The Confederate Dead at Gettysburg

Many Confederate soldiers were unidentified and buried in mass graves. Others were buried in the yards of houses where they fell or where they were taken care of after the battle.

Samuel Weaver, who had exhumed the Union dead from their battlefield graves in 1863-64, had been killed in a railroad train accident in February of 1871. Rufus Weaver was Samuel's son and had received his medical training in Philadelphia. The task he had been asked to undertake required an extensive knowledge of anatomy and body structure and even though he was a little apprehensive to take on the job at first, Rufus Weaver accepted the contract to exhume the Confederate dead. “In the spring and summer of 1871 Weaver exhumed and shipped 137 Confederates to Raleigh, 74 to Charleston, 101 to Savannah and a few to Maryland south to not only Richmond but also to Raleigh, North Carolina, Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina for proper burial. The southern boys had finally come home. Only 313 of the bodies were ever identified, the rest remained unknown.

Submitted by Mark Pollard

Dead at Gettysburg

1860 Railroads in Georgia

Travel in Georgia in 1860, (on the eve of the War Between the States), even by the speediest way yet devised by man, (train) was by present standards, exceedingly slow. The steam trains would have to occasionally stop at large water tanks along the way. At the water tanks, an extended arm would release water from the tank down through a water trough to fill the steam engines. Stockpiles of wood would also be loaded on the train for use to heat up the steam boilers for power and for the steam whistle...

Below are actual travel times, speed and fare by stream trains traveling to and from Atlanta in 1860...

The Georgia Railroad train took nine hours between Atlanta and Augusta, for an average of 19 miles per hour. The distance was 171 miles and the fare was $5.50.

The Macon & Western Railroad occupied seven hours and fifteen minutes between Atlanta and Macon - an average of 14 miles per hour. The distance was 102 miles and the fare was $4.50.

The Macon & Western also made a run from Atlanta to Chattanooga which took 9 hours. The average speed was 15 miles per hour, the distance was 138 miles and the fare was $5.00.

The Atlanta & West Point Railroad run to West Point took 5 1/2 hours at an average speed of 15 miles per hour. The distance was 87 miles and the fare was $3.50.

Submitted by Mark Pollard

The Charge
to the Georgia Division

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and 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.
SCV and Dixie Jubilee celebrate July 4th at Marietta “Let Freedom Ring” Parade. Organizers estimated that 40,000 to 50,000 people attended the parade, according to Lindsey Wiles, spokesperson for the city of Marietta.

Annual memorial service at Pine Mountain, Georgia for Bishop-General Leonidas Polk. The monument is located on the spot where Gen. Polk fell on June 14, 1864. John Evans recreates the first person of Reverend Archibald Everhart.

Far Left: On Saturday, June 3, six members of the Montgomery Sharpshooters cleaned the McArthur Cemetery in south Wheeler County. There are five Confederate soldiers buried there and it had been neglected for several years.

Pictured from left to right: Luke Smith, Tom Kight, Danny Taylor, Skip Skinner, and Rudy Nanney. Robert Cook organized the cleanup and took the picture.
Fellow Compatriots of the Georgia Division:

In the last edition of the paper, I mentioned several items and/or projects that I personally committed to focus on during the second half of this year. Please allow me to review and update you on these projects:

1. Struggling Camps: I recently met with a Camp officer along with his respective Division Lt. Commander, and Brigade Commander. We worked out an outline of some suggested activities, and community projects designed to increase participation by the membership, enlistment of new members, and positive public relations for the Camp. If your Camp is struggling, please reach out to your Brigade Commander for help. Supporting Camps is the first priority for a Brigade Commander. If you do not or cannot get a response, call me direct at 404-449-2521. On a more personal note: several Members contacted me under the impression that we want to arbitrarily close Camps. That is not so. I want us to have many more Camps than we do now, but only if they can be successful. That means growing and retaining their membership, and being involved in the local community. Fighting to find seven men to scrape up money and maintain a Camp that has little or no activity is what we are trying to do away with. Motivated men, eager to attend a well-planned, well-attended enjoyable meeting keeps our members renewing which leads to new members. It is as simple as that.

2. 2018 Legislative Agenda: This project is moving forward. A small, but dedicated and knowledgeable team of experienced members is working very hard to make sure that we are ready for action when the 2018 legislative session kicks off. We are working on a new bill, securing sponsors in both houses of the legislature, and communicating with leaders in both houses as we speak. We want to lay the groundwork for positive results in strengthening the legal protections for our monuments and other Confederate heritage landmarks in Georgia. I appreciate your patience in allowing me to withheld details for privacy concerns. Once the bill is in its final draft form and we know where we stand, we will give you a full report. It is my intention to do that in plenty of time so that you can begin lobbying your local representatives and senators prior to the session.

3. Helping Camps work on the local level to proactive re-guarding our monuments: I have written a survey form for Camps to use in documenting any and all Confederate monuments (and markers, landmarks, place names, etc.) in their respective areas of influence. This survey can and should include ownership information, the legal history of possession, tax records, liens, legal information, and any other details necessary for a defense, and ultimately promotion of these sacred places and things. Once completed, please send to your Brigade Commander. He will share with the Division leadership. We will compile this information into a database so that future leadership teams will have easy access to it in case of an emergency.

I had the privilege of attending the national reunion last week in Memphis. I had a great time seeing friends and new members from around the country (including the Commander of the new Camp in Hawai’i). I spent some time with our Commander in Chief, the Lt. Commander in Chief, the Army of Tennessee Commander, and our Army Councilman. Each of these men have pledged their support to our Division. In return, I assured them that the Georgia Division stands ready, as the largest Division in the SCV, to work with national whenever possible. I am excited to tell you that we are tentatively booked to host an Army of Tennessee Heritage Operations Workshop in 2019, and there is some interest in possibly bringing a national reunion back to Georgia in 2021 or 2022. Much of this interest has been created by the positive impression made at our recent Division reunion. Thank you all again for helping make this recognition possible.

We have some busy months coming up. Included will be our fall Executive Council meeting, which will be held on Saturday, September 23rd in Macon. We will meet at 11:00 am at the Macon Convention and Visitors Bureau in downtown Macon. We are planning on the Division joining the MCVB in order to gather community goodwill from the tourist industry, and as importantly, guarantee priority in the future use of the conference room.

Looking further ahead, I am pleased to announce that the official Division observation of General Robert E. Lee’s birthday will be returning to Milledgeville in 2018. We will have our parade, and a great program (details in the next edition) for you, as well as our traditional January Executive Council meeting. Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 20th. The parade will kick off at 10:30 so be there early to line up. We want to invite every Camp to attend and bring your Camp banner if you have one.

Until next time, please recruit a new member, attend your Camp meeting, pay your dues on time, and do something nice for someone on behalf of our organization.

Sincerely,
Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
Commander, Georgia Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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**Georgia Division Fall Executive Council Meeting**
11:00 A.M. Saturday, September 23, 2017
Macon-Bibb County Convention & Visitors Bureau
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THERE WILL NOT BE A LUNCH BREAK
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FINANCE: Chairman Tim Pilgrim
Members: Garry Daniell, Rick Leake
NOTICE: Change of deadline.
"Remember The Annual Dues Deadline is September 1, 2017, please mail to your Camp Adjutants at least one week prior."

122nd Annual Reunion
Memphis, TN
July 18th – 23rd, 2017
Thos. V. Strain, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief

This award is given for recruiting new members during the fiscal year. Medals and certificates are awarded as follows: 5-9 new members – certificate; 10-15 new members – Bronze Medal; 16-25 members - Silver Medal; over 25 members-Gold Medal.

Gold Medal
Hu Daughtry &
Timothy Pilgrim 46
Certificate
Wayne Willingham 8
Joseph Alfred Medcalf 6
Nathen O'Brien 5
Anthony Pilgrim 5

2016-17 Heritage Defense Medal

This medal is presented to those individuals who have shown significant dedication to protecting our Southern heritage beyond that which would be expected of an SCV member, either by devotion of considerable time or resources, or for significant acts of personal courage in advancing that heritage. The guiding principles will be those expounded in General S. D. Lee’s charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Nathan D. Forrister
[ Some Georgia Division members honored at Reunion, 2017]

Division Adjutant’s Report

Gentlemen,

Everyone should have received their annual membership billing statements the latter part of July. Please remember that your annual dues deadline is September 1, so be sure and get your dues mailed to your Camp Adjutant at least a week prior to the September 1 deadline date. If there are any mistakes on your annual membership billing statements, please make your Camp Adjutant aware of the mistake so that he can report them and we can make corrections.

Camp Adjutants please remember that all dues checks and membership correspondence should be mailed directly to our Division Office at:

Georgia Division, SCV
P.O. Box 1081
Macon, Ga. 31202

Our Division Secretary Kristen Dorety updates our Division rosters and makes the deposits.

I’m pleased to report that our Division Store since opening in April, 2016 has made a profit of $4,448.00 as of July 31, 2017. That’s 100% profit that goes toward making our Division Office 100% self supporting, which is our goal. So please go visit our Division Store when purchasing your flags, tags and stickers.

Again this year our Division Secretary will be filing each Camp's 990 e-mail return for the Camps who are current. About 25% of the Division Camps Tax ID numbers have been revoked because of failure to file in the past, that is the primary reason why we have asked our Division Secretary to file on behalf the Georgia Division Camps, not only as an additional service to the Camps, but for consistency as well. Kristen will mail the Camp Adjutants a copy of filing confirmation for the Camp's files again this year.

I read in the Confederate Veteran magazine in the Executive Director’s (Mike Landree) report that he is trying to work with the IRS to reinstate the revoked Camps tax ID numbers. Lets hope he is able to work something out. Please contact our Division Secretary if you have any questions regarding your Camp's tax ID at secretaty@gascv.org

Always at your Service,

Timothy Pilgrim,
Georgia Division Adjutant

“Any society which suppresses the heritage of its conquered minorities, prevents its history and denies them their symbols has sown the seeds of its own destruction.”

~ Sir William Wallace, 1281 A.D.
From: Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
To the members of the Division Executive Council, Division Staff, Committee Chairs, and all members of the Georgia Division:

General Orders 07-062217

It is my privilege to recognize the following Compatriots, and others, for their outstanding services at the 120th Reunion of the Georgia Division held on June 9th and 10th, 2017 in Macon Georgia:

Commander Thomas Stevens, and the members of the General Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp #18, Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, Division Secretary Kristen Dorety, Division Chief of Staff Curt Collier (outgoing), Division Chief of Staff David Moncus (incoming), Division Chaplain Jack Wray, Division Quartermaster Dennis Elm, Division Parliamentarian Ken Smith, Awards Committee Chairman Ron Colson, and the entire staff of the Macon Marriott City Center/Convention Center.

Each of these individuals rendered great service, and contributed to a very successful, and more importantly, a very enjoyable weekend. Thank you all for your efforts.

Official thanks go out to the following Compatriots that served the past year as Brigade Commander in their respective areas: Commanders David Cordell, Karl Haun, Tommy McCullers, Thomas Stevens, Robert Whitaker, Charlie Parks, and Rick Leake. Each of these men will no doubt continue to serve the Division by leading in their own Camps, and in other positions when called upon. Thank you for your service on the Executive Council.

The Division formally recognizes and welcomes the new members of the Executive Council: Chief of Staff David Moncus, 1st Brigade Commander Barry Colbaugh, 2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean, 3rd Brigade Commander Curt Collier, 4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck, 5th Brigade Commander Don Newman, 6th Brigade Commander Hershell Smith, and 7th Brigade Commander William Latham.

Committee updates:

Effective immediately, Deputy Division Inspector John Wright is assigned to the Disciplinary Committee, replacing Compatriot David Cordell; Division Surgeon Bill Thomas is assigned to the committee, replacing Compatriot John Campbell.

Effective immediately, 8th Brigade Commander Hershell Smith is assigned to the Jeff Davis Park Oversight Committee.

Effective immediately, 3rd Brigade Commander Curt Collier is assigned to the Time & Place/Standing Rules Committee, replacing Compatriot Tommy McCullers.

The Division officially thanks Compatriots Cordell, Campbell, and McCullers for their service over the past year on these committees.

Scott K. Gilbert, Jr., Commander, Georgia Division
cc:file/staff

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CAMP GROWTH & RETENTION ????

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1st Brigade Commander Barry Colbaugh

Tim Pilgrim made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Adjutants Report which was seconded by 12th Brigade Commander William Latham and unanimously approved.

The March Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the Georgia Confederate.

Adjutant Tim Pilgrim made a motion that the Georgia Division Policies be changed to get our Division dues structure in alignment with the new requirements implemented by the SCV National Organization. This was seconded by 9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin and it passed unanimously. Due to this policy change dues must now be paid by September 1 each year to avoid being delinquent.

Commander Gilbert announced that the next Executive Council Meeting would be held on September 23, 2017 at the Convention Visitors Bureau in Macon, Georgia at 11:00 a.m.

Adjutant Tim Pilgrim made a motion that $2,000 be made available from the Heritage Defense Fund for defense needs to support the defense of Nash Farms if needed. Motion seconded by 7th Brigade Commander Charles Griffin and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned by Commander Gilbert.

Submitted by Chief of Staff
David C. Moncus
Minutes of Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Emergency Meeting 10 June 2017

• Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. called the meeting at 9:25 a.m. with regards to allocation of funds from sales of The State of Georgia SCV license plates.

• Motion made by Chief of Staff Curtis Harris Collier, III to contribute funds to fund a new monument in Brunswick, seconded by 7th Brigade Commander Charles W. Griffin. Motion carried.

• Motion made by Chief of Staff Curtis Harris Collier, III to contribute funds to fund restoration of the Confederate Monument in Milledgeville, by 10th Brigade Commander 10th Brigade Commander Joseph Alfred Medcalf, Jr. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Minutes of 120th Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion
Macon, Georgia 10 June 2017

• Reunion called to order by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. at 9:31 a.m.

• Greetings brought by Brigadier General Edward Dorr Tracy Camp 18 Commander Thomas E. Stevens.

• Pledges and salute to United States, State of Georgia, and Confederate Flags let by Brigadier General Edward Dorr Tracy Camp 18 Commander Jeff Smith.

• Stephen Dill Lee's Charge to Sons of Confederate Veterans read by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.

• Invocation given by Division Chaplain Jack C. Wray.

• Compatriot Richard K. Straut appointed as Sergeant at Arms, with assistance from Compatriot Eric Howell, by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.

• Nancy Kennedy of Robert Edward Lee Chapter 115 of Milledgeville, United Daughters of the Confederacy recognised by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. for her leadership with the restoration of the Confederate monument in Milledgeville.

• Greetings on behalf of the SCV General Executive Council brought by Army of Tennessee Department Councilman Robert Samuel Jason Boshers and Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr.

• Compatriot and Real Grandson W. D. Mangum recognised by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.

• Greetings brought by Marcel Cail, Vice-President of the Order of the Confederate Rose.

• Credentials Committee Report given by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim, where a quorum was met.

• Recommendations made by Time and Place Committee Chairman Donald W. Newman with regards to alleviating several financial responsibilities to host camps.

• Motion made by Compatriot Tim Ragland, seconded by Compatriot Mike Dean to allow Georgia Division non-delegates to stay. Motion carried.

• Motion made by Compatriot Tim Hawkins, seconded by Compatriot Billy Bearden, to allow non-members who are members of Order of Confederate Rose to stay. Motion carried.

• Motion made by Compatriot Barry Colbaugh, seconded by Compatriot Jason James, to allow Nancy Kennedy of Robert Edward Lee Chapter 115 of Milledgeville, United Daughters of the Confederacy to stay. Motion carried.

• Motion made by Division Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, seconded by Compatriot P. Charles Lunsford, to allow SCV national officers to stay. Motion carried.

• Questions posed by Division Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, with regards to protocols allowed for Committee on Standing Rules as implemented. A serious division of opinion ensued with Compatriots Robert Thornton, 10th Brigade Commander Joseph Alfred Medcalf, Jr., and P. Charles Lunsford making observations. For the sake of the flow of the Reunion, Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. to table this until a later time.

• Finance Committee Report given by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim. Motion made by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim, seconded by Compatriot Dan Berman, to approve report. Motion carried.

• Consideration of the Budget given by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim. Queries made by Compatriots including 11th Brigade Commander Jeff Robison, Compatriot Mike Mull, Lieutenant Commander North Philip J. Autrey. Motion made by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim, seconded by Compatriot Robert Thornton, to approve report. Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. expressed concern about taking $1,000 being taken out of budget for host camps of reunions in the future. Motion made by Time and Place Committee Chairman Donald W. Newman to place $1,000 back in budget, seconded by Compatriot Robert Thornton. Compatriots P. Charles Lunsford, Gary Daniel, Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim, John Wright, George Kinney, Richard K. Straut, Robert Thornton presented different views of putting $1,000 back in budget or not. Question called by Compatriot Grady Dukes to vote on adding the $1,000 back in budget for every year. Motion failed. Original Motion made by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim brought back, with Past Division Commander Jack Bridwell calling the questions. Motion carried.

• Georgia Confederate Report given by Division Editor and Lieutenant Commander South Allison Perry. A proposal was made by him to have Camps send their respective reports directly to him as opposed to it going through Brigade Commanders and then on to the Division Editor.

• Tag Fund Committee Report presented by Tag Committee Chairman and Lieutenant Commander North Philip J. Autrey. Nancy Kennedy of Robert Edward Lee Chapter 115, United Daughters of the Confederacy of Milledgeville spoke of her request to fund restoration of the damaged Confederate monument. Commander John Culpepper mentioned that $2,500 was given by the State of Georgia Civil War Commission, where $5,000 still needed. Motion made by Compatriot Jason James, seconded by Compatriot John Beauregard Carroll, III, to fund the $5,000. Motion carried. Thomas Marsh Forman Camp 485 Adjutant James C. Carter asked for $14,056 to fund this. Compatriots David Moncus, Gary Daniel, 12th Brigade Commander Richard L. Leake, Jr., 13th Brigade Commander Steven W. Camp, made inquiries regarding monument company, placement. Compatriot Don Meyer suggested financial resources be focused should be made on existing monuments and threats for their removal. Compatriot Robert Thornton expressed concern that there is not a site to place the monument. 11th Brigade Commander Jeff Robison, Division Editor and Lieutenant Commander South Allison Perry spoke in support of the monument. Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim made a motion, seconded by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr., for approval for funding the monument. Motion carried.

• Presentations of awards and resolutions presented by Marcel Cail, Vice-President of the Order of the Confederate Rose, regarding various SCV and OCR members.

• Judge Advocate Dan Coleman advised that $1,244.34 was contributed by attendees of last year's Division Reunion towards looking for a lobbying group to represent Division interests at the State Capitol. He expressed concern that the current administration have taken no actions in seeking a lobbying group, and suggested those who would like to have their money back to contact him. Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. advised to the contrary. A motion was made by 12th Brigade Commander Richard L. Leake, Jr., seconded by
to put money any money left over after those wishing to have their money back to have it put in the Division's Heritage Defence earmarked for lobbying. Motion carried.

- Blessing of the barbecue dinner was given by given by Division Chaplain Jack C. Wray.
- The Reunion resumed at 1:11 p.m. by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
- The Division Chaplains Report was given by Division Chaplain Jack C. Wray, where he spoke of the success of the Division Chaplains Conference held in Macon on 18 February. Chaplain-in-Chief Ray Parker gave a presentation as well. A Chaplain’s Endowment Fund is now being considered by General Executive Council.

- The Division Commanders Report was then given by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr., in which he mentioned lobbying tactics are coming into place for the 2018 Georgia legislative session. He further encouraged our members to outreach to local government and business leaders to preserve our Confederate heritage.

- A resolution was presented by Lieutenant Commander South/Editor Allison Perry for the Georgia Division to formally boycott the City of New Orleans, Louisiana as a result of their removal of Confederate monuments. Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim made a motion to approve, seconded by Compatriot Billy Bearden. Compatriot Grady Dukes suggested the last paragraph be changed to indicate the Georgia Division’s support of SCV Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain called Boycott of New Orleans, Louisiana. Compatriot Mark Camp seconded. Motion carried.

- The 2017 Georgia Division Proposed By-Law Amendments were introduced by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. He announced Proposed Amendments 5 and 10 will be put on hold. The rest of these will be voted via ballot.

o Proposed Amendment #1 proposed by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. was so moved by Compatriot Hank Segars, and seconded by Compatriot Robert Thornton.

o Proposed Amendment #2 proposed by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. was so moved by Compatriot John Beauregard Carroll, III, and seconded by Compatriot Robert Thornton. Judge Advocate Dan Coleman went on record opposing it.

o Proposed Amendment #3 proposed by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. was so moved by Compatriot Robert Thornton, and seconded by Compatriot Mitch Crabbe.

o Proposed Amendment #7 proposed by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. was so moved by Compatriot Robert Thornton, and seconded by Compatriot John Beauregard Carroll, III.

o Proposed Amendment #8 proposed by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. was so moved by Compatriot Curtis Harris Collier, III, and seconded by Compatriot Robert Thornton.

o Proposed Amendment #9 proposed by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. was so moved by Compatriot Curtis Harris Collier, III, and seconded by Compatriot Doug Brown.

o Brigade Commander Election instructions given by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim, which includes the following races:
  - 1st Brigade Barry Colbaugh vs. Mike Dodd
  - 2nd Brigade Michael Dean (unopposed)
  - 3rd Brigade Curtis Harris Collier, III (unopposed)
  - 4th Brigade Kim Beck (unopposed)
  - 5th Brigade Thomas Miller (unopposed)
  - 6th Brigade Don Newman (unopposed)
  - 7th Brigade Charles W. Griffin (unopposed)
  - 8th Brigade Herschel Smith (unopposed)
  - 9th Brigade Ken Arvin (unopposed)
  - 10th Brigade Joseph Alfred Medcalf, Jr. (unopposed)
  - 11th Brigade Benjamin Snow (unopposed)
  - 12th Brigade William Latham (unopposed)
  - 13th Brigade Steve Camp (unopposed)

- Motion by acclamation for non-contested races made Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim, seconded by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. Motion carried.

- While votes were counted, Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. issued awards for various SCV members including Compatriot Gary Daniel and Past Division Commander Jack Bridwell.

- Compatriot Bob Thornton requested feedback from the Georgia Division with regards to the Nash Farm Battlefield situation. Facts were presented by Division Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr., with assurance that the Georgia Division is in the know of what is going on and what is being done. Furthermore, he encouraged everyone present to write letters not only to the Henry County Board of Commissioners, but also the Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

- Ballot results regarding proposed amendments are election results announced by Division Adjutant Timothy F. Pilgrim:

  - Amendments:
    - Amendment 1 - Failed
    - Amendment 2 - Passed
    - Amendment 3 - Failed
    - Amendment 4 - Failed
    - Amendment 6 - Failed
    - Amendment 7 - Failed
    - Amendment 8 - Failed
    - Amendment 9 - Failed

- New Brigade Commanders are:
  - 1st Brigade - Barry Colbaugh
  - 2nd Brigade - Michael Dean
  - 3rd Brigade - Curtis Harris Collier, III
  - 4th Brigade - Kim Beck
  - 5th Brigade - Thomas Miller
  - 6th Brigade - Don Newman
  - 7th Brigade - Charles W. Griffin
  - 8th Brigade - Herschel Smith
  - 9th Brigade - Ken Arvin
  - 10th Brigade - Joseph Alfred Medcalf, Jr.,
  - 11th Brigade - Jeff Robinson
  - 12th Brigade - William Latham
  - 13th Brigade - Steve Camp

- Benediction by Deputy Division Chaplain John Maxey.

- Dixie sung. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

*Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Post Division Reunion Executive Council Meeting at the Macon Marriott City Center Complex - Macon, Georgia June 10, 2017*

This meeting was held immediately following the 120th Georgia Division Reunion. Division Commander Scott Gilbert called the meeting to order and announced the appointment of David Moncus as new Division Chief of Staff. COS Moncus called the roll.

Those Present: Division Commander Gilbert, Lt. Commander North Philip Autry, Lt. Commander South Allison Perry, Adjutant Timothy Pilgrim, Chief of Staff David Moncus, Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, 2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean, 3rd Brigade Commander Curtis Collier, 4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck, 5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller, 6th Brigade Commander Don Newman, 7th Brigade Commander Charles Griffin, 8th Brigade Commander Herschell Smith, 9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin, 10th Brigade Commander Alfred Medcalf, Jr., 11th Brigade Commander Jeff Robinson, 12th Brigade Commander William Latham, 13th Brigade Commander Steven Camp, Immediate Past Commander Jack Bridwell

Not Present:
Jeff Davis Memorial Park
Saturday ~ September 9th ~ 10:00 a.m.

Update on status of the Park

Compatriots,

Please come join us at the Park as we discuss the future preservation of this important, historic site. Come and spend as much time as you can and visit the Park and Museum. All are invited.

We will have some hamburgers and hot dogs, and you are welcome to bring a picnic dinner.

Concerned Southerners For the Future of Jeff Davis Memorial Park
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Battle of Sewell's Point

After the fall of Ft Sumter to Confederate forces, the next fight to take place was the "Battle of Sewell's Point"

As part of the Union blockade of Chesapeake Bay during the War for Southern Independence, the Union gunboat USS Monticello, commanded by Captain Henry Eagle with Lieutenant (later Rear Admiral) Daniel L. Braine second in command, exchanged cannon fire with Confederate batteries on Sewell's Point, Virginia, in Norfolk County, Virginia (present day City of Norfolk, Virginia), in an attempt to enforce the blockade of the Hampton Roads area in southeastern Virginia.

The two sides did each other little harm. On May 18, 1861, the Monticello fired on the unfinished Confederate battery at Sewell's Point, which commanded the entrance to the Elizabeth River and the harbor at Norfolk, Virginia (from where Confederates had just captured Gosport Naval Yard where the CSS Virginia would be built) but which had no guns yet in place, with little effect.

By 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 1861, the Confederates had installed three 32-pound guns at the Sewell's Point battery. When Continued Page 15

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Amos 3: 3

GA CONFEDERATE ARTICLE

CHAPLAIN WRAY

Grace to you and peace from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

By now, many of you have heard about the hospitalization of Chaplain-N-Chief, Dr. Ray Parker, July 7. The latest update from his wife, Ruth, indicated he has had lots of tests including a stress test he had to stop due to very low heart rate. He was then scheduled for a heart catheter which revealed blockages the doctors decided to treat with diet and medications to avoid unnecessary risks in inserting a stent. He still has pneumonia and fluid on his lungs which was what originally took him to the hospital. He tolerated surgery very well but still has a cough from the pneumonia, which only aggravates the discomfort from the surgery itself. He has been sleeping most of the time since coming back to his room but is very uncomfortable when he does wake up. They are giving him morphine for the pain but as of right now, they plan to send him home. Please remember him in your prayers and may he and Ruth take comfort in Ps. 27:1, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

I am glad to announce we have a Division roster of fifty-five chaplains. My thanks to those who submitted names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails to me. That leaves forty-eight camps that have not submitted names or do not have a chaplain. Please prayerfully consider the importance of the chaplain position.

The date of our next Ga Division Chaplains Conference is February 10, 2018 which will be at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Macon, GA. My thanks to Commander Thomas Stevens for arranging the use of a church for our conference. What better place to meet than in a church! Registration forms will be available in September.

Blessings to each of you in honoring our ancestors with prayer, hope, and action.

Jack C. Wray, Division Chaplain

The State of Dade Camp 707 & Joseph T. McConnell Camp 1854 will co-host the hoisting and dedication of a 20x30 foot Confederate Battle Flag on the 90’ pole adjacent to I-75 in Catoosa County GA, Saturday, August the 19th at 2:00 pm. Join us for this event honoring our Confederate heroes. The location is adjacent to the corner of Fountain and Hoover Rd in Ringgold Georgia. Please go to the SCV Mechanized Cavalry Georgia's First Troop page on Face Book for information.

Denny Forster, Commander
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Amos 3: 3
The History of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Compiled by: Mark Pollard, Georgia Division Historian, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Part – (9)

1926

As in Part – (8), the year 1926 started out with another great article written in the Confederate Veteran about the early and yet humble beginnings of the Stone Mountain carving and shows the history clearly.

"The monument, when completed will stand as a permanent work of art on the scale of many other great monuments of the world. It will be the largest piece of sculpture on earth and will stand for thousands of years so that people of many nations can remember the Confederacy."

The Stone Mountain article was accompanied by a well written poem, which showed both the love for the moment by our ancestors and the artistic bent of their style at the time.

So sit back and enjoy the full Confederate Veteran story of (the originator of the idea) that would become the eighth wonder of the world: Mrs. C. Helen Plane.

Mrs. C. Helen Plane is the first person on record to have mentioned the idea of a Confederate Memorial on Stone Mountain.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL
Mrs. C. Helen Plane - In Memoriam

"In the late evening of her life, the active brain of a fragile little woman conceived the idea of a great memorial carving upon the massive side of Georgia's Stone Mountain that would perpetuate the heroism of the Confederate soldier, and from that idea an artist's dream evolved the greater memorial that would be made on that cliff of solid granite; and thus the Stone Mountain Memorial undertaking came into being."

Ninety-six useful years was the span of life allotted to the brave little woman known as Mrs. C. Helen Plane, of Atlanta, Ga., and with her passing from earth went much of that personality which distinguished the women of the Old South.

She was born on a plantation near Tuscaloosa, Ala., March 10, 1829, and as Caroline Helen Jemison, the only child of a distinguished Alabama family, she was a belle of the antebellum days in the South. The family removed to Georgia in her young ladyhood, and she was one of the first women to matriculate at Wesleyan College, Macon.

After her marriage to Capt. William F. Plane, her home was in Columbus, Ga., and from that city her husband joined the Confederate colors and went into action in command of the "Baker County Fire Eaters," which command was particularly distinguished for daring and bravery.

It's gallant Captain was wounded in action and died near Sharpsburg, Maryland in 1862, and the no less brave young woman dedicated her life thenceforward to the Confederate cause and later to a work that would forever keep fresh the traditions of this Southern land and the glorious gallantry of the men who gave their all for Southern rights.

Living in Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Plane became one of the organizers of the Atlanta Chapter # 18, United Daughters of the Confederacy, which prospered under the influence of her spirit and devotion. She then helped to organize the State Division, U.D.C., and was it's first President. On retiring from active service in the organization, she was made Honorary Life President of the Georgia Division, and the general organization also added her name to the list of Honorary Presidents of the U.D.C.

It was back in 1914 that her dream of a giant Confederate memorial on Stone Mountain was first told to friends and then was brought before the convention of the U.D.C. in Savannah, Ga., in November of that year; and notwithstanding many discouragements as to the impossibility of carrying out such a plan, the idea persisted until it was brought before a noted sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, who envisioned it in even greater form; and thus Stone Mountain Memorial had a beginning, and it was Mrs. Plane who, on January 19, 1924 - ten years later - from the seat of honor on the speakers platform at the base of the giant monolith, gave the signal for unveiling the head of the great Southern leader, R.E. Lee, the dominant figure of the central group, while thousands stood as reverent witnesses of this epoch-making event, hushed in awe and admiration at this dawning of a dream come true.

Truly, this was the crowning event of a long, long life, and all might she have said in deep content: "Now, let the servant depart, since I have seen the glorious fulfillment of my dream." And just a little more than a year later, on April 25, 1925, the death angel came and released the ever young spirit from its prison house of city, and the ways of earth knew her no more.

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"Helen Jamison, the blindfold off, regarded him with suspicious softness in her blue eyes when suddenly she asked... 'And you took that chance to escape me?'

In actuality, he never escaped her memory and the rest is history.

Part (10) - The History of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans will continue in the next issue of the Georgia Confederate.

In an effort to document the history of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, I am in the process of compiling as much information as possible on the Division. Research shows there isn’t much detailed information about the division until around the mid 1920’s. If your SCV Camp has ever held a Reunion in the past, please submit who the elected Division Officer’s were in that particular year. Submit that or any other past Division information to: Georgia Division Historian, Mark Pollard at: pollardsville@gmail.com

Lest we forget
Milton, Georgia native Robert Howell Graham was educated at the Kentucky Military Institute. On May 1, 1862 at age 21, he enlisted as a private in Company H of the 2nd Georgia Cavalry at Atlanta.

At Murfreesboro, Tennessee he was instrumental in capturing Union Brig. Gen. Thomas T. Crittenden and his staff at the Spence Hotel on July 13, 1862. As a result, Gen. N. B. Forrest awarded a field promotion to Lieutenant. Lt. Graham continued to serve with distinction under Generals Forrest and Wheeler until the Atlanta Campaign in 1864.

As a result of several Generals’ recommendations, Gen. Johnston promoted Lt. Graham to Colonel and gave him authority to raise an independent command of companies of men and boys who had never been in service.

“Graham’s Scouts” operated on Sherman’s left flank and rear, raiding the Federals, capturing 1,000 prisoners, 1,150 horses and mules, 72 wagons, and burned and destroyed 8 trains of cars on the State Road between Marietta and Dalton.

Little has ever been known about Col. Graham and his service, probably because he died at age of 25 on July 1, 1867. His only child, Roberta, in 1919, as President of the Atlanta Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy unveiled a bronze and stone marker on Collier Road in Atlanta, dedicated to her forgotten father.

Today the Colonel lies in the Warsaw Cemetery, John’s Creek, Georgia [Fulton County]. His modest headstone simply reads: “Robert H. Graham; Dec. 23, 1841; July 1, 1867.”

June 30, 2017
Mike Bowen, Life Member
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Sources: Fold 3; The Confederate Veteran magazine; June, 1920; Southern Graves website; Findagrave.com; Atlanta Constitution; October 11, 1919; “Confederate Reminiscences and Letters, 1861-1865”, Vols. 3 & 18; State of Georgia Archives; Confederate Pension Applications; Ancestry.com

The desire of the righteous is only good:
but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
~ Proverbs 11: 23
L to R: Compatriot Mike Aiken displays his membership certificate that honors his GGGrandfather, Pvt. Henry Rodenkirch of Company G, 18th Louisiana Infantry Regiment. General Robert E Lee Camp Commander Harry Eubanks and Georgia Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim make presentation.

Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Camp # 1361 welcomes new member Wes Freeman [L] being presented his membership certificate by Commander Billy Williams. Wes is the last surviving person to work on the “Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial” carving.


At our last meeting, June 13, 2017, Cmdr. Mark Camp, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Jimmy Chappell, and Chaplin Larry Cornwell had the honor of inducting our newest member, Mr. Earvin Lee Joyner. Lee comes to us through his ancestor, Private Needham Graham Yarborough of Jesup, Georgia, who served in Company H, of the 26th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. On behalf of Commander Camp and the Officers and Members of Major General Joseph Wheeler Camp 863 we welcome Mr. Joyner to our camp and to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. ~Joe Underwood, Newsletter Editor Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp 863; Conyers, Georgia

Commander Teddy Thomas giving the Hunley award to AFJROTC Cadet Airman First Class Lenard J. Whitt at Carrollton High School. McDaniel-Curtis Camp #165.

L to R: Members at the National Reunion in Memphis are Cmdr Teddy Thomas, Adj. Darrell Smith, Chaplain Bill Maddox, Past Cmdr Sam Pyle and Compatriot Richard Whitten and their wives. McDaniel-Curtis Camp #165.
A GEORGIA SOLDIER IN THE ELMIRA PRISON CAMP
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Pvt. James William “J.W.” McKinney was captured December 21, 1864 while a patient in a Savannah, Georgia hospital. Pvt. McKinney was in Co. M, 1st Regiment Georgia Regulators.

Elmira Prison Camp records have the following remarks about Pvt. McKinney on April 14, 1865.

“Prisoner states that he was in hospital in Savannah on the date of capture – was sent from thence to Fort Pulaski, to New York, and there refused to take the Oath because considers himself too much crippled to support himself with a cane and seems to be an Indian – at least a half breed.”

Pvt. McKinney was released from Elmira on July 7, 1865 and returned to his home in South Georgia. Pvt. McKinney was born in South Carolina in 1831 and died in 1891 in Berrien County, Georgia. He is buried in the Antioch Cemetery, Adel, Cook County, Georgia.

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the Monticello began to fire on the works at about 5:30 p.m., the battery returned fire, which drove off the Monticello. Captain Peyton H. Colquitt of the Columbus Light Guard from Georgia commanded the battery.

Colquitt raised a Georgia state flag at the battery since a Confederate flag was unavailable.

Haralson Invincibles Camp 673 Commander Billy Bearden secured permission from US Navy personnel to reenact the historic flying of the period Georgia State Flag at the tip of Sewell's Point, the first time in 156 years.

There are no markers recognizing any action took place there. Sewell's Point is property of the US Navy and Norfolk Naval Base.

Sewell's Point: Continued from Page 9

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Application For Membership
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To the Officers and Members of
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Sons of Confederate Veterans

Full Name of Confederate Soldier (Print Clearly)

City/County (Print Clearly)

My Confederate Ancestor was a in Company

My Confederate Ancestor was: Paroled. Surrendered. Released on Oath. Discharged. Killed. or Died

and is buried in County State

Date

Clue Print Full Name

Legal Signature

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth: mm/dd/yy

Occupation

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

RECOMMENDED BY

Current Members Name (Print)

Report on Application

This application has been examined, and from the information herein, the camp committee has been able to procure, is approved

Signature - Camp Committee on Application

Date approved for membership by Camp

Signature - Camp Committee on Application

Date received at GHQ
L to R: Compatriots Bill Maddox, Sam Pyle, Chuck Mulkey, Jimmy Riggs, and John Wright at work standing the stone of Quartermaster William Holderness 7th GA Calvary in the Carrollton city cemetery. McDaniel-Curtis Camp.

Immortal Six Hundred Camp Adjutant Frank Grimm [R] receives his Georgia Division Appreciation Award for his tireless work on the Graves Registry Program.

Georgia Division Reunion: June 10, 2017 ~ Macon, Georgia

Oh, I’m glad I live in the land o’ cotton.

Host Camp:
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#18 
Macon, Georgia 
Commander;
Thomas Stevens
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Every man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late... It means the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school-teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision... It is said slavery is all we are fighting for, and if we give it up we give up all. Even if this were true, which we deny, slavery is not all our enemies are fighting for. It is merely the pretense to establish sectional superiority and a more centralized form of government, and to deprive us of our rights and liberties.”

Maj. General Patrick R. Cleburne, CSA,
January 1864

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Whoever fulfills the duty to change these flags,
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FLAGS ACROSS GEORGIA: Bulloch County
I-16 east of Ga. Hwy 67 exit
Three 55-ft poles with Betsy Ross
flanked by Battle Flag and 3rd National. All 8 ft. X 12 ft.
US 80 @ Ga. 119 connector
55-ft pole with 8 ft. X 12 ft. Battle
Flag or ’56 Ga. flag
Community Park, Stilson
30-ft. pole with 6 ft. X 10 ft. Battle
Flag or 3rd National
US 80 at Bulloch-Bryan Co. line
30-ft. pole with 6 ft. X 10 ft. Battle
Flag or ’56 Ga. flag
Ga. Hwy 67, 4 mi. S. of I-16
45-ft. pole with 8 ft. X 12 ft. Battle
Flag
US Hwy 25 N.
35-ft. pole with 8 ft. X.12 ft. Battle
Flag or 3rd National
Savannah Ave., Statesboro
20-ft. pole with 6 ft. X 10 ft. 3rd
National
Maria Sorrell Rd.
30-ft. pole with 6-ft X 10-ft. Battle
Flag.

Some of the flag poles were of non-standard height (variance of 1 ft, more or less) and were rounded to standard heights. The flag site on Maria Sorrell Rd. is currently under construction but will be completed before the next edition of the Georgia Confederate. Future sites may be added.

Mike Mull, Commander                    Ogeechee Rifles Camp

GEORGIA DIVISION’S FLAGS ACROSS GEORGIA
FLAGPOLE LOCATIONS:
• I-85 North near exit 173, 60’/ 10’X15’ Real Georgia
• Interstate 20 and Wheeler Rd. Augusta, 50’/10’X15’ Battle flag
• I-95 near mile marker 65, 60’/ 10’X15’ Real Georgia
• I-75 at exit 71, Tift County 120’/ 20’X30’ Battle flag
• Hwy 520 (Jefferson Davis Hwy) Weston, 70’/ 10’X15’ Battle flag
• I-75 and Battlefield Pkwy Ringgold, GA 50’/10’X15’ Battle flag
• I-75 Ringgold, Ga, 80’/ 20’X30’ Real Georgia
• I-16 near Hwy. 221, 55’/ 10’X15’ Battle flag
• Hwy. 82 near Waycross, 60’/ 10’X15’ Battle flag
• Hwy. 19 near Albany, 60’/ 12’X18’ Battle flag

HIGHWAY CAMP FLAGS IN GEORGIA:
• I-75 Ringgold, 80’/ 20’X30’ Real Georgia
• I-16 near Hwy. 221, 60’/ 10’X15’; 2@ 30’/ 3’X5’ Battle Flag, 3’X5’ 3rd National
• Hwy. 80 near Stilson, 55’ 10’X15’ ‘56 GA
• Hwy. 82 near Waycross, 60’/ 10’X15’ Battle flag
• Hwy 91S, Newton 30’ lighted/ 5’X8’ Bonny Blue, 1-3 Nationals
If your Camp has a flag pole and would like to be recognized on this list, send the information to:
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The voice of Julius Howell (1846-1948).
In 1940 he came to Raleigh [NC] on a Greyhound bus and participated in a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion. He was Commander in Chief of the United Confederate Veterans (hence he was referred to as "General Howell"). He danced on his 102nd birthday in his Confederate uniform. Old timers in the family said that he had never been sick a day in his life.

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Georgia State Flag

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Save Civil War History
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One hundred and fifty-two years after the War Between the States, people are still debating the greatest tragedy in the history of America, just as those who lived during that period could not find the right answer to close the argument. Thus, a war was fought to settle the issue. But the debate continues. Was it about economy or slavery? Was it about the right of secession?

Regardless of one’s opinion, the fact is that the Confederacy did exist. An independent nation was created and during its existence had all the trappings of a nation state. That cannot be denied.

Nevertheless, local and national governments are today being pressed to remove anything visible to the public eye that relates to the Confederacy. Out of sight, out of mind. Flags cannot be publicly seen, “Dixie” cannot be played, schools named after Confederates are being renamed. Monuments must come down.

The monuments in New Orleans were removed by workers under the cover of darkness wearing masks and bulletproof vests. What does that say? Monuments speak of the events, soldiers and leaders they represent.

Regardless of one’s perspective of the war, those monuments speak for valor, bravery and fortitude. They acknowledge those tens of thousands who died on the many battlefields.

Monuments represent to future generations the meaning of sacrifice. The monuments in the South at almost every courthouse are of a common Confederate soldier. He had little time for politics but was trying to stop an invasion against overwhelming odds and prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. It is something to ponder.

There are monuments to military commanders who faced overwhelming odds, but by their brilliance in tactics and strategy created victory where superior numbers in materiel and soldiers said defeat. Lee’s tactics at Chancellorsville are taught in military academies today.

There are monuments to the political leaders. Did they lead the Southern states out of the Union to protect slavery or to protect the agrarian economy upon which the people of the South did chiefly depend? There are lessons here that should not be denied.

Also, these monuments are reminders that the most tragic episode in the history of this country got out of hand to such an extent that the divisive issues could not be decided except by war. It was a war of Americans against Americans. For us today and future generations these monuments tell us we must insure that no issue will ever divide us again, but to always seek solutions within our constitutional framework.

The removal of monuments, names from schools and buildings, street names, and flags seeks to paint the South as evil. Thus, they must be buried, placed in the attic, not to be seen or spoken of again. This extremist attitude is radicalism to the core. It is this sort of inflammatory [Continued on Page 26]
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A Response to the New Orleans mayor:

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For Historic Preservation Month in May, the nation has watched New Orleans, less than a year from its 300th anniversary, remove a portion of its history from public view.

Recently, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu wrote a column that appeared in papers nationally, including in The Charleston Gazette-Mail.

His efforts to re-brand New Orleans are shortsighted and lead down the divisive path he claims he is avoiding. He claims “New Orleans is truly a city of many nations,” but the Confederacy apparently can’t be part of the mix.

On April 24, observed Confederate Memorial Day in some states, crews removed the Liberty Place Monument. On May 10, observed Confederate Memorial Day in South Carolina and the anniversary of the capture of Jefferson Davis in Georgia, New Orleans began removing the pediment and statue to Jefferson Davis — although the base remains.

On May 17, the P.G.T. Beauregard statue and part of the base were removed on the anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education.

The May 19 felling of the Robert E. Lee statue appears to have no historical connection.

Landrieu hurried, it appears, in fear the Louisiana Legislature might pass a law that would stop his monument removal. He says the four monuments are reminders of white supremacy in the eyes of some.

The Liberty Place monument does mark a dark reconstruction moment in New Orleans’ history. It’s only loosely connected to the Confederacy since some of the participants in 1874 were former Confederates.

More accurately, it was a memorial to the attempted overthrow of the Radical Republican-controlled state government. Not the brightest spot in New Orleans’ history, but an important one none the less.

Jefferson Davis died in New Orleans. In his honor, Jefferson Davis Boulevard and a monument at the corner of it and Canal Street became part of the city’s landscape. Davis was the first and only president of the ill-fated Confederacy.

He was no different in the opinion of blacks and their civil rights than most living in the 19th century, both in the North and South.

P.G.T. Beauregard, likely the best-known Creole, was born in neighboring St. Bernard Parish. Serving in both the U.S. Army and commanding Confederate forces, he returned after the war to Louisiana as president of a railroad and engineered the street-car line. Beauregard was an early supporter of civil rights, equal schools and equal opportunity for blacks.

As Resolutions Committee Chairman of the short-lived Louisiana Unification Party, he authored a resolution that “advocated complete political equality for the Negro, an equal division of state offices between the races, and a plan whereby Negroes would become landowners.”

The resolution denounced discrimination because of color in hiring laborers or in selecting directors of corporations, and called for the abandonment of segregation in public conveyances, public places, railroads, steamboats and public schools.

Those words are clearly not from a white supremacist, but someone ahead of his time.

Interestingly enough, the “warehouse” where the mayor has left the monuments is in the open and parts of Davis and Beauregard sit side by side — when in life they had a feud that lasted until Davis died.

The General Robert E. Lee statue, perched 90 feet high on a pedestal over Lee Circle, came down on May 19. While in the U.S. Army, Lee was stationed at Jackson Barracks. In his Army of Northern Virginia, he commanded Louisiana regiments known as “Lee’s Tigers.” Lee was revered throughout the South, including New Orleans.

Both the Beauregard and Lee statues were created by Alexander Doyle, born in Ohio in 1857.

The removal of such monuments is controversial to history lovers because today, many fail to judge historical figures by their contemporary standards. Landrieu and others are superimposing modern standards on people that lack the benefit of 100 years of change.

For instance, how today should we judge someone who stated — in 1858 — that he was not “nor ever [has] been, in favor of bringing about ... the social and political equality of the white and black races?”

Later, that same famous statesman said he opposed blacks having the right to vote, to serve on juries, to hold office and to intermarry with whites.

The same statesman said for decades that he preferred to move freed slaves to Liberia.

These words sound like the white supremacists’ feelings that New Orleans is trying to erase from its landscape.

Does the speaker of the 1858 quote need to have his memorials removed from public places? Does he deserve the same treatment as Mayor Landrieu has followed through with his monument removal?

Should great works of sculpture and art of this speaker, quoted in 1858, be dismantled and put in museums to give “proper context?” Should his name be removed from streets, cities and counties across the United States, including in West Virginia?

If we are to remove the monuments of anyone who said things we no longer find agreeable, then we would have to remove the “Lincoln Walks at Midnight” statue in front of the state Capitol in Charleston.

We must always remember the greatness of Lincoln’s, as well as many others — despite their flaws — and preserve, not tear down, our history.

*The reference to “Lincoln at Midnight” is a stature on the Ohio Virginia capitol steps.

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I wonder...who is paying for all these removals???? If we continue to retreat, what will be left for our children and grandchildren?

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Our War on Terrorism

Our War on Terrorism is being waged in the cities and in the states of our great nation. I should point out that our nation was founded and is a Christian Nation.

Now the government has adopted a 'we don't want to offend anyone' attitude and have taken the 'Ten Commandments' and other 'Christian' artifacts from our Halls of Justice, and now trying to remove monuments of our greatest leaders from our parks and streets.

How long do we have to endure the acts of these 'American Taliban' who are trying to subvert the very ideals of our nation?

They have destroyed the monuments of their own country, along with destroying the markers in cemeteries which depict a 'Christian' cross or emblem, along with 1,700 year old Buddha’s, the ancient capital of Nimrod, Jonah’s tomb and the ancient city of Palkyma.

Georgia's Taliban is trying to remove Confederate Memorials and Monuments all around our state. Confederate History is American History. If this is allowed to happen, they will take down all the other markers and monuments.

After the 'War of Northern Aggression', all of the Confederate States were brought back into the Union and former Confederates were recognized as Americans.

Which of the next wars will they try to remove from our history. None of the wars were popular, remember they called them, 'Trumans War', or called veterans 'baby killers' and berated them.

If they can remove our history, smear all our veterans, take away our pride, then they can divide and conquer.

Are you willing to hand over our country to the mideast?

Clark Allen, Camp Commander
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Political Correctness by
Clifford Dunaway

The first I ever knew about PC was back in the seventies. There was this lady, I think her name was Karen De-Crow, who complained, successfully by the way, against gender specific names. Names such as mailman, policeman, fireman and so forth. She said those names “offended” her.

No one back then could have imagined the path PC would take. Today it’s very little short of fascism. Today the PC police have only to whine and our leaders are quick cave in to their demands.

In just a few short years PC has evolved from whining about the name of a manhole cover to attacking our monuments and all that they represent. The day is coming when the PC Police may determine that your religion is offensive to them! Then your politics, the things you read at the public library, how you voted, and what your kids are taught in school. And the list goes on.

Think I am alarmist? Just remember Germany. In 1930, who would have thought…

DO YOU THINK?
That this PC stuff has gone far enough?
That this PC stuff is without real substance and is merely social whining?
That this PC stuff is the greatest threat to our country since the cold war?
That we need to get serious about combating PC. Not just to protect our Southern Heritage, but to preserve our whole country.

That our SCV is, for all intent and purposes, politically bankrupt. The “Good ‘ol boy network”, which has served us well, is gone. Because of threat and intimidation, politicians everywhere are afraid to cross the PC people.

That the SCV needs an effective political committee.
That one of the best uses of our money it to fund this committee?
That we should encourage our EC to elevate funding for Heritage Defense. We do a good job of caring for our monuments, but if we don’t begin to take better care of our politics, we may not have any monuments to care for!

That the ballot box is our greatest weapon. Make good use of it.

Make a list of PC politicians so that they can be defeated at the poles.

Write an official and tell him that you noticed his vote and you and your friends are working actively for his defeat at the next election. Or that you saw his vote and thank him, and if you can, promise your vote at the next election.

And finally,
Do you think the time has come for some hardened push back?
Do you care about our land of the free and the home of the brave?
Good, now go out and exercise your citizenship, your freedom, your rights and heritage.

St. Louis begins removing massive Confederate memorial

By Eric DuVall
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Workers begin to dismantle a Confederate monument in Forest Park in St. Louis. The 32-foot-high stone monument paid for by the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1914, has been the target of vandals and protesters. Photo by Bill Greenblatt/UPI

The decision in St. Louis mirrors ones being made in cities across the South, where controversy has surrounded vestiges of Confederate memorialization on public land. Supporters have argued the monuments are a part of U.S. and local history and are a show of civic and regional pride. Detractors said they point to the ugly history of slavery the Confederate states fought to protect during the Civil War and institutional racism that followed for generations before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ended segregation.

As has been the case elsewhere, the question of what will happen to the St. Louis monument remains a source of debate. Krewson vowed the monument would not be destroyed, but efforts to find a museum or other relevant home for it have yielded no takers. Failing that, she said the monument would be disassembled and stored indefinitely by the city.
The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Calls for a Statewide and National Boycott of the City of New Orleans

In response to the disgraceful actions of New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and the City Council that voted on December 17, 2015 to remove the historic monuments of General Robert E. Lee, General P.G.T. Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis, and after limited, unsuccessful legal actions to prevent their removal, the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans does hereby call for a Boycott of the City of New Orleans. The Georgia Division encourages all its Members and their families in Georgia and nationally, their supporters and our fellow Citizens of Georgia to cease all plans to visit or do any business with the City of New Orleans.

The Georgia Division strongly condemns New Orleans Mayor Landrieu's and the City Council's actions of hate and contempt aimed directly at the history and heritage of New Orleans and all Southern people. We, as descendants of Southern Soldiers are offended and insulted by the removal of these historic monuments. This is a perfect example of the divisive and contentious actions that individuals like the New Orleans Mayor and the City Council continue to perpetrate that intentionally seek to bring discord and division among the people of our great Nation. There is absolutely no difference between the terrorist actions of the New Orleans Mayor and City Council and those of the Taliban and ISIS in their on-going endeavor to destroy the Heritage of their region and the foundational principles of all mankind.

Resolution

Whereas, the Robert E. Lee Monument dedicated in 1884 in New Orleans, Louisiana is an historic monument dedicated to Confederate General Robert E. Lee and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, the Dignitaries present at the Robert E. Lee Monument dedication on February 22, 1884, George Washington’s birthday -- included former Confederate President Jefferson Davis, two daughters of General Lee, and Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard; and

Whereas, the Confederate General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard’s equestrian statue stands at the main entrance to City Park and was officially unveiled in 1915, designed by New York sculptor Alexander Doyle and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, P.G.T. Beauregard was a Louisiana native, who was trained at West Point and served as an engineer in the US-Mexican War and as a general in the Confederate Army, and commanded defenses at Fort Sumter at the onset of the war and led troops in several battles; and

Whereas, after the war, Beauregard served as president of the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad, an interstate railroad, and advocated for increased civil rights and suffrage for recently freed slaves; and

Whereas, the Jefferson Davis Monument, that was dedicated on February 22, 1911 at the intersection of Canal Street and Jefferson Davis Parkway, popularly known as the Jeff Davis Monument, the 6-foot, 4-inch full-length bronze representation of Jefferson Davis, the former President of the Confederacy from 1861-1865; and

Whereas, the Mayor and the City Council of New Orleans voted on December 17, 2015 to remove the historic monuments of General Robert E. Lee, General P.G.T. Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis and this despicable action was reconfirmed by Federal U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier on January 26, 2016 when he ruled that the city of New Orleans can relocate the statues, and carried out in May, 2017, and;

Whereas, the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans’ Charge is to protect and preserve the glorious history of the Southland, the good name of the Confederate Soldier, his banners and monuments; and

Whereas, the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans strongly condemns any interfering with any Monuments or displays that honor our Nation’s Veterans and their leaders and condemns the actions of the Mayor and the City Council of New Orleans who are acting in the same manner as terrorist groups like the Taliban and ISIS who are engaged in the destruction of cultural and historical heritage;

Now, therefore, in recognition of a previous boycott passed by the Georgia Division and a recent resolution passed by GHQ CiC Thomas Strain, be it resolved that the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans does hereby declare a Boycott of the City of New Orleans and encourages all Members and their families in Georgia and Nationally, as well as all Americans to cease all plans to visit or do any business in or with the City of New Orleans.

Upon the approval of this Resolution by Delegates of the 2017, 120th Annual Division Reunion. This Resolution will be distributed as a Press Release to all Georgia and National news outlets directed by the Georgia Division Adjutant.

Submitted by:
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A Few Inconvenient Facts

As a number of Southern governors, big city mayors, educators, and even some administrators of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) rapidly distance themselves from a Confederate past to fall in step with the doctrine of political correctness, there still remain a few small obstacles which must be cleared in order to rest in good conscience. What shall be done with the inconvenient facts hidden in the historical record that stand in contrast to the sanitizing and re-crafting of the national narrative? Do the members of this unlikely alliance mentioned above merely follow the mass of uninformed public opinion – led by those with an agenda of retaliation and the revision of history – or do they stop and consider the contrary and less popular facts concerning the defining event of our nation’s development, the War Between the States (1861-1865)?

The national narrative that has passed the test of modern day political correctness is that the Southern Confederacy was just fighting to defend the institution of slavery while the Union nobly fought to free those enslaved by that “rebellious” regime. If this were so, then why was slavery practiced and protected by federal law in no less than five Union states throughout the course of the war? Why would the Northern states not free THEIR slaves if this were the motivation for invading the seceding states? And why, when gaining control of Southern territory during the war, did the Union armies not free the slaves of the occupied territory, rather than forcing them to labor on Union works? In fact, Union Gen. John C. Freemont’s order freeing Missouri slaves was rapidly countermanded by Lincoln who then summarily sacked the general. Could it be that the true motive for the Northern states to invade their former Southern counterparts in 1861 was in truth derived from the very words of their president, Abraham Lincoln, when unequivocally stating that motive to be “the preservation of the Union” and NOT an interference with slavery? Indeed, no government emancipation of enslaved persons took place in the United States (North or South) until the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified on December 6, 1865, many months after the war ended.

If the Confederate States of America were just fighting to defend slavery, then why, when offered the Corwin Amendment’s perpetual right to own slaves in the United States, did the Southern states REJECT the offer? It was, after all, a guarantee from the federal government granting the right of slave states to carry on the practice FOREVER, if they would just remain in the Union. Over 90 percent of the Confederate rank and file were NOT slave-owners, and certainly did not suffer four years of deprivation, wounds, and even death so that their agricultural competitors with slave holdings could maintain their production advantage over them. And why did tens of thousands of black Southerners, both free and slave, fight honorably in the ranks of the Confederacy, even attending reunions with their white comrades-in-arms after the war? After all, the most influential “Father of the Civil Rights Movement,” Frederick Douglass, used this uncommon truth in persuading the Lincoln government to finally allow black soldiers into the ranks of the federal armies, segregated though they were.

How can the creators of the p.c. version of the national narrative bequeath the Northern states the moral high ground while assigning the Southern states a place with the damned? And how can elected officials and so many others in roles of leadership be so easily duped? After all, the New England states built their shipping industry and much public infrastructure on the Triangular Slave Trade, hauling rum, human cargo, and sugar molasses on the three legs of the deplorable journey. They alone must shoulder that most dishonorable distinction, while New York City was the financial capital of the cotton kingdom, a major distributor of slave labor, and the home of the 1863 draft riots (which killed scores of blacks and set fire to the Colored Orphan Asylum). And radical Northern abolitionists pumped untold thousands of dollars and arms into the perverted cause of John Brown’s attempted slave revolt for use in the indiscriminate murder of Southern men, women and children, while ignoring illegal shipments of the lucrative slave trade which slipped from their own home ports.

But most condemning must be the dishonorable conduct of certain invading federal troops who literally raped, pillaged, murdered, and burned out the Southern populace, black and white, with the full knowledge and sometimes even under orders of their commanding officers. These despicable behaviors were repeated indiscriminately throughout the Southern states, and yet none of these officers was charged with war crimes, even those later admitting their complicity. In the Southern armies’ rare incursions into Northern territory, no such atrocities were common among them. General Robert E. Lee even commanded payment to all non-combatants for any procurements made along the path of his command and strictly monitored the behaviors of his soldiers with active Provost Guards at many vulnerable properties along the march routes.

Those allying with today’s Confederate-haters loosely throw about the terms “treason” and “traitors” in reference to the Southern soldier, when in fact these are the perfect descriptors of the deranged terrorist murderer (and radical abolitionist icon), John Brown, who was tried in a Court of Law and found guilty of the very crime described. However, after the war when Union radicals desired the heads of Confederate leaders in retaliation for their prosecution of the war, Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase warned against such folly, fearing instead that the United States would be embarrassed by bringing Jefferson Davis and others to trial. Chase knew that these Southern leaders and their confederation of states had indeed broken no federal law, and the United States would be found culpable of indefensible actions against them.

Over the decades following the war, U.S. presidents and Congress recognized Confederate soldiers as American veterans, with equivalent benefits and status to all other U.S. veterans. So how could any modern day revisionists be given credence in their requests to remove monuments, cemetery headstones, and memorial markers for these American veterans who fought so nobly in defense of their homes and for the hope of an independent nation (like that won by their grandfathers in the War for American Independence)? Indeed, how can we stand by in silence as our American veterans are denigrated and covered with shame undeserved?

Yet this is the case in today’s politically correct world. In total disregard of inconvenient facts, the Confederate soldier’s good name and memory have fallen victim to the radical adherents of political expediency and their actions of covering or ignoring these substantiated truths. And the founding fathers of our nation are the next in line to be targeted by p.c. radicals.

Already several state Democratic Parties have removed the names of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson from their traditional annual “Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner” for having had slaves in their service.

So are the anti-Confederate politicians, educators and SBC elites able in good faith to continue to run blindly over theprecipice of political correctness, and in the process permanently obscure the memory of our Confederate forebears from the face of the earth? Will they remain complicit in the complete defamation of America’s Confederate veterans?

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