



The Belo Herald

Newsletter of the Col. A. H. Belo Camp #49
August 2011

Gentlemen,

'Tis the middle of a good ole' fashion Texas heat wave and hot enough to chase any damned yankee in full retreat back up north where they belong. As the Dixie flag continues to wave proudly for us at Camp Belo #49, I have the pleasure to announce many advances that is improving our camp every month.

We've reinstalled our camp newsletter with the credit going to Mark Brown for stepping up to this task. It's also a pleasure to cover our continued efforts to bringing Camp Belo online with credits extending to Matt Bowden and Kevin Newsom for arranging facebook entries. I'm proud of all our members to the camp and applaud all those who are active and continue to pursue new ideas that is making Camp Belo the best Confederate group in Dallas ! We'll be looking forward to organizing some of our own events as well as a Christmas Party to end this year. Please keep up the great work as your efforts will not go unnoticed.

With much respect,
Cdr Paul Hamilton

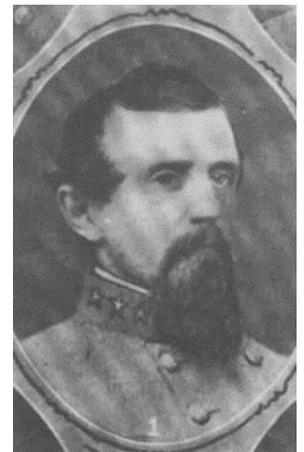
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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/AH-Belo-Camp-49-Dallas-Texas-SCV/240857079275082>

Have you paid your dues?? Come early (6:30pm), eat, fellowship with other members, learn your history!

Thursday, August 4th: 7:00 pm

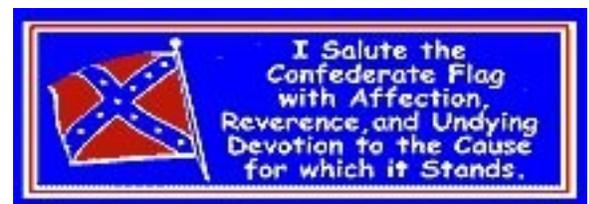
La Madeleine Restaurant*

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.



TEXAS DIVISION CONVENTION

As reported by Kyle Sims

Here is a brief overview of the happenings at the Texas Division Convention.

The newly elected Division Commanders are as follows:

- 1. Granvel Block is the Texas Division Commander**
- 2. Mark Vogl is the 1st. Lt. Commander**
- 3. Michael Hurley is the 2nd Lt. Commander**
- 4. David Moore remains as the 3rd Lt. Commander**

The 3rd Texas Brigade officers elected are as follows:

- 1. Ben Hatch of R.E. Lee camp Ft Worth was elected Commander**
- 2. Rusty Haynes of Gen. W.R. Scurry camp is 1st. Lt. Commander**
- 3. Jerry Walden of Gov. W.T. Lanham camp is 2nd Lt. Commander**



We would like to thank Past Commander Ray James for his hard work and past years of continuing service as well the Sul Ross Camp of Bryan, TX. for hosting the Convention.

The Texas Division is trying to start up some new camps in the areas of the Valley on Texas border, Borger, and Rockwall. The Rockwall camp soon to be chartered from what I have been told. There may be an 11th Brigade formed out of our current 10 that we already have.

The Texas SCV License plates will be coming up for a revote in the next few months. As most of you can tell by now, the media is really bringing this to the forefront. The Texas Division will use every avenue available to get the License Plates to pass. As I have been reviewing most of the polls, the SCV license plates has the majority of the public on our side.

Commander Steve Harless, Allen Hearrean, and I went by the Confederate Memorial in Waco to find the damages to the memorial repaired nicely and the flags flying as proud as ever.

The Memorial that is currently in progress off of I-10 is getting closer to being completed. They are still selling memorial bricks and Texas 20th Inf. flags to raise money and the Nat'l GEC has agreed to donate money once our goals have been accomplished. Commander Harless and I donated money for the camp to this project so that Col. M.T. Johnson camp #1648 will be on one of the bricks. By the end of the convention Commander Granvel Block announced at the DEC meeting that we have reached our goal.

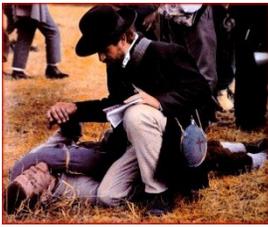
The Texas Division has retained Kirk Lyons for the Plaques case as prior attorney Bill Kuhn has retired. We are in the process of reimbursement of all of our legal fees which we are entitled to by the courts.

We are getting a new webmaster for the Texas Division website. I don't know his name at the moment but he is currently the webmaster for S. Carolina and California.

Sept. 17th in Lorena, TX. will be the next DEC meeting.

Next year's convention is scheduled to be in Victoria, TX. Get ready for a road trip!

About our namesake: 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 media empire he started now includes publishing, radio, and television. His impact on the early development of Dallas can hardly be overstated.



Chaplain's Corner



In One Accord!

There is an old preacher joke that goes, "The first Christians must have owned a Honda, because the Bible says they were all in 'one accord'." (Acts 1: 14 & 2: 46) I know it's not a very humorous joke, but it does give us insight into why the early church grew, prospered, and was so effective and successful in their mission. They were all in one accord.

It is doubtful that any two people will agree on everything. Someone once said that if two people agree on everything, one of them is unnecessary. But, if two people or a group of people are going to work together, they must have the same reason, a common purpose, and all be in one accord.

This truth can be applied to the Lord's Church today. As long as the members are working as one to carry out the Lord's Great Commission, as found in the last two verses of Matthew, they will work together with a common purpose. However, when the members forget or ignore the Lord's command to go, make disciples, baptize, and teach, they will begin to concentrate on their differences and disagreements. When you see a church fighting over what color the new carpet should be, or on which side of the pulpit to put the piano, you know they have lost sight of their reason for being a church. They have become, as Jesus said in Matthew 23: 24, "Blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." They are no longer all in one accord.

It can also be said of any group or organization, including the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is working together in agreement. We call it "The Charge." The Charge is our common purpose. It is our defining characteristic. It is our very reason for being. We are agreed. The South was right. The Confederate Cause was just, and still is. We are proud of our Southern heritage and want to defend it. We are proud of our brave and noble Confederate forefathers and want to honor them. We want the truth about the War for Southern Independence to be told. We are all in one accord.

Since 1896, many members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have come and gone, faithfully following in the footsteps of those who fought the Union invasion. They can say, as the Apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy 4: 7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Now it is we who must join ranks with our Confederate ancestors, and with those Sons of Confederate Veterans who served before us, and fight a good fight. We've heard it said, "Let's agree to disagree." May I suggest a better way: Let's agree to agree. Then we'll be all in one accord.

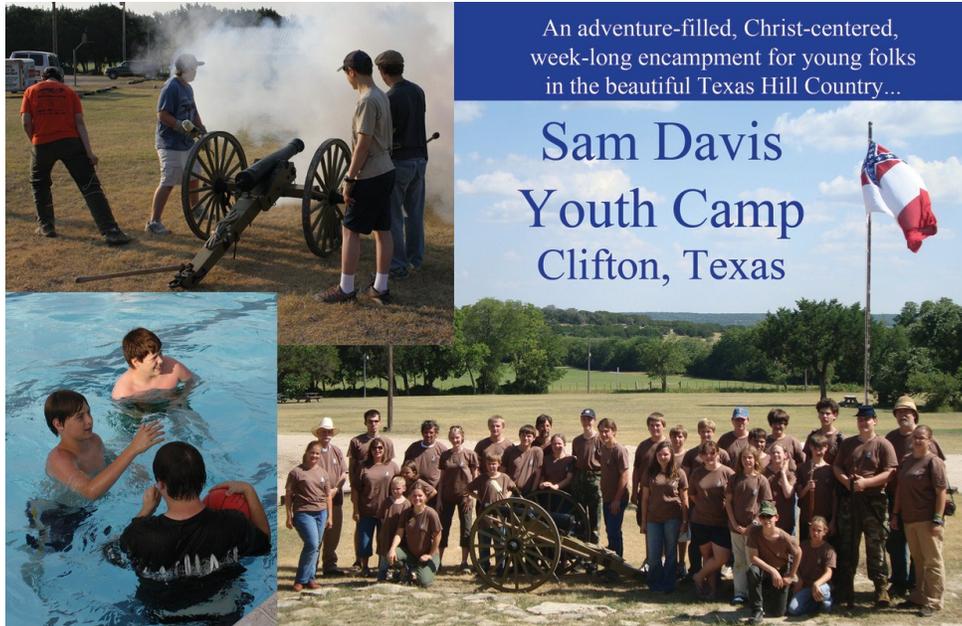
Bro. Len Patterson, Th. D. Chaplain,
Army of Trans-Mississippi

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**

Upcoming events



August 7-13: Sam Davis Youth Camp, Clifton, Texas <http://samdavisyouthcamp.org/>

August 13: Leadership Conference, Masonic Lodge building, Gainesville, Texas

September 30-Oct 2: Battle of Fort Crawford Hallsville, TX

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We invite you to join us for the annual Battle of Fort Crawford, hosted by the 26th Louisiana Infantry, Co G, and Lane's Battery. All re-enactors and members of the public are welcome to attend. We have lots of space, trees, and plenty of amenities for reenactors, including water, hay, wood, and extra gunpowder. Events include a School Day with demonstrations and exhibits, chili cook-off, three battles, Western Days parade, dance, and church service. Please visit our website for more details, schedule, and contact information.

Oct 14 - Oct 16: Battle of Boerne Boerne, TX

November 4-6: Battle of Fort Richardson Jacksboro, TX

November 18-20: Liendo Plantation Civil War Weekend Hempstead, TX
www.11texascav.org

We Portray To Educate, Educate To Preserve & Preserve To Honor . . . Presented by the 11th Texas Cavalry and Historic Liendo Plantation the weekend before Thanksgiving every year in Hempstead, TX

Dec 2-6 : 5th Brigade Gathering Mexia, TX



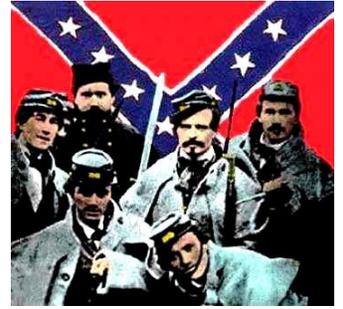
JUNE MEETING



We are a band of brothers, Native to the soil !

How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

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.



*Membership in the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate States armed forces and government.*

*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/genealogy.php>



Commander Paul Hamilton welcomes newest member Kevin Newsom !

Learn True History

Defending the Southern Heritage
by Clyde Wilson

Many good people have been working in recent years to preserve public acknowledgment and celebration of our Confederate history. Our fights have been largely defensive reactions to the innumerable strokes of our enemies, and most of them have been defeats. Our enemies control most of the "respectable" political, religious, educational, business, and media institutions of American society, including nearly all "Southern" institutions.

We have lost in part because many defenders of Confederate symbols have not understood the nature of the battle. Southerners are a conservative people. They prefer the traditional to the abstract and are slow to adopt new theories (one of the several characteristics that distinguish them from other inhabitants of the United States). This is a good and healthy virtue, but like all virtues it can, if we are not careful, become a self-defeating rigidity. The conservative philosopher Russell Kirk contrasted mere stand-patter conservatism of the dull-witted or poor in spirit who reject anything new with the true conservatism of an Edmund Burke or a John C. Calhoun who perceived that it was necessary to change in order to conserve because new conditions had created new threats to our patrimony.

Unfortunately, too many spokesmen in the fight for Southern heritage are stand-patters, i.e., dinosaurs on their way to extinction. They are trying to live in a world that they grew up in but which does not exist anymore. The world that they grew up in accepted Southerners and Southern heritage as a positive part of America. That world began disappearing a half century ago and is almost gone.

After Reconstruction, which all sensible Northerners came to realize had been a grievous mistake, most Americans, North and South, took the Road to Reunion. Southerners had to agree that they were glad that the Union had been saved and a stronger America had emerged. (They were already genuinely glad of the end of slavery.) For the most part they did this with sincerity and enthusiasm (they had to if they had any hopes of personal success). Southerners became good and loyal members of the new America. They have lived up to that pledge every generation since, in fact have been the most loyal of all Americans and done more than their fair share in every war.

As their part of the bargain, Northerners acknowledged that Southerners had been brave and honorable in their war for independence, and their heroes, like Lee and Jackson, would be celebrated as American heroes. (There were always a few old Yankees around who wanted to exterminate the rebels, and indeed there still are, but they were a minority.)

This is why "The Birth of a Nation," creation of D.W. Griffith, son of a Confederate soldier, could be regarded as a national epic at the beginning of the twentieth century. Will Rogers, another son of a Confederate soldier, was a national institution and he and Shirley Temple and many others portrayed very sympathetic Southern characters in the films of the 1920s and 1930s.

Gone With the Wind, book and movie, was an all-time bestseller in the North as well as the South. Every major male non-Southern Hollywood star in the 1950s and 1960s portrayed a heroic Confederate: Errol Flynn, John Wayne, Clark Gable, Allan Ladd, Charlton Heston, Richard Harris, Montgomery Clift, Henry Fonda, Ronald Reagan, and Richard Widmark, to name just a few. In all his best movies, John Wayne is a Confederate: "Red River," "The Searchers," and "True Grit," the last two based on Southern novels.

Confederate battle flags were seen among American fighting men, in real life and film, during World War II and Korea, and Vietnam. Douglas Southall Freeman's R.E. Lee and Lee's Lieutenants were celebrated as accounts of American military valor. When President Roosevelt inaugurated the first completed dam of the TVA, he did so on a platform that flew US and Confederate flags.

That world does not exist anymore! Defenders of Southern heritage should stop acting like it does. The people who want to do away with Confederate symbols are not people who will come around when you argue a little historical interpretation with them, or when you point out (as you know to be true) that your forebears were not fighting for slavery, or prove that you are a loyal American whose heart contains no hate and violence.

They do not care! They have no heritage of their own and do not know what a heritage is. They believe in their own self-interest and fashionable abstractions. We do not and will not in the foreseeable future live in a world where Southern heritage will be publicly honored except by us. We live in a regime where Confederate symbols are scheduled for complete obliteration. At

present, we can expect no help from our own institutions, the politics of Southern states being dominated primarily by Big Business. (A phone call from the president of NationsBank or the publisher of a big newspaper carries more weight with any politician than 20,000 Confederates at a rally, or any number of personal visits from earnest citizens. This is a fact.)

The Compromise is broken. Why this happened would take several books to explain. Northern society has periodically gone through fits of fanaticism which have focused upon us. When was the last time you thought about telling people in New York or Seattle what to do? Never, because it is not a part of our national character as Southerners. But hundreds of thousands of Northerners are thinking about you and about their right to suppress your evil ways. In their fantasy world, which is the only culture of any significance they have, you are the evil obstacle to making the world perfect. They have always been that way.

It has nothing to do with you. It is their problem. It has nothing to do with the South except that the South lies convenient for their aggressions. They cover up their emptiness, hatred, hypocrisy, and insignificance by identifying you as the Enemy. This is the way Puritans behave when they lose their religion. Our forefathers saw this clearly. It was that kind of society and people that they fought to be free of!

Many of our official defenders have not figured out that the Compromise no longer exists. In a recent legislative election in South Carolina, the leftwing candidate brought out a bevy of veterans and SCV members to publicly condemn the conservative candidate because the conservative candidate was a Southern activist who allegedly would not repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was as if the conservative candidate was one of the spoiled Yankee children who promoted treason in time of war in the 1960s. These good people are too blind to figure out that those 60s traitors are now in power in America and are the ones who are hell-bent on using their power to destroy every last vestige of our Southern heritage and identity!

This unfortunately represents the attitude of too many flag defenders. One despairs at such blindness. The compatriots I am talking about, however, can be educated. I have seen it done. Democrats and Republicans both, of the ruling establishment, are relying on this kind of stupid "patriotism" to kill off challenges to their power. Southern heritage is the first casualty of that power.

WAKE UP! It is not 1945 anymore, or even 1975. You can either honor your Southern heritage and preserve your Southern identity, or you can give unthinking obedience to the America of today. You cannot do both without engaging in self-defeating contradiction.

Here are a few suggestions.

Don't compromise. Compromise is only a defeat and a springboard for another attack. Don't think that being a good sport will make the other side good sports. Who follows an uncertain trumpet? You will probably lose. But a loss on principle preserves a rallying point. John C. Calhoun says: a defeat on principle is not an overthrow, while a victory by compromise is a defeat.

Be worthy of your ancestors. Don't be a goody goody "American" humbly begging to be allowed to keep a shred of your heritage. You are a member of a great people who are under attack and have been betrayed by their leaders. It is needed to defend the Southern people here and now and not just the noble Confederate soldier.

Think like a Southerner. We cannot defend just our Confederate forebears, as important as that is. They are but a part of Southern history. Lay claim to all of Southern history and culture, from Captain John Smith and Pocahontas to Dale Earnhardt. To concentrate on Confederate history alone is to concede to the enemy that the Confederacy can be segregated off as an evil episode of slavery and treason. It also plays into the North's everlasting tendency to claim anything Southern that is good, as "American," that is, non-Southern. George Washington is just as Southern as Robert E. Lee. Thomas Jefferson is just as Southern as Jefferson Davis. Andrew Jackson is just as Southern as Bedford Forrest. Alvin York, and Audie Murphy, and the Alamo are just as Southern as Stonewall Jackson. Lay claim to all your heritage!

Avoid argument with the enemy and concentrate on educating yourself and members of our people, especially the young, not forgetting the many Yankees of good will. In Heritage Haters you are dealing with people who send their children to private schools while busing yours and still think they are morally superior to you because they are in favor of busing and you are not. They are not interested in debate or evidence. Remember, they are not attacking your great-grandfather's war: they are attacking you! And, as we learned in the flag fight in South Carolina, this goes double for the academic "experts" in the war era, who are even less interested in evidence and perspective than the ordinary flag hater.

Don't be discouraged. So beautiful and powerful is our heritage that it has taken them decades to cut away as much as they have. It will take some time and hard work to recover lost ground.

If you have to argue, turn the tables. The significant factor is the North's motives! They are the ones who invaded us, violating the fundamental American principle of the consent of the governed.

If you must debate, don't make indefensible statements that will be laughed out of court, like the war was not about slavery, most Southerners did not own slaves, and an exaggerated count of black soldiers in the Confederacy. Yes, the war was partly about slavery,

though not on their side and not as centrally and in the way that they claim. Counting families, approximately one-fourth of Southerners were owners of domestic servants, almost all of them a few people who lived and worked closely with the family. Yes, there were a great many black Confederates who helped sustain the armies and the home front, but not as enrolled soldiers.

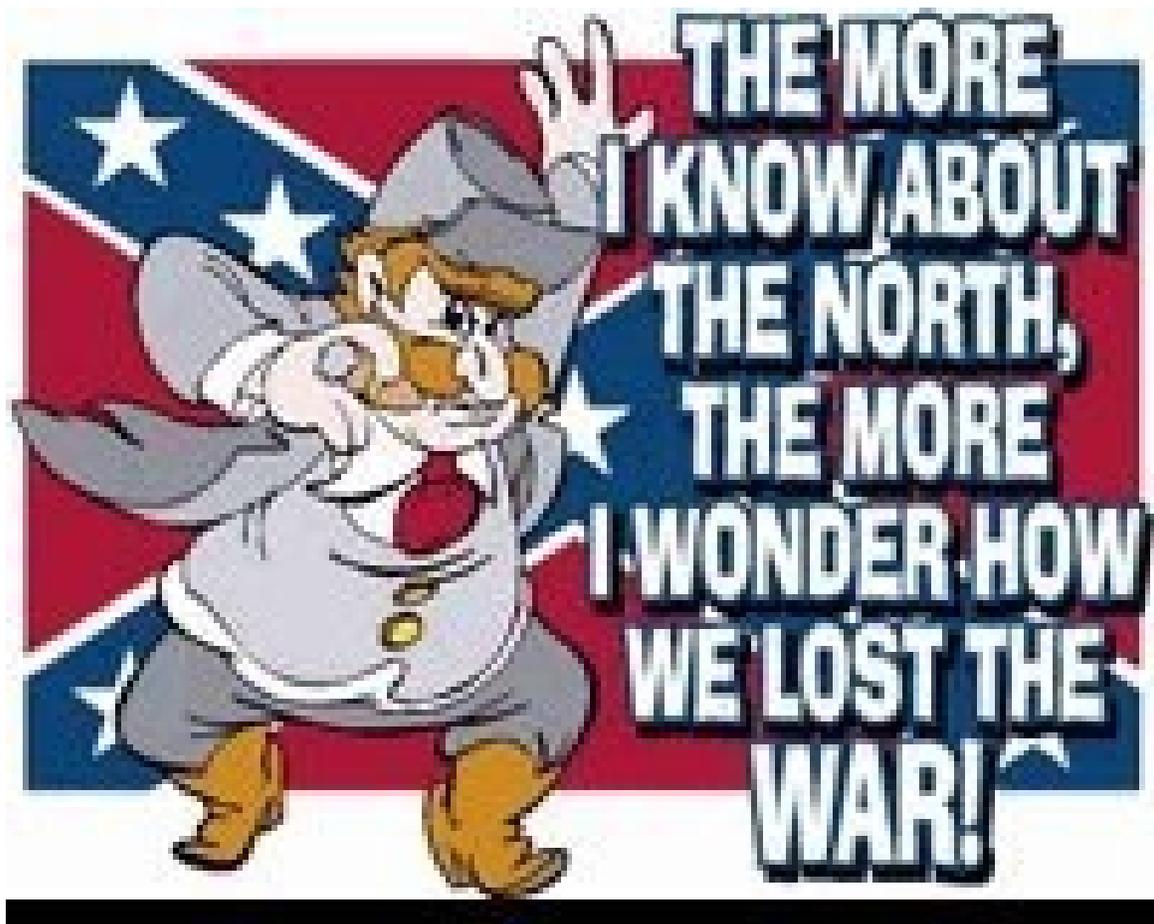
Stop supporting federal government wars out of unthinking loyalty. For a long time the US armed forces had a chivalric Southern flavor. They now combine all the worst aspects of bureaucracy, imperialism, graft, affirmative action, and Political Correctness, in an atmosphere of moral depravity.

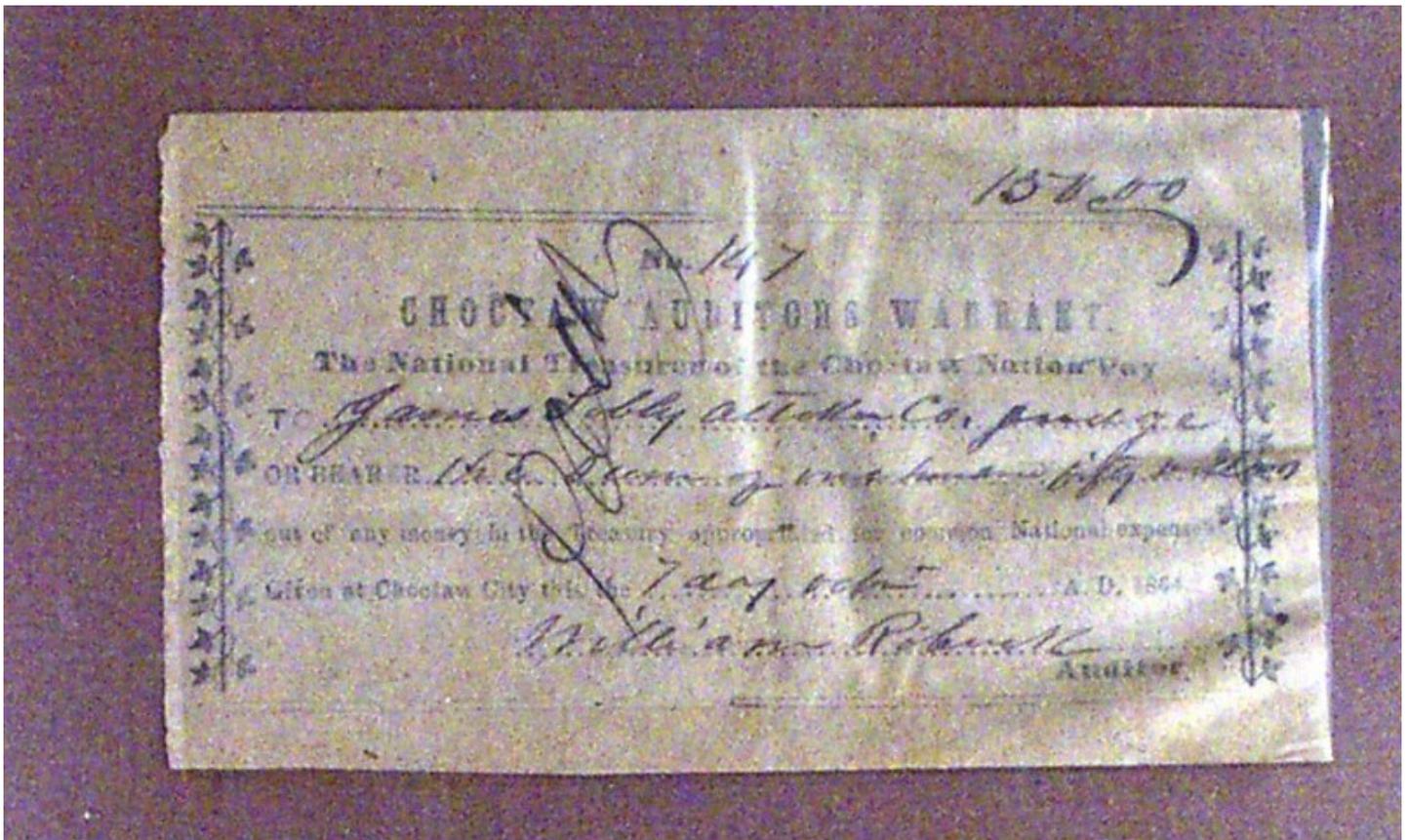
Cure yourself of Republican party thinking. What further proof is needed that the South and Southerners have nothing to expect from the Republican "conservatives" except payoffs to individuals to betray their people? As the Rev. Robert Lewis Dabney pointed out long ago, the Northern "conservatives," in the entire course of American history have never conserved anything. George W., though raised in Texas, suppressed innocuous Confederate plaques. McCain, though a descendant of Confederates, branded our flag as a hate symbol to be suppressed. The Republican governor of New York banished the Georgia flag. Shortly after their candidate was elected President, the Wall Street Journal and National Review published pieces ridiculing Southern conservatives. The message was clear: Give us your votes and shut up.

The worst thing that can happen to the South is to be turned into an appendage of the bland, principleless elements represented by the Republican party. Think like a Southerner, not like a knee-jerk "conservative." If Jesse Jackson causes a ruckus in Decatur, Illinois, applaud him. You can be sure that if he was making trouble in your town, Decatur, Illinois, would be cheering him on. They just don't want him to bother them.

My standpatter compatriots, if you want to be a good American as defined by the ruling institutions today, forget about your Southern heritage. But most Southerners care for family, place, Christian social order, courage, loyalty, and honor – all things besieged in America today. That is, after all, why we love our heritage.

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Choctaw Indian Currency

This is a \$150.00 Warrant

‘As a result of their alignment with the Confederate States of America, the Choctaw Nation exchanged all of its hard cash (gold coin) holdings for the currency of the South. As the War drew to a close, worthless confederate currency flooded the area, and commerce was virtually at a standstill. In order to facilitate trade, the Choctaw issued their own form of currency (the above warrant) and found these warrants were readily accepted by all, for they were backed by the Choctaw Nation.’

The Note says:

*\$150.00 and the No. 147
Choctaw auditors Warrant to
James Libby Co. or bearer
The amount of One hundred fifty dollars
Out of any money in the treasury of appropriated
for common national expenses given at
Choctaw City this 7th day Oct. 1864.
William Robuck Auditor*

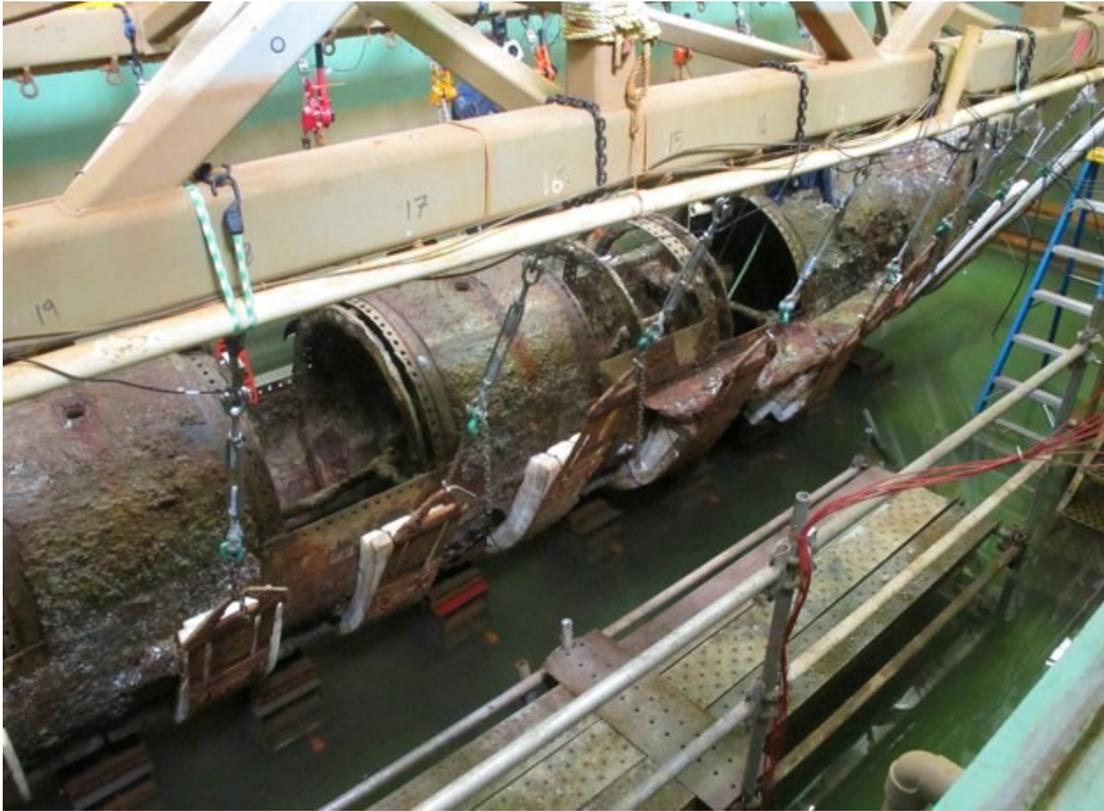
IN THE NEWS.....

Confederate sub upright for first time since 1864

The first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship is upright for the first time in almost 150 years, revealing a side of its hull not seen since it sank off the South Carolina coast during the Civil War. (AP)



The Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sits in its slings on Friday, June 24, 2011 at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C.. The Hunley, the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship, was rotated upright this week for the first time since it sank with its crew of eight in 1864. The hole at the lower right is on a side of the sub not seen in almost 150 years. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



This picture taken Friday, June 24, 2011 at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C., shows the crank the crew used to power the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley. The sub, the first in history to sink an enemy warship, was rotated upright this week for the first time since it sank with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



South Carolina State Sen. Glenn McConnell, the chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission, stands overlooking the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley on Friday, June 24, 2011, at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. The sub, the first in history to sink an enemy warship, was rotated upright this week for the first time since it sank with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



Workers release the tension on slings holding the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. When the process is completed, the hand-cranked sub will be upright for the first time since it sank with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



The Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley rests on its side on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. Workers are rotating the hand-cranked sub and when they are done, the sub will be upright for the first time since it sank with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



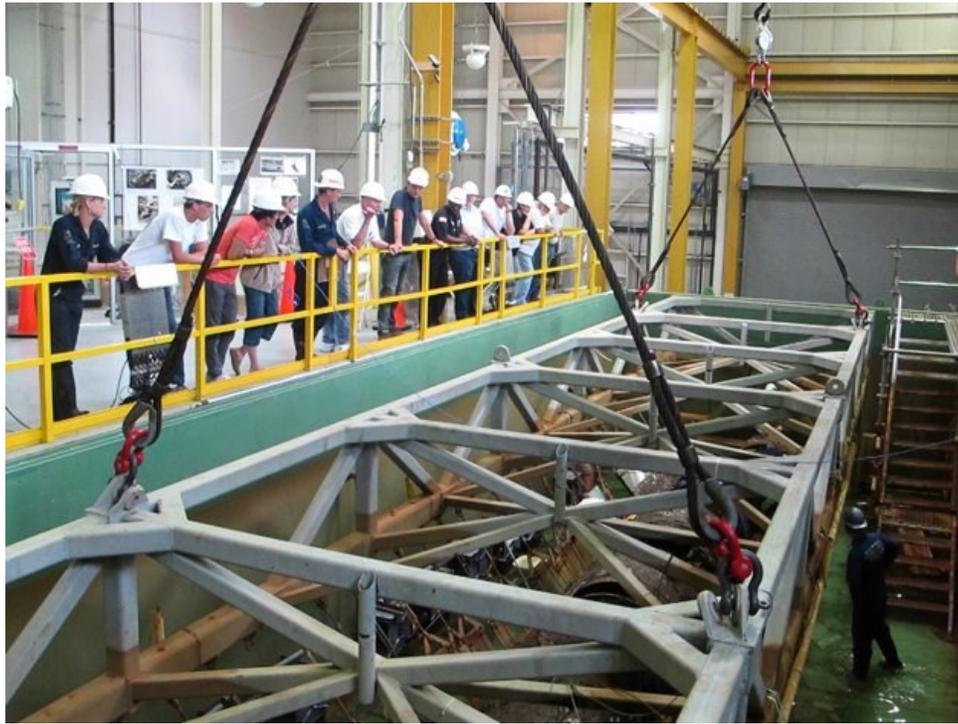
In this June 15, 2011 photo, Paul Mardikian, senior conservator of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, attaches a cable to the truss holding the sub before it was raised at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. Raising the Hunley was the first step before the sub, which is tilted on its side and is the first in history to sink an enemy warship, can be turned upright for the first time since it went down with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



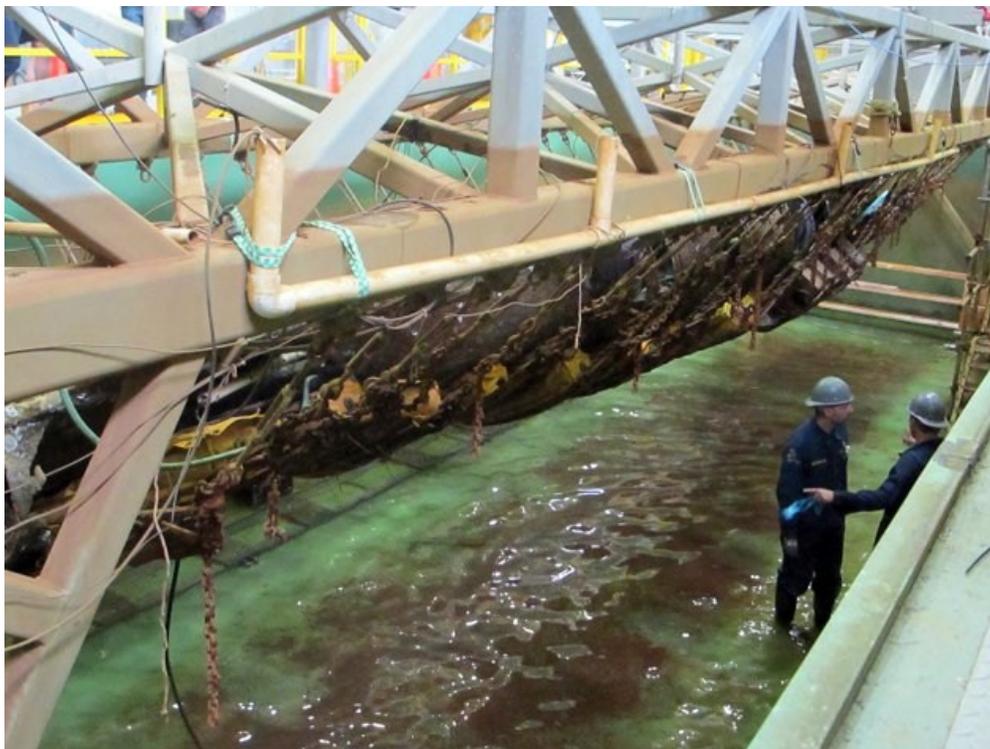
In this June 15, 2011 photo, Paul Mardikian, left, and Chris Watters, who work conserving the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, attach cables to the truss holding the sub before it was raised at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. Raising the Hunley is the first step before the sub, which is tilted on its side and is the first in history to sink an enemy warship, can be turned upright for the first time since it went down with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



In this June 15, 2011 photo, a worker positions a wooden platform beneath the truss holding the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley after it was raised at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. Raising the Hunley was required before the sub, which is tilted on its side and is the first in history to sink an enemy warship, can be turned upright for the first time since it went down with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



In this June 15, 2011 photo, an overhead crane slowly raises the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. Raising the Hunley was required before the sub, which is tilted on its side and is the first in history to sink an enemy warship, can be turned upright for the first time since it went down with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



In this June 15, 2011 photo, the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley is shown after it was raised in its tank at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C. Raising the Hunley was required before the sub, which is tilted on its side and is the first in history to sink an enemy warship, can be turned upright for the first time since it went down with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)



In this June 15, 2011 photo, the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, with some of its hull plates removed, is seen at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C., after it was raised in its tank. The Hunley was raised so the sub, which is tilted on its side and is the first in history to sink an enemy warship, can be turned upright for the first time since it went down with its crew of eight in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith)

<http://beta.news.yahoo.com/photos/confederate-sub-upright-for-first-time-since-1864-1308944620-slideshow/>



Confederate veterans and Buffalo Soldiers both have their detractors

Posted Saturday, Jul. 02, 2011 Special to the Star-Telegram

By Jerry Patterson

Jerry Patterson is commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

"I'll not willingly offend, Nor be easily offended; What's amiss I'll strive to mend, And endure what can't be mended." -- Isaac Watts

In his Wednesday column, Bob Ray Sanders began with a quote -- of himself -- so I took the liberty of doing the same. Since I've never said anything worth quoting, I instead used this quote, which sums up much of the debate over symbols on license plates: Being offended is often the responsibility of the person offended, not the offender.

I want to commend Sanders on a well-written commentary that framed his opinion without relying on the kind of tired, race-baiting rhetoric regurgitated by the NAACP's Gary Bledsoe. (See: "What's heroic to one person is offensive to another") This issue would be well-served with more examination and less inflammation.



To begin, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a private nonprofit established in 1896, is requesting to pay for a license plate displaying its logo and name. The plate would be primarily for SCV members but would be available to all Texans. The logo does include the flag of the Army of Northern Virginia, commonly known as the Confederate battle flag. If approved, the SCV would pay the state \$8,000 for the right to have a plate, then recoup costs with each plate sold.

I am proudly a member of the SCV; my great-grandfather James Monroe Cole served in the Louisiana Infantry during the War, died in the Confederate Veterans Home and is buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

As a statewide elected official, I sponsored the plate because of my personal heritage and my commitment to Texas history -- even the history others might find offensive.

It's the same reason I sponsored a license plate to honor the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, another private, nonprofit organization interested in marketing its heritage with a license plate that displays its logo and name.

Both plates represent private organizations proud of their history. Both are symbols for larger ideas. But political correctness has warped perception of those ideas.

I am proud to support the Buffalo Soldiers license plate because these black troops deployed to the Western frontier after the Civil War served with great distinction in Texas. They included many early black recipients of the Medal of Honor.

But an examination of the Buffalo Soldiers' actions could easily offend anyone familiar with history. They were sent to Texas on a mission to subjugate and enslave the American Indian population, which is exactly what they did. Their fierce determination forced Indians into reservations to live essentially as prisoners of war held by the U.S. government.

Is this a history of which we should be proud? Should these soldiers be commemorated on a license plate?

Of course they should. The Buffalo Soldier license plate, just like the Confederate plate, is intended to honor soldiers who served with pride and dignity in defense of Texas. That's all.

In the end, offensive behavior can be found throughout history if you're looking to be offended.

There is no statutory protection against being offended. Actually, it's the privilege of every American to be offended.

And for those who believe every Confederate soldier was fighting to perpetuate slavery, I'll end with the quote of one of the greatest Americans of all time.

"There are few, I believe, in this enlightened age," wrote Robert E. Lee while stationed in Texas in 1856, "who will not acknowledge that slavery as an institution is a moral and political evil. ... We see the course of the final abolition of human slavery is still onward, and give it the aid of our prayers."

Gov. Haley Rejects NAACP Request to Remove Confederate Flag

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(NewsCore) - South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is not retreating from her decision to keep the Confederate flag atop the north end of the Statehouse despite complaints from the NAACP, whose president this week said the ethnic minority governor is a "contradiction" for allowing the flag to fly, FOXNews.com reported Friday.



Speaking to a crowd at an NAACP national conference in Los Angeles on Monday, NAACP President Benjamin Jealous attempted to shame Haley into removing the flag by comparing African American slavery to oppression Haley's ancestors in India faced under British rule.

"Perhaps one of the most perplexing examples of the contradictions of this moment in history is that Nikki Haley, South Carolina's first governor of color, continues to fly the Confederate flag in front of her state's capitol ... my question to Governor Haley is one that Dr. King often asked himself: 'What would Gandhi do?'" Jealous said.

The flag has been at the north end of the Statehouse in Columbia since 2000. It was moved there after legislation passed to remove it from atop the dome of the Statehouse, where it was placed in 1962 by an all-white South Carolina Legislature.

Haley, who was born in South Carolina, and her spokesman said the decision lies with the people of the Palmetto State.

"More than a decade ago, under the leadership of a Democratic governor, South Carolinians Republican and Democrat, black and white, came to a compromise position on the Confederate flag," said Haley's press secretary, Rob Godfrey.

"We don't expect people from outside of the state to understand that dynamic, but revisiting that issue is not part of the governor's agenda," Godfrey said.



NAACP protesters think the flag should be removed completely from Statehouse grounds because it represents slavery and white supremacy.

But others say the flag is a reminder of an important part of South Carolina's history, and reminds opponents that it does not violate any laws.

"There is nothing more sacred in the country than the First Amendment. If someone wants to raise that flag then they have the First Amendment right to do so," said attorney Richard Roth of The Roth Law Firm in New York.

Statue dedication set for August

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JEFFERSON, GA -- The Jefferson chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans plans a mid-August dedication for new Confederate war memorial on the town's newly renovated square.

The memorial, dedicated to the 1,600 or so Jackson County men who fought in the Civil War, will be the first new memorial placed on the square in Jefferson since 1911, when the United Daughters of the Confederacy erected the town's first monument to Civil War veterans.

"This is going to attract a lot of attention," said Mike Bowen, chairman of the SCV monument committee. "I think it's going to be a big deal for Jefferson and Northeast Georgia. It's going to be like the Double-Barrelled Cannon (in Athens), as far as being a good-looking monument and statue."

Work crews already have placed the base of the \$50,000 monument, a 6-foot-tall square granite column, but members of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans chapter are waiting to place the last piece of the monument -- a life-size bronze statue of a Confederate soldier -- on top of the base.

Bowen plans to announce the date for the installation and unveiling of the soldier in the next few weeks.

Bowen's group, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 94, has been planning and raising money for the monument since 2008, when the group reformed after it disbanded in the 1930s.

Members were inspired to commission a new monument because several of the group's older members could remember a soldier statue on top of the 100-year-old United Daughters of the Confederacy monument.

The soldier statue was destroyed in 1940 when Jefferson residents pulled it off the pedestal while trying to decorate it, Bowen said. Other versions of the story say he was pulled down when townspeople tried to use him as part of a pulley system to help them take down a flagpole on the square.

"Somebody tried to tie a banner or something to him, and he was pulled off," Bowen said. "He wasn't pinned down like he should have been."

The SCV wanted to replace the soldier, but thought it would be best to start on a fresh base rather than put a statue on the UDC monument.

While the new monument wasn't commissioned in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the fact that the installation coincides with the sesquicentennial has brought a lot of additional attention to the monument, Bowen said.

Sons of Confederate Veterans chapters across Georgia donated to Camp 94 to build the monument, in part because very few new memorials are being put up. This might be one of the last monuments built to feature a life-size Civil War era soldier, he said.

"At this day and time, people aren't even that interested in the Civil War anymore, unless you had ancestors who fought or are a historian," Bowen said. "I dare say, you won't or I won't see any new Civil War soldier statues go up. It's just not a popular subject."

The Jefferson City Council voted unanimously to accept the donation of the monument for the square, said City Manager John Ward.



The Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) of the Cause for Southern Independence is upon us! The Sons of Confederate Veterans has established a unique way you can show support for our efforts and build a legacy for the future. It is the SCV Sesquicentennial Society! By joining this prestigious group you will help in supporting two projects very important to the future.

First- the General Executive Council made the commitment in October of 2008 to start the process to erect a new building on our property at Historic Elm Springs. One of the uses of this new building is to give us office space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate Museum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. It will give an accurate portrayal of the Confederate soldier, something that is lacking in most museum and in the media. 75 % of the money received through this effort goes to that building fund.

Second-we need to leave a legacy for our Compatriots who will be the members and leaders of the SCV when the Bicentennial of the Cause for Southern Independence arrives 50 years from now. One can only guess at the obstacles they will have to face in putting forth an accurate commemoration. 25% of the money will go into a fund to be used by the SCV at that point in time.

Here is how you can take part. To join it is a minimum payment of \$200.(You can give more if you wish!) You will receive a handsome SCV Sesquicentennial Society Medal and Certificate. This program will end at the close of the Sesquicentennial. You may pay all at once or you can make non-refundable installments of \$50 (you will receive the medal and certificate when paid in full).

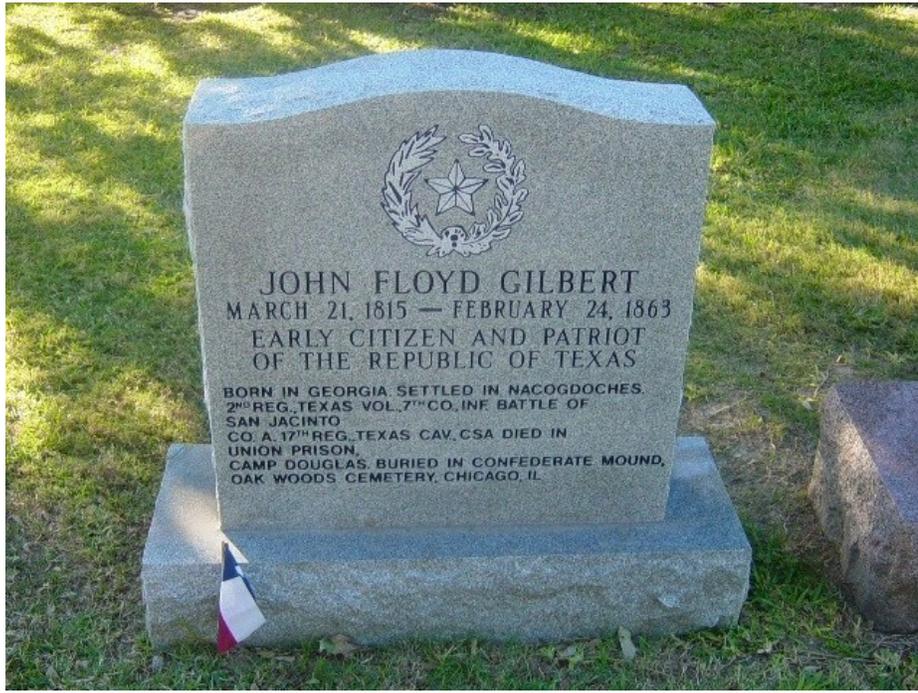
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Be sure to put Sesquicentennial Society in the box marked purpose of payment.

We hope that all Compatriots will take advantage of this opportunity to make a stand for the future. You can proudly wear your medal and display your certificate as a symbols of your commitment to teaching the true history of the South to future generations.



The Legend of the Rebel Soldier

In a dreary Yankee prison where a rebel soldier lay
By his side there stood a preacher ere his soul should pass away
And he faintly whispered parson, as he clutched him by the hand
Oh parson, tell me quickly, will my soul pass through the Southland?

Will my soul pass through the Southland, through Old Virginia grand?
Will I see the hills of Georgia, and the green fields of Alabam?
Will I see the little church house, where I pledged my heart and hand?
Oh parson, tell me quickly, will my soul pass through the Southland?

Was for loving dear old Dixie, in this dreary cell I lie
Was for loving dear old Dixie, in this Northern State I die
Will you see my little daughter, will you make her understand?
Oh parson, tell me quickly, will my soul pass through the Southland?

Then the Rebel Soldier died.

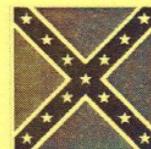


A Confederate version of Shall My Soul Pass Through Ireland
Recorded by The Country Gentlemen

TEXAS DIVISION HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND



There are many incidents of blatant discrimination against Confederate Americans and our Sacred Christian Banners. Many of these events take place in public schools, and in the work place. These attacks are offensive to our Confederate History and Heritage, but we can only fight a limited number of these violations. In order to fight these battles, we must have proper funding. The **TEXAS DIVISION HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND** was established to assist in providing these funds. Many of our members have contributed to this cause. Many other members will do so, in time. Please donate a few, or several, dollars to this noble cause.



CHECK ✓ *Texas Division Heritage Defense Fund!*

FLAGS ACROSS TEXAS PROJECT



The **Flags Across Texas Project** is part of the *SCV National Flags Across Dixie Project* which is a confederation-wide effort supported by the individual Divisions. Currently, we have three locations in Texas. One is being unveiled at the reunion in Waco. The others are near Brenham and Orange. All funds will be used directly for the land, construction materials, perpetual care and insurance for each of the Texas flag locations. *Let's keep them flying!*



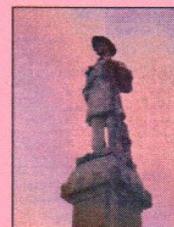
"Texans always move them!" -- General Robert E. Lee

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The **Texas Historical Commission Monuments Project** is our effort to support the THC as it erects monuments dedicated to Texans that fought for the *Cause for Southern Independence* on battlefields far from the Lone Star State. Also, we hope through this effort to solidify our relationship with the THC so that when the SC plaques are ordered back up, the THC might not be so quick to order them taken down again - legally.



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It is our duty!

Sam Davis Youth Camp-Texas



Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne warned: "If the South should lose, it means that the history of the heroic struggle will be written by the enemy, that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers, will be impressed by all of the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."



Today his words ring true. There is no question that the youth of today must run a terrible gauntlet, and that many are struck down along the way by one or more of the politically correct influences, which flourish in our schools. This summer you can help turn the tide. For one week, our Southern young men and ladies will gather to hear the truths about the War for Southern Independence. This camp, named for the great Confederate Sam Davis, will combine fun and recreation with thoughtful instruction in Southern history, the Cause for Southern Independence, the theology of the South during the War, lessons on Southern heroes, examples of great men of Faith, and special programs and sessions for our Southern ladies.

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