assess what type of “educating” and “instruction” the SCV might attempt and see what CFC contributions would help fund.

In an article in a 2003 issue of the *Southern Mercury*, SCV member Frank Conner argued that the modern civil rights movement was an attack on the South. He also asserted that African Americans have lower IQs than whites and that this fact was covered up by a conspiracy of liberals. In a section of the article titled, “The Liberals Create a False Public Image of the Blacks,” Conner wrote:

*Early in the 20th century, the liberals took control of the humanities departments in the colleges and universities of America. Previously, anthropologists had routinely recorded the notable differences in IQ among the races; but at Columbia, a liberal cultural anthropologist named Franz Boas now changed all of that. He decreed that there were no differences in IQ among the races, and the only biological differences between the blacks and whites were of superficial nature. The liberals swiftly made it academically suicidal to challenge Boas' flat assertion. ... The liberals were creating a false image of the blacks in America as a highly competent people who were being held back by the prejudiced white Southerners.*

In another section of this same article titled, “The Liberals Destroy the Old South in the Name of Black Civil Rights,” Conner asserts that the white South was unfairly vilified by the media during the Civil Rights Era, resulting in “the patently unconstitutional Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965” being passed by which he asserts, “The Old South was destroyed, and its belief system and way of life were discredited outside the South.”

Conner's article is a summary of a section from his book, *The South Under Siege* (2002). In this section in the book, however, Conner focuses his attacks on

Jews, pointing out that Boas was Jewish, and tells his readers that the civil rights movement was a Jewish plot against the South. He concludes that “Northern Jewish intellectuals/activists” are the “deadliest” enemies of the South. The book is reviewed in the same issue as Conner’s article with reviewer Ann Rives Zappa recommending it, writing, “*The South Under Siege* is a masterful volume of work painstakingly researched by author Frank Conner.”

This article by Frank Conner isn’t one outlandish essay that accidentally got published in the *Southern Mercury*. Rather, it is broadly representative of the contents of the issues of this magazine. Conner’s four other articles in the magazine, including the cover article for the first issue, along with the contributions of other authors, form a collection of similar hysterical and extremist articles.

Another example of the SCV’s extremism is an article in a 2008 issue titled, “Republican Party: Red From the Start,” by Alan Stang. This essay argues that the Republican party was a Marxist conspiracy from its inception. Stang writes:

*In retrospect, it appears because nothing so atrocious had ever happened here, Lee and Jackson did not fully comprehend what they were fighting. Had this really been a “Civil War,” rather than a secession, they would and could have easily seized Washington after Manassas and hanged our first Communist President and the other war criminals.*

Another activity of the *Southern Mercury*, *Confederate Veteran* and the SCV online store is the promotion and sale of books that defend or whitewash slavery. The very first issue of *Southern Mercury* in 2003 has a review praising the John C. Perry’s book, *Myths & Realities of American Slavery: The True History of Slavery in America* (2002) in which the enormity of the whipping of slaves is trivialized by book author John C. Perry, who writes:

*Even in my youth, in the middle of the twentieth century, I was whipped, by a switching from my mother and a belt from my father. The old adage, “spare the rod and spoil the child,” was taken seriously in my home as I was growing up.*

The reviewer, Ann Rives Zappa, writes “In this masterful treatment of the subject, the author uses historical data, personal accounts, and statistics to establish facts and debunk myths.”

A 2003 issue of *Southern Mercury* had a short story titled, “Choosing Slavery in Mississippi Over Freedom in Pennsylvania,” about a slave who preferred to be a slave. Later in the same issue, a book reviewer recommends yet another pro-slavery book, *The Myths of American Slavery* by Walter D. Kennedy (2003). The book has a whole chapter titled “Abolitionism Versus Christianity,” in which the abolitionists are held to be anti-Christian heretics and in which Kennedy condemns the Southern Baptist apology for supporting slavery, the Racial Reconciliation Resolution, at their 1995 annual convention, saying “The resolution is nothing more than liberal double-speak for an act of cultural genocide against the South.”

The SCV also sells these two defenses of slavery in its *Confederate Veteran* magazine, as well as reprints of nineteenth century defenses of slavery as “Confederate Gifts” and “Classic Southern Gifts.” The SCV also sells these books in their annual merchandise catalogues, and in their online bookstore (<https://scv.secure-sites.us/store.php>).

This includes one book titled *Antebellum Slavery: An Orthodox Christian View* (2008) by Gary Lee Roper which claims an orthodox Christian defense of slavery. The foreword of the book explains that antebellum slavery was God’s providential plan to uplift Africans. This book was also promoted by the SCV’s Chaplain Corps in their publication, *Chaplain’s Corps Chronicles of the Sons of Confederate Veterans*, in which reviewer Michael Andrew Grissom tells the reader “THIS IS A MUST READ!” and “The book makes the point it is ludicrous to apologize (as several states have done recently) to a black population for legal slavery that occurred years ago when presently illegal slavery exists in at least twenty countries of the world, including the USA.” Further documentation of SCV extremism can be found on the internet site: <http://arlingtonconfederatemonument.blogspot.com/>.

In summary, the SCV promotes a neo-Confederate perspective that challenges American democratic practices, praises and sells extremist and racist books, and offers defenses of slavery. Consequently, in addition to ending the practice of sending a Presidential wreath to the Confederate memorial in Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day, I ask you to revoke the SCV’s participation as a recognized charity in the Combined Federal Campaign, deny the SCV permission to host events for the



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# THE CONFEDERACY & THE CATHOLIC POPE



The Argument Has Always Been Made That The Confederate States of America Was Never Recognized By Another Nation, And Was Therefore Not A Legitimate Nation Itself. However, In 1863 Jefferson Davis Received A Letter From Pope Pious IX, The Head of State



of Vatican City (A Sovereign Nation) and Leader of The Catholic Church. In The Greeting of This Letter, Pope Pious Wrote “Illustrious and Honorable Jefferson Davis, Confederate States of America,”. In His Closing, The Pope Expressed Interest In Relations With The Confederate States, Hoping For A Union In “Perfect Friendship”. The Confederate States Appears To Have Been Recognized By The Catholic Church, It’s Leader, and The Head of State of Vatican City, Providing Further Support For The Argument That The Confederate States of America Is Not A Relic of The Past, But Is Instead A Nation Under Occupation.



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# Church cancels speech by black state flag supporter

*College Hill Baptist Church cancels Al Arnold appearance*

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## PHOTOS

JACKSON, Miss. —A black man who supports the state flag was asked not to speak at a local church’s black heritage event.

Al Arnold was supposed to speak at College Hill Baptist Church’s annual black heritage banquet Saturday night.

“They canceled my speaking engagement after the story that Ross Adams did,” Arnold said.

The cancellation came after a 16 WAPT special report on black Mississippians who support the state flag.

“We decided at the last minute that we would get a group instead,” Pastor Michael Williams said.

Williams said Arnold’s stance on the state flag and the Confederacy played a role in the church’s decision.

“Let’s make it clear: we have nothing at all against our speaker,” Williams said. “Because we differed on the issues of the flag and because our church, who has such a rich and robust history as it relates to black heritage and black history, we thought it would not be good and wise for him to come and share with us.”

Arnold wrote a book that details how his great-great-grandfather worked for the Confederacy.

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# The Great Seal of the Confederacy



## **Deo Vindice "God Will Vindicate"**

The Great Seal of the Confederate States of America was engraved in 1864, by the late Joseph S. Wyon, of London, England, predecessor of Messrs J. S. and A. B. Wyon, chief engravers of Her British Majesty's seals, etc., and reached Richmond not long before the evacuation of the city, April 3, 1865. It was of silver, and in diameter measured nearly four inches. At the evacuation it was overlooked by the Confederate authorities, and subsequently fell into the possession of the late genial and accomplished Colonel John T. Pickett, of Washington, D.C., who, after having a number of electrotype copies in copper, silver and gold plating made from it, presented the original to Colonel William E. Earle, of Washington, D.C. This last gentleman, on December 27th, 1888, formally presented it to the State of South Carolina. The announcement of the gift elicited from the *Picayune*, in its issue of January 6, 1889, the interesting report of an interview, by one of its representatives, held with Hon. Thomas J. Semmes, of New Orleans, which follows: "Mr. Semmes said it always afforded him pleasure to converse on the events of the war, particularly the transactions of the Confederate Senate. He was attorney-general of Louisiana in 1861. When it became

necessary to elect to the Confederate Senate, organized under the new constitution, Mr. Semmes and General Edward T. Sparrow were chosen senators from this State. In drawing for terms he drew that for four years, while General Sparrow drew that for six years. This was at Richmond, Va., in February, 1862.

"In speaking of his services in the Senate, Mr. Semmes said he was appointed a member of the finance committee in conjunction with Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, and Hon. Robert Barnwell, of South Carolina and a member of the judiciary committee, of which Hon. B. H. Hill was chairman. He was also chairman of the joint committee on the flag and seal of the Confederate States. He drafted, under the direction of Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, the 'tax in kind' bill, which practically supported the Confederacy during the last two years of the war.

"As member of the finance committee, he advocated the sealing and calling in of the outstanding Confederate currency, on the ground that the purchasing power of the new currency to be issued in exchange would be greater than the total amount of the outstanding currency in its then depreciated condition. He made a report from the judiciary committee adverse to martial law.

"Upon being questioned as to the seal which he had designed, Mr. Semmes said it was a device representing an equestrian portrait of Washington (after the statue which surmounts his monument in the capitol square at Richmond), surrounded with a wreath, composed of the principal agricultural products of the Confederacy, and having around its margin the words: 'Confederate States of America, 22d February, 1862,' with the motto, '*Deo vindice.*'

"In the latter part of April, 1864, quite an interesting debate was had on the adoption of the motto. The House resolutions fixing the motto as '*Deo Duce Vincemus*' being considered, Mr. Semmes moved to substitute '*Deo vindice majores aemulamur.*' The motto had been suggested by Professor Alexander Dimitry. Mr. Semmes thought '*Deo vindice*' sufficient and preferred it. He was finally triumphant."

In this connection it is appropriate and interesting to reproduce the speech made by Mr. Semmes on that occasion. It was as follows:

"MR. PRESIDENT--I am instructed by the committee to move to strike out the words "*duce vincemus*" in the motto and insert in lieu thereof the words "*Vindice majores aemulamur,*" "Under the guidance and protection of God we endeavor to equal and even excel our ancestors." Before discussing the proposed change in the motto, I will submit to the Senate a few remarks as to the device on the seal.

"The committee has been greatly exercised on this subject, and it has been extremely difficult to come to any satisfactory conclusion. This is a difficulty, however, incident to the subject, and all that we have to do is to avoid what Visconti calls 'an absurdity in bronze.'

"The equestrian statue of Washington has been selected in deference to the current popular sentiment. The equestrian figure impressed on our seal will be regarded by those skilled in glyptics as to a certain extent indicative of our origin. It is a most remarkable fact that an equestrian figure constituted the seal of Great Britain from the time of Edward the Confessor down to the reign of George III, except during the short interval of the protectorate of Cromwell, when the trial of the King was substituted for the man on horseback. Even Cromwell retained the equestrian figure on the seal of Scotland, but he characteristically mounted himself on the horse. In the reign of William and Mary the seal bore the impress of the king and queen both mounted on horseback.

"Washington has been selected as the emblem for our shield, as a type of our ancestors, in his character of *princeps majorum*. In addition to this, the equestrian figure is consecrated in the hearts of our own people by the local circumstance that on the gloomy and stormy 22d of February, 1862, our permanent government was set in motion by the inauguration of President Davis under the shadow of the statue of Washington.

"The committee are dissatisfied with the motto on the seal proposed by the House resolution. The motto proposed is as follows: '*Deo Duce Vincemus*'--(*Under the leadership of God we will conquer*).

"The word '*duce*' is too pagan in its signification, and is degrading to God, because it reduces him to the leader of an army; for scarcely does the word '*duce*' escape the lips before the imagination suggests '*exercitus*,' an army for a leader to command. It degrades the Christian God to the level of pagan gods, goddesses and heroes, as is manifest from the following quotation; '*Nil desperandum Tenero duce.*' This word *duce* is particularly objectionable because of its connection with the word '*vincemus*'--(*we will conquer*). This connection makes God the leader of a physical army, by means of which *we will* conquer, or must conquer. If God be our leader

we must conquer, or he would not be the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, nor the God of the Christian. This very doubt implied in the word '*vincemus*' so qualifies the omnipotence of the God who is to be our 'leader,' that it imparts a degrading signification to the word '*duce*' in its relations to the attributes of the Deity.

"The word '*vincemus*' is equally objectionable because it implies that war is to be our normal state; besides, it is in the future tense --' we will conquer.' The future is always uncertain, and ,therefore, it implies doubt. What becomes of our motto when we *shall have* conquered? The future becomes an accomplished fact, and our motto thus loses its significance.

"In addition to this there are only two languages in which the words will and shall are to be found--the English and the German--and in those they are used to qualify a positive condition of the mind and render it uncertain; they are repugnant to repose, quiet, absolute and positive existence.

"As to the motto proposed by us, we concur with the House in accepting the word 'Deo'--God. We do so in conformity to the expressed wishes of the framers of our Constitution, and the sentiments of the people and of the army.

"The preamble of the Provisional Constitution declares that 'We, the deputies of the sovereign and independent States of South Carolina, etc., invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain,' etc.

"In this respect both our Constitutions have deviated in the most emphatic manner from the spirit that presided over the *construction* of the Constitution of the United States, which is silent on the subject of the Deity.

"Having discarded the word '*duce*,' the committee endeavored to select in lieu of it a word more in consonance with the attributes of the Deity, and therefore more imposing and significant. They think success has crowned their efforts in the selection of the word '*vindex*,' which signifies an assenter, a defender, protector, deliverer, liberator, a mediator and a ruler or guardian. '*Vindex*' also means an avenger or punisher.

"No word appeared more grand, more expressive or significant than this. Under God as the asserter of our rights, the defender of our liberties, our protector against danger, our mediator, our ruler and guardian, and, as the avenger of our wrongs and the punisher of our crimes, we endeavor to equal or even excel our ancestors. What word can be suggested of more power, and so replete with sentiments and thoughts consonant with our idea of the omnipotence and justice of God?

"At this point the committee hesitated whether it were necessary to add anything further to the motto 'Deo Vindice.' These words alone were sufficient and impressive, and, in the spirit of the lapidary style of composition, were elliptical and left much to the play of the imagination. Reflection, however, induced us to add the words '*majores aemulamur*,' because without them there would be nothing in the motto referring to the equestrian figure of Washington. It was thought better to insert something elucidative or adaptive of the idea to be conveyed by that figure. Having determined on this point, the committee submitted to the judgment of the Senate the words '*majores aemulamur*,' as best adapted to express the ideas of 'our ancestors.' 'Patres' was first suggested, but abandoned because '*majores*' signifies ancestors absolutely, and is also more suggestive than '*patres*.' The latter is a term applied to our immediate progenitors who may be alive, whereas '*majores*' conveys the idea of a more remote generation that has passed away.

"That being disposed of, the question arose as to the proper signification of the word '*aemulamur*.' Honorable emulation is the primary signification of the word; in its secondary sense it is true it includes the idea of improper rivalry, or jealousy. But it is used in its primary and honorable sense by the most approved authors.

"The secondary and improper sense of the *aemulari* is excluded in the proposed motto by the relation it bears to 'Deo vindice.' This relation excludes the idea of envy or jealousy, because God, as the asserter of what is right, justifies the emulation, and as a punisher of what is wrong checks excess in case the emulation runs into improper envy or jealousy. In adopting the equestrian figure of Washington, the committee desires distinctly to disavow any recognition of the embodiment of the idea of the 'cavalier.' We have no admiration for the character of the cavalier of 1640 any more than for his opponent, the Puritan. We turn with disgust from the violent and licentious cavalier, and we abhor the acerb, morose and fanatic Puritan, of whom Oliver Cromwell

was the type. In speaking of Cromwell and his character, Guizot says that ' he possessed the faculty of lying at need with an inexhaustible and unhesitating hardihood which struck even his enemies with surprise and embarrassment.'

"This characteristic seems to have been transmitted to the descendants of the pilgrims who settled in Massachusetts Bay to enjoy the liberty of persecution. If the cavalier is to carry us back to days earlier than the American Revolution, I prefer to be transported in imagination to the field of Runnymede, when the barons extorted Magna Charta from the unwilling John. But I discard all reference to the cavalier of old, because it implies a division of society into two orders, an idea inconsistent with confederate institutions."

Mr. Semmes moved to amend by substituting "vindice" for "duce," and it was agreed to. In taking his leave, the reporter was informed by Mr. Semmes that he did not know the seal was in existence and was glad to learn that it had been presented to the State of South Carolina, the first State which seceded from the Union.

Source: Southern Historical Society Papers. Vol. XVI. Richmond, Va., January-December. 1888.

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## Confederate Veteran April 1929

# The First Fighting

By P. J. White, Richmond, VA

On the early morning of June 1, 1861, there were encamped in the village of Fairfax Courthouse, VA., the following Confederate commands: The Warrenton Rifles, Captain Marr, in the Methodist Church; the Prince William Cavalry, Captain Ball, in the Episcopal Church; and the Rappahannock Cavalry, Captain John Shack Green, in the Courthouse proper--about two hundred and fifty men all told un the command of Col. Richard Ewell (afterwards General), who succeeded Stonewall Jackson in command of the Second Corps, A. N. V.

Before day on that morning, a body of Yankee cavalry charged through the streets of the town, and, during the firing that ensued, Captain Marr, of the Warrenton rifles, was killed and Colonel Ewell was wounded, as was also private John Rowles, of the Rappahannock Cavalry, and one or two of the Confederates were taken prisoners. The Yankee cavalry, having charged through the town, was unable to return, as the Confederates held the road (or street) in their rear and were ready for them, so they pulled down the fence on the side of the road and made a wide detour toward Fall's Church, and so escaped in the darkness with the loss of three prisoners; as to whether any were killed or wounded is unknown.

The fight occurred, as above mentioned, on June 1, 1861, ten days before the "First at Bethel" affair, which occurred on June 10, 1861, and so effectually disposes of that myth.

On June 1, 1911, just fifty years afterwards, there was held at Fairfax Courthouse a reunion of the survivors of that fight. A picture taken then shows five of them, all members of Capt. John Shack Green's command, Company B, 6th Virginia Cavalry, and they were: Privates Esom and Nalle (now dead); Private Andrew Botts, of Woodville, VA; Tom Slaughter, of Culpeper; and Rev. Dr. W. A. L. Jett, a retired Episcopal minister, formerly of Rappahannock, now of Richmond. The three last mentioned are still living, now quite old and feeble.

There are other myths being interwoven into history, unnecessary to mention now.

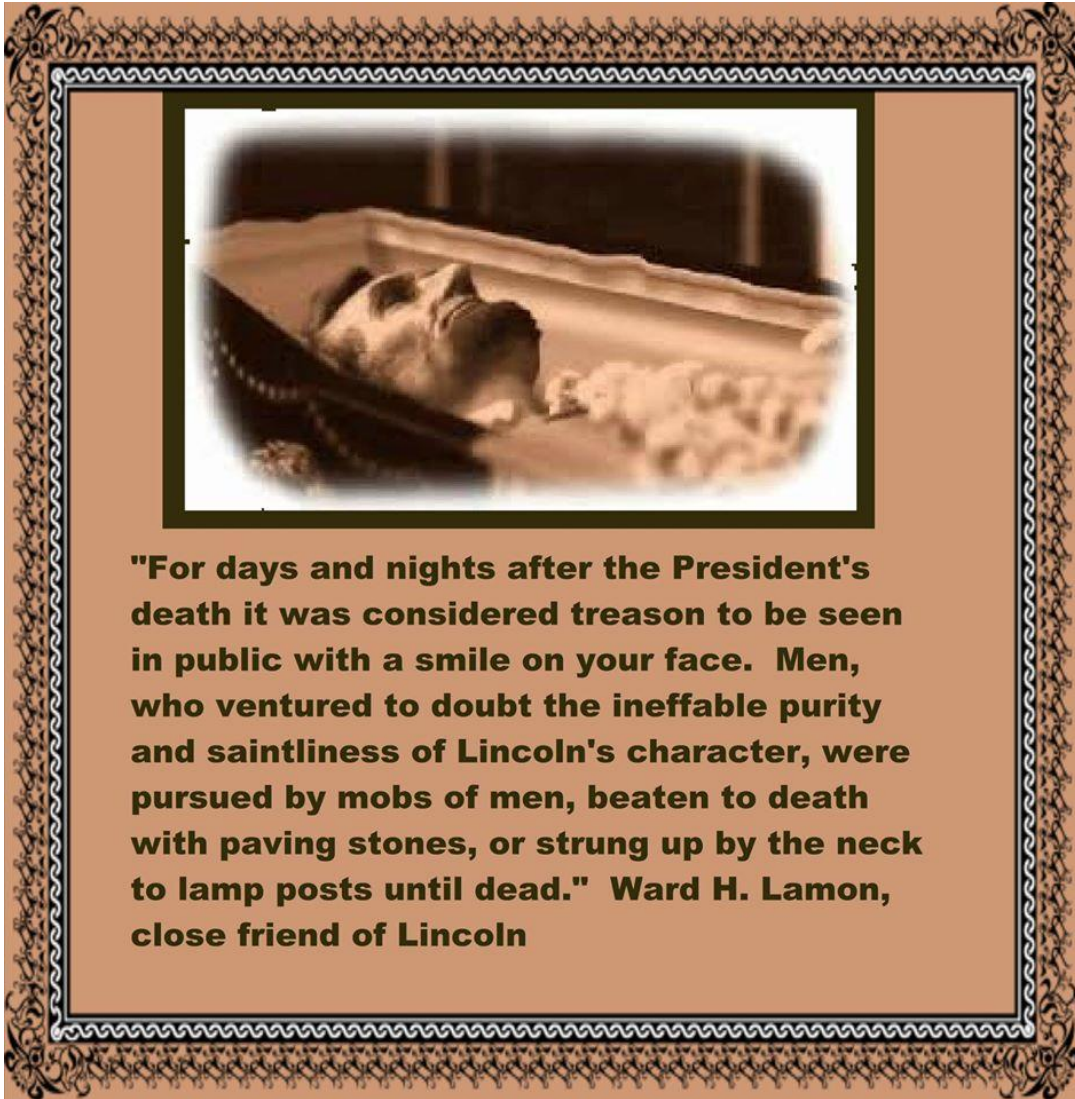
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## Negroes With the Army.

There is at least an average of over fifteen stout, able bodied negro men with every regiment in service who do nothing but cook and wait on the officers and privates, all drawing some rations from the Government, say nothing of those who are at the different posts &c; in all probability 50,000 negroes at a dead expense to our Government. They have comparatively nothing to do yet they draw some rations that the soldier draws who confronts the enemy.

Rome Weekly Courier, Nov. 6, 1863 -- page 1

The entire article is more of a complaint but I found it interesting that the article estimates 50,000 negroes served in some form or fashion. A lot closer to the estimated 93,000 suggested by Bearrs.



## SAINTHOOD STARTS EARLY FOR LINCOLN:

For a president whose cabinet Senators were in the habit of referring to him as: "The baboon at the other end of the avenue." and "That damned idiot in the White House;" things sure changed quickly after his death. Ward H. Lamon, a close friend of Lincoln's who knew him in the days of Lincoln's poverty and insignificance through the days of his power and presidency, wrote in his biography of Lincoln the following:

"For days and nights after the President's death it was considered treason to be seen in public with a smile on your face. Men, who ventured to doubt the ineffable purity and saintliness of Lincoln's character, were pursued by mobs of men, beaten to death with paving stones, or strung up by the neck to lamp posts until dead." Ward H. Lamon, close friend of Lincoln

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Source: "Facts and Falsehoods Concerning the War on the South 1861-1865" By George Edmonds, 1904.

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## **Private Thomas Gaston Wood, Drummer, Company H, “Walton Infantry,” Eleventh Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry 1861**

He Is Sixteen Years Old And Will Not Live To See Seventeen

Tintype-David Wynn Vaughan Collection

Private Wood sits against a blank wall in a photographer’s studio. An orphan, he joined Company H in Social Circle, Georgia, on July 3, 1861, and before the end of the year died of pneumonia in a Richmond hospital. Wood seems proud of his shell jacket and especially his kepi, which he marked under the brim with his initials. The photographer tipped up the cap to reveal the sitter’s handiwork, but the letters are laterally reversed in the tintype. As a musician, he poses without any prop other than his uniform, the buttons touched with gold.

Information courtesy-The Civil War Parlor



**“I do not deny that there is a deep and cruel prejudice lurking in the bosoms of the white people of this country. It is much more abundant in the North than in the South.” JOHN S. ROCK, January 23, 1862.**

## JOHN S. ROCK – BLACK DOCTOR AND LAWYER

Rock, a free black man, was born in New Jersey, on October 13, 1825. The following quote is from a speech given to the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society on January 23, 1862 and later published in the February 14, 1862 edition “The Liberator,” an abolitionist newspaper founded by William Lloyd Garrison in 1831:

**“I do not deny that there is a deep and cruel prejudice lurking in the bosoms of the white people of this country. It is much more abundant in the North than in the South.”**

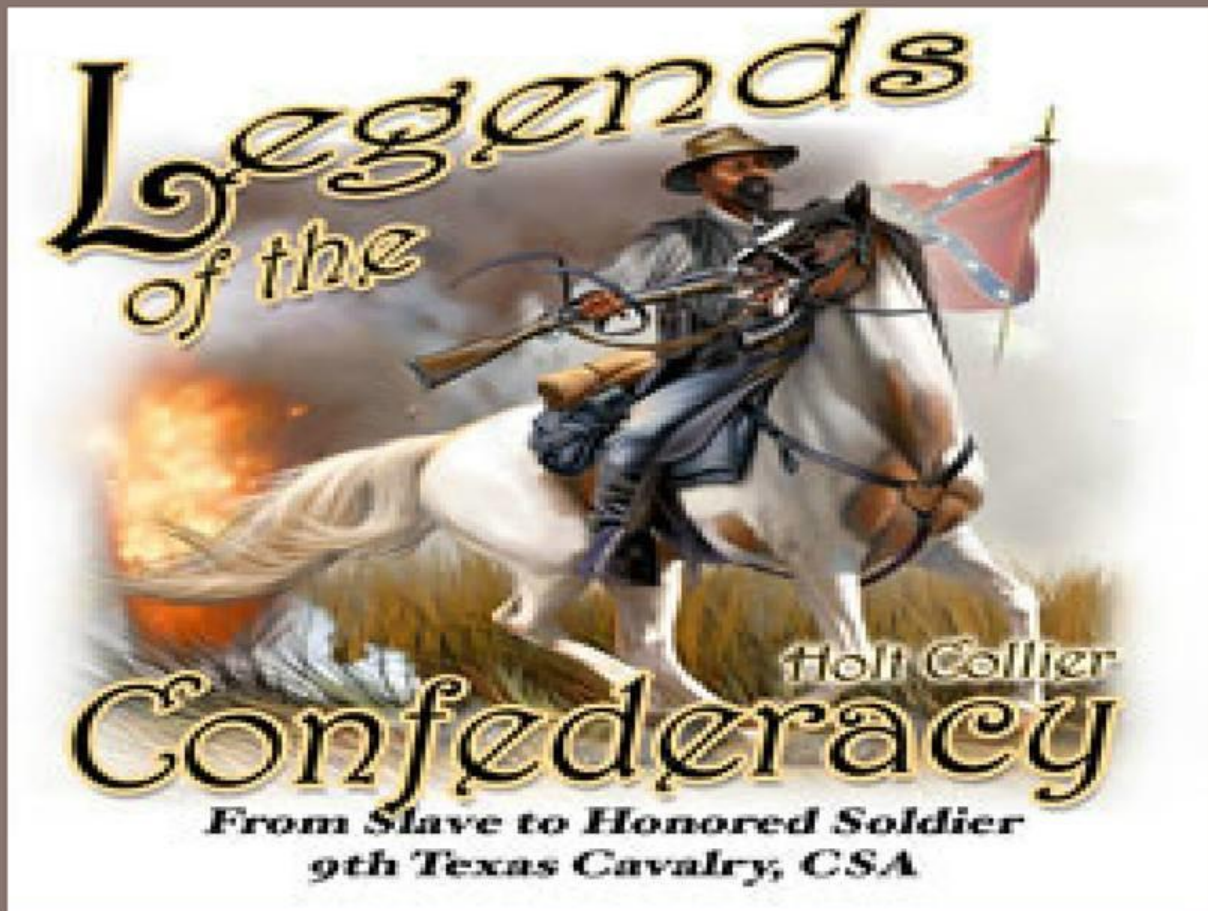
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## HOLT COLLIER: GENERAL FORREST'S TRUSTED SCOUT

Holt Collier was born into slavery in 1846 and owned by Howell Hinds, son of the man Hinds County, Mississippi was named after. At a very early age, Holt demonstrated his marksmanship with the rifle. At the age of twelve, Holt was sent with his master's son, Thomas, to Bardstown, Kentucky to attend school. But Holt's love of hunting lured him into the fields and forest to hunt instead of going to classes.

Holt Collier was only fourteen when war knocked on the door. Before Mr. Hind left for war, he gave Holt his freedom papers. Learning of his master's preparations for departure, Holt relates, "When my Old Colonel left to join the army, he left me sitting on the fence crying and begging him to let me go with him. He said, 'No, you might get killed!' ...

"That night I ran away and went to Greenville where I saw the artillery being loaded on a boat. After dark I slipped aboard. At Memphis when we were about half unloaded, I marched across the gang-plank to shore. Thomas saw me and called, 'Father, look yonder!' My Old Colonel looked at me, took off his hat, smoothed his hair back with his hand and said, 'Thomas, if we both go to the devil that boy will have to go along. I said, 'Yes sir, I got as good a chance as you.'" That was the first time Holt Collier saw General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He was standing with his old master on the Memphis landing.

Holt reminisces about his war years as follows: "It seemed to me that all the soldiers in the world were there. There were General Breckenridge, old General Clark from Jefferson County, General Bragg, General Wirt Adams and General Bedford Forrest... Because of my being an expert with a gun and a horse and my knowledge of the woods, General

Forrest talked with Captain Evans to whose company I had been assigned when we left Camp Boone, about my enlisting as a soldier. They asked permission of my Old Colonel. He called me to him and told me to choose for myself. I said, 'I will go with Capt. Evans' cavalry.' I loved horses and felt at home in the saddle. My Old Colonel gave me a horse -- one of three fine race horses he had brought from Plum Ridge..." It is important to note that Holt Collier served as a soldier under the command of General Forrest, not as a body servant to Colonel Hinds.

"News that my Old Colonel had been wounded came through the lines to Mr. Thomas (the Colonel's son). Thomas came to me and said, 'Holt, can you go to my father? I can't go.' I got a pass from Captain Evans and left that night. Riding night and day I reached the home of a relative of the Colonel's. I hid my horse in a cane-brake nearby and slipped up to the house after dark. Miss Eliza, the Colonel's cousin let me in and showed me where he lay. I went in and when he saw me, he waved his hand for everyone to leave the room. I went over and knelt down by his bed and put my arms around him and hugged him close. He began to cry and said, 'Holt, I am badly hurt, but I believe I will pull through.' I said, 'You must. I can't live if you die.' After awhile the family came in and we talked until day-break. I was treated like a royal guest by Miss Eliza and the others. She made me a couch beside the Colonel's bed and I slept there during my stay. I never left the house and the family was on guard all the time I was there. The Federals were thick as hops and I began to get uneasy. On the fourth night I told my Old Colonel good-bye... I did not see my Old Colonel again until we met on the battlefield of Shiloh. He said, 'Holt, I have worried a heap about you.' I said, 'Yes sir, I got as good a chance as you.'"

During Reconstruction when the Carpetbagger's fraudulent dealings ran unbridled in the South, many men, as Forrest, were forced into taking action when local law and federal government turned their backs on the South. Holt Collier also felt the pain when he aligned himself with his white friends. During the time of Reconstruction, Collier was accused of murdering a Yankee soldier, Captain James King. This soldier and Colonel Hinds were involved in a fight. Although a much older man, during the dispute Hinds knocked the young Union soldier down several times. The young man's anger grew with every knockdown. Finally, thoroughly infuriated, the young soldier drew a knife on his unarmed opponent. A bystander fired shots to prevent King from stabbing the Colonel. The young soldier was killed.

Holt tells of his trouble in the following quote: "After I came home I had a heap of trouble. The Federals were garrisoned at Greenville and they arrested me four times. At that time the country was under military rule and I had to go to Vicksburg for trial. Nugent stood by me through thick and thin. I will never forget them, my old white friends - they are all gone now. Colonel Percy and Colonel Hinds went with me to Vicksburg for the trial. Colonel Percy told them if they put me in jail he wanted a cot put beside mine for he was going to jail with me." It was never fully proven that Holt Collier was the man behind the gun and Holt was finally acquitted.

During the Reconstruction it was not uncommon for Democrats to be ambushed by the Radical Republican Carpetbaggers. On one such occasion, Colonel Hinds and a party of white men were riding about 12 miles north of Greenville when they realized that they had run into an ambush. Setting spur to their horses they dashed for safety. Hinds' horse stumbled, pitching him off. Holt, riding ahead, looked back. He saw Colonel Hinds signal him to ride on, but he wheeled and dashed back to his old master's rescue. When Holt came abreast of him and without stopping his horse, he reached down and jerked Hinds up onto his horse, thus saving the Colonel's life.

After the tragic death of his beloved Old Colonel, Holt traveled for some time with a race horse stable and later worked on a racehorse farm of Captain James Brown near Fort Worth, Texas. Having killed 2212 bear, after which he says, "I just quit counting." Holt and the famous pack of dogs, which he had trained, were known by hunters and sportsmen, not only in the Delta but in other states. When the great bear hunt for President Theodore Roosevelt was planned, it was quite natural that Mr. John M. Parker of Louisiana chose Holt to select the hunting grounds and lead the chase.

Collier died in Greenville, Mississippi in 1936. Before his death he said, "I am black, but my associations with my Old Colonel gave me many advantages. I was freer then than I have ever been since and I loved him better than anybody else in the world. I would have given my life for him," said Holt with tears rolling down his wrinkled cheeks.

Travis [ >< ]

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"THE CONFEDERATE RAFT."

## **Gilbert Gaul's "The Confederate Raft"**

**Calamity engulfs the remaining Southern army; but, hoping against hope, Confederate soldiers fight desperately from a makeshift raft beside their leader and flag.**

**For a month after the surrender of Lee and Johnston's armies, a few Southerners continued to fight for their lost cause.**

# African American soldier's grave found at Confederate Cemetery

By Stephanie Santostasi Friday, March 25th 2016



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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. ([WTVC](#)) -- Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery groundskeepers found the actual location of an African American soldier they didn't think they'd ever find.

An unexpected discovery.

"Nobody knew where he was," said Herb DeLoach, N.B. Forrest Camp 3, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

But, records show Shaderick Searcy was at the cemetery somewhere.

"Shaderick was instrumental in a lot of activities for the United Confederate Veterans. When he died, he was a confederate soldier and he had a place to be buried here," DeLoach said.



Searcy, born a slave, in Talbot County, Georgia. He started the war as a servant to two brothers, stayed with the Army of Tennessee until 1865 and then moved to Chattanooga in 1903. Sons of Confederate Veterans member

Herb DeLoach says Searcy is one of the most prominent African American men buried in the cemetery.

"When he died, he was very active in the United Confederate Veterans," DeLoach added.

A grave marker showed Searcy's name and sat here in this cemetery since 1999.

However, it didn't mark the correct burial spot.

And no one knew where that spot was until, one day, crews were out restoring a stone wall.

"He kicked and he felt like it was a rock, and he was going to peel the rock up and throw it out, and the more he kicked - he starting uncovering this," said DeLoach.

The actual location of Searcy's body.

"I've cut this grass for six years, and run right over that spot and never seen it," DeLoach said.

But - now that he does DeLoach says, he couldn't be happier.

"Oh, it's just great - you know? Everybody in the whole camp's really really excited about this," he said.



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# The Buzz

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## SC Secessionist Party to raise Confederate flag at State House in July

- Civil War banner was banished last year in wake of the Charleston church shooting
- Organizers said they plan an annual event on anniversary of flag's removal
- Lawmakers said they cannot stop the rally expected to draw protests



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The crowd at the South Carolina State House grounds reacts to the removal of the Confederate flag.

By Andrew Shain [ashain@thestate.com](mailto:ashain@thestate.com)

The Confederate flag will return temporarily to the S.C. State House this summer.

The S.C. Secessionist Party plans to raise the Civil War banner during a four-hour rally on July 10, the first anniversary of the flag's controversial removal.

Secessionist Party founder James Bessenger said Thursday that he wants the flag raising next to the Confederate Soldier Monument on the State House grounds to become an annual event.

"We do it to honor those who left their homes, left their families, stood on bloody battlefields and sacrificed their lives for the sake of the people of South Carolina," said Bessenger, who said his party has about 2,100 members. "They . . . deserve honor, our gratitude and and our states' respect."

Several S.C. lawmakers said Thursday they saw no reason to stop the Secessionist Party from raising the Confederate flag [banished after five decades at the State House](#).

“I wish they wouldn’t, but that’s the country that we live in,” said state Sen. Chip Campsen, a Charleston Republican who voted to remove the flag. “They have the right of free expression.”

House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford, D-Richland, added, “This defies logical and common sense. But we don’t regulate crazy.”

Honoring the Civil War, a dispute over slavery and states rights, is complicated in the South, where many residents see the conflict as part of their heritage.

House Speaker Pro Tempore Tommy Pope, a York Republican who voted to remove the flag, compared the Civil War to the Vietnam War – a pair of conflicts that were not widely popular. “There were people who answered the call to serve regardless if not everyone agreed on the reasons,” he said.

The S.C. Secessionist rally will stir up emotions that flared last year when Republican Gov. Nikki Haley first asked for the Confederate flag’s removal from the State House grounds. She called to move the flag after a pastor and eight parishioners were killed in a historic African-American Charleston church in June. An avowed Columbia-area white supremacist was charged in the shootings, which included a state senator.

With demonstrators on both sides of the debate marching outside the State House, lawmakers voted to banish the flag that had flown atop the State House dome before going next to the Confederate Soldier Monument on the north side of the grounds.

At the July rally, the Confederate flag will return on a 25-foot aluminum pole atop a plastic base, Bessenger said. The state does not allow stakes placed into the grounds, the S.C. Department of Administration said.

The only other group that asked to hold an event at the State House on July 10 is the Confederate Memorial Honor Guard, the Department of Administration said. The guard will help raise the flag during the Secessionist Party rally, Bessenger said.

Rally organizers expect 150 to 300 people to attend, according to the reservation form submitted to the Department of Administration.

Bessenger said he plans to invite members of other secessionist groups in North Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma as well as Haley and all 131 members of the state Legislature who voted to remove the flag.

“Our treacherous state Legislature voted to remove it without the consent of the people in our state,” the invitation reads. “We, however, owe this opportunity to them. Without their poor judgment and lack of integrity, we would not have this cause.”

In December, Haley asked Department of Administration officials to [reinstate a State House reservation for another Secessionist Party rally](#) that was revoked because of security concerns.

Authorities were worried after supporters of the Ku Klux Klan and Black Panthers clashed during simultaneous rallies at the State House in July a week after the Confederate battle flag was removed from the State House grounds. Police arrested five people during the rallies.

Protesters showed up in December at the Secessionist Party’s gathering for the anniversary of South Carolina breaking away from the Union. [One protester was arrested](#). Bessenger expects demonstrations at the party’s July rally.

“If they want to come, that’s their right,” he said. “We plan to ignore them.”

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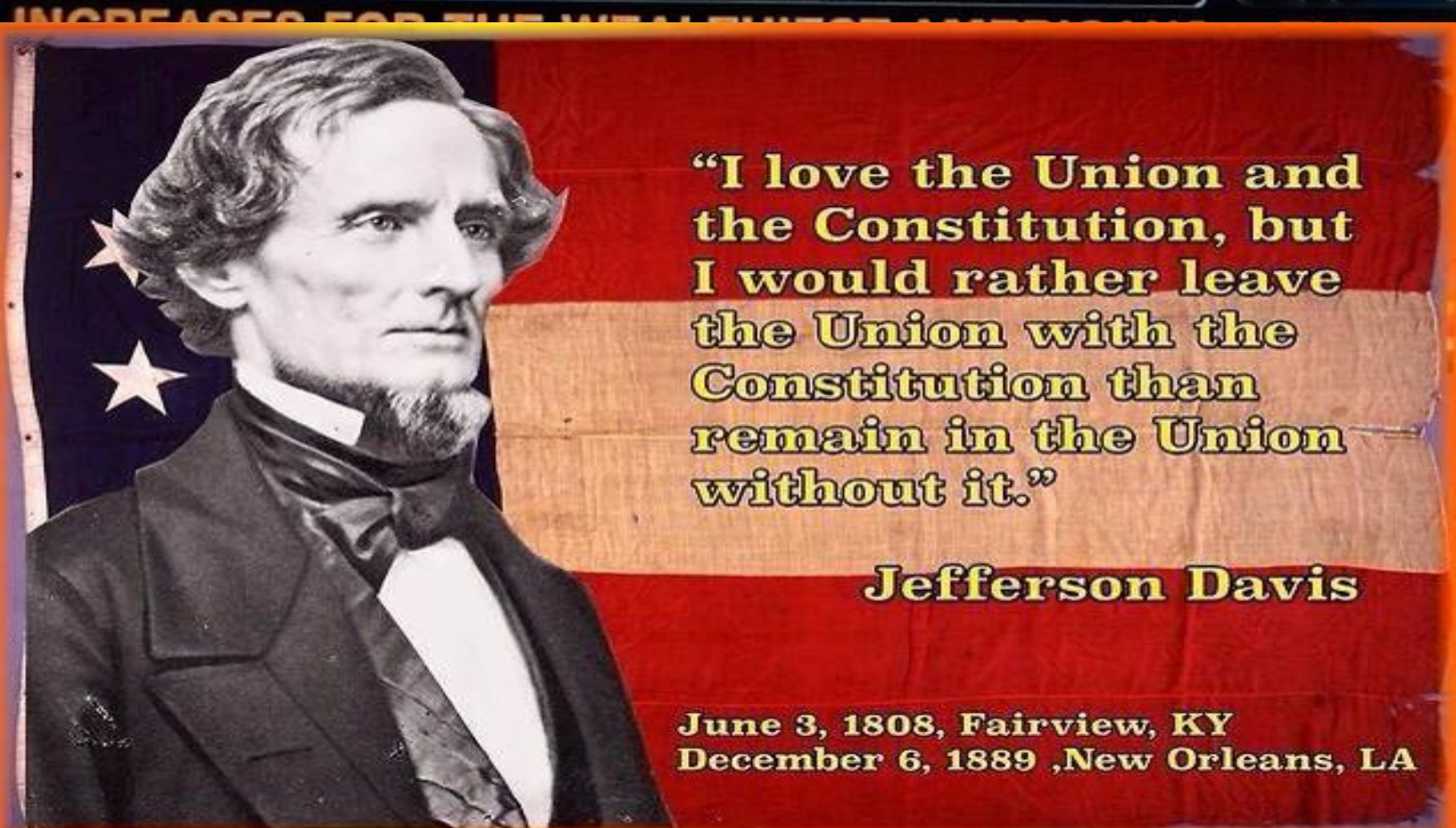
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**“I love the Union and the Constitution, but I would rather leave the Union with the Constitution than remain in the Union without it.”**

**Jefferson Davis**

June 3, 1808, Fairview, KY  
December 6, 1889, New Orleans, LA





# Was Abraham Lincoln the first American Communist?

**Comrade Abrahkam Linkol'n**

8/13/2015, 6:15 pm



In my first contribution to the People's Cube I'd like to remember those who gave so much to move the cause forward, so that today we can feel a glorious breath of Next Tuesday on our collective neck.

The picture above shows a glorious gathering of true American heroes at the 1939 Communist Party USA convention in Chicago under the slogan "Hail the friendship of the peoples of the USA and the USSR!" with portraits of Lenin, Stalin, and Lincoln above the crowded stage.

Apparently, Abraham Lincoln takes a special place in the People's Pantheon. Is it because he was the first American President to fight against the States and Individuals for the expansion of the Centralized Dictatorship? It seems we must dig further than Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson for the source of the massive progress we are witnessing today in Washington, DC.

As you know the history books have been re-written here in the States and the deeper I dig into Abraham Lincoln the more I am amazed.

Now, can a comrade direct me to the line of free beets and vodka? It is a glorious day as a new member moves from

The Plantation to The Collective.

**Red Square**

8/13/2015, 8:23 pm



I remember from my history class in the Soviet school that Marx and Engels closely followed the American Civil War, wrote articles about it, and yes, corresponded about the US developments. That was presented to us as an example of how versatile and informed Marx was about everything, while my friends and I snickered in the back, making jokes about Marx sticking his nose in absolutely everything like a busybody housewife.

For the record, here's an open letter written by Karl Marx to Abraham Lincoln.

You can find the full text and the reply from US Ambassador Adams [here](#):

**Karl Marx**

**The International Workingmen's Association 1864**

## **Address of the International Working Men's Association to Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America**

**Presented to U.S. Ambassador Charles Francis Adams**

**January 28, 1865**

**Written: by Marx between November 22 & 29, 1864**

Sir:

We congratulate the American people upon your re-election by a large majority. If resistance to the Slave Power was the reserved watchword of your first election, the triumphant war cry of your re-election is Death to Slavery.

From the commencement of the titanic American strife the workingmen of Europe felt instinctively that the star-spangled banner carried the destiny of their class. The contest for the territories which opened the dire epopee, was it not to decide whether the virgin soil of immense tracts should be wedded to the labor of the emigrant or prostituted by the tramp of the slave driver?

When an oligarchy of 300,000 slaveholders dared to inscribe, for the first time in the annals of the world, "slavery" on the banner of Armed Revolt, when on the very spots where hardly a century ago the idea of one great Democratic Republic

had first sprung up, whence the first Declaration of the Rights of Man was issued, and the first impulse given to the European revolution of the eighteenth century; when on those very spots counterrevolution, with systematic thoroughness, gloried in rescinding "the ideas entertained at the time of the formation of the old constitution", and maintained slavery to be "a beneficent institution", indeed, the old solution of the great problem of "the relation of capital to labor", and cynically proclaimed property in man "the cornerstone of the new edifice" — then the working classes of Europe understood at once, even before the fanatic partisanship of the upper classes for the Confederate gentry had given its dismal warning, that the slaveholders' rebellion was to sound the tocsin for a general holy crusade of property against labor, and that for the men of labor, with their hopes for the future, even their past conquests were at stake in that tremendous conflict on the other side of the Atlantic. Everywhere they bore therefore patiently the hardships imposed upon them by the cotton crisis, opposed enthusiastically the proslavery intervention of their betters — and, from most parts of Europe, contributed their quota of blood to the good cause.

While the workingmen, the true political powers of the North, allowed slavery to defile their own republic, while before the Negro, mastered and sold without his concurrence, they boasted it the highest prerogative of the white-skinned laborer to sell himself and choose his own master, they were unable to attain the true freedom of labor, or to support their European brethren in their struggle for emancipation; but this barrier to progress has been swept off by the red sea of civil war.

The workingmen of Europe feel sure that, as the American War of Independence initiated a new era of ascendancy for the middle class, so the American Antislavery War will do for the working classes. They consider it an earnest of the epoch to come that it fell to the lot of Abraham Lincoln, the single-minded son of the working class, to lead his country through the matchless struggle for the rescue of an enchained race and the reconstruction of a social world.

Ambassador Adams Replies:

**Ambassador Adams**

Legation of the United States

London, 28th January, 1865

Sir:

I am directed to inform you that the address of the Central Council of your Association, which was duly transmitted

through this Legation to the President of the United [States], has been received by him.

So far as the sentiments expressed by it are personal, they are accepted by him with a sincere and anxious desire that he may be able to prove himself not unworthy of the confidence which has been recently extended to him by his fellow citizens and by so many of the friends of humanity and progress throughout the world.

The Government of the United States has a clear consciousness that its policy neither is nor could be reactionary, but at the same time it adheres to the course which it adopted at the beginning, of abstaining everywhere from propagandism and unlawful intervention. It strives to do equal and exact justice to all states and to all men and it relies upon the beneficial results of that effort for support at home and for respect and good will throughout the world.

Nations do not exist for themselves alone, but to promote the welfare and happiness of mankind by benevolent intercourse and example. It is in this relation that the United States regard their cause in the present conflict with slavery, maintaining insurgence as the cause of human nature, and they derive new encouragements to persevere from the testimony of the workingmen of Europe that the national attitude is favored with their enlightened approval and earnest sympathies.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

*Charles Francis Adams*

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What you are looking at is two different views of the same child killed at Petersburg at Fort Mahone on April 2, 1865. This child was between 14 and 15 years old. This is the original caption on the photograph taken by Thomas Roche:

**“This View was taken in the Trenches of the Rebel Fort Mahone, called by the Soldiers "Fort Damnation" the morning after the storming of Petersburg, Va., April 2d, 1865 and shows a boy about 14 years, who must have been asleep when the attack was made, as he is only partially dressed; he was killed as he came out from a Bomb Proof, he has on the Rebel grey uniform.”**

Confederate Heritage Month, we remember the brave sacrifices of our child Confederate soldiers, all of them. The ones who came home and the ones who did not. Their sacrifice, their loyalty, their bravery, their honor and their courage will not be forgotten. And we will NOT allow their memories to be swept away. **We will NOT. SO HELP US GOD! DEO VINDICE and GOD SAVE THE SOUTH!!!**





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This program got off to a resounding start. Several members have already become Stonewall Jackson level Founders. One Compatriot has even become a member of the Confederate Cabinet level Founders. Imagine that during the Bicentennial of the War for Southern Independence that your descendants can go to a museum where they can learn the truth about the Confederacy. Imagine also that they can look up on the wall of that museum and see your name and know that you did this for them.







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06/25/16	<a href="#">Rosston Cemetery Confederate Grave Marker Dedication</a>	Rosston, TX
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Today, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes, so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

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Michael Givens  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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### About our namesake:

[belo.herald@yahoo.com](mailto:belo.herald@yahoo.com)

Colonel A.H. Belo was from North Carolina, and participated in Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. His troops were among the few to reach the stone wall. After the war, he moved to Texas, where he founded both the Galveston Herald and the Dallas Morning News. The Dallas Morning News was established in 1885 by the Galveston News as sort of a North Texas subsidiary. The two papers were linked by 315 miles of telegraph wire and shared a network of correspondents. They were the first two newspapers in the country to print simultaneous editions. The media empire he started now includes radio, publishing, and television. His impact on the early development of Dallas can hardly be overstated.

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Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be **documented genealogically**. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet Membership.

<http://www.scv.org/research/genealogy.php>

### CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations".*

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee,  
Commander General

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