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The Founding Father of 'Collective Responsibility'

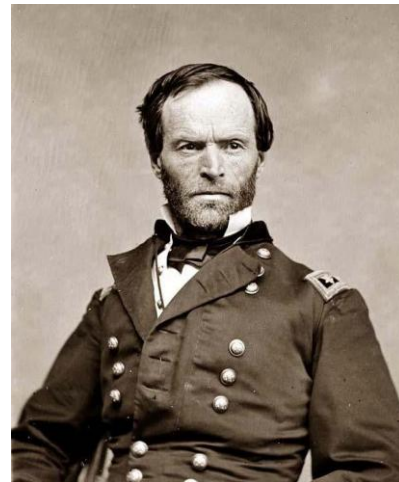
by Thomas J. DiLorenzo

William Tecumseh Sherman was indeed the founding father of terrorism perpetrated by the U.S. government and disguised by the language of "collective security." Sherman biographer William Fellman (author of *Citizen Sherman*) quotes Sherman as saying this about his fellow American citizens from the Southern states: "To the petulant and persistent secessionists, why death is mercy, and the quicker he *or she* is disposed of the better Until we can repopulate Georgia, it is useless to occupy it, but the utter destruction of its roads, houses, *and people* will cripple their military resources" (emphasis added). Sherman was referring here to his plans for the civilian population of Georgia *after the Confederate Army had left the state.*

Referring to his plans for the civilian population of Northern Alabama, Fellman quotes Sherman as saying that the "Government of the United States" had the "right" to "take their lives, their homes, their lands, their everything We will take every life, every acre of land, every particle of property" And he was not referring to slaves when he used the word "property."

In a July 31, 1862 letter to his wife Sherman wrote that "the war will soon assume a turn to extermination not of soldiers alone, that is the least part of the trouble, but the people *There is a class of people, men, women, and children, who must be killed . . .*" (emphasis added).

In the autumn of 1862 Confederate snipers were firing at U.S. Navy gunboats on the Mississippi River. Unable to apprehend the combatants, Sherman took revenge on the civilian population by burning the entire town of Randolph, Tennessee to the ground. In the spring of 1863, after the Confederate Army had evacuated, Sherman ordered the destruction of Jackson, Mississippi. Afterwards, in a letter to Grant Sherman boasted that "The inhabitants are subjugated. They cry aloud for mercy. The land is devastated for 30 miles around."



**US General William Tecumseh Sherman
Military Genius or Psychopath?
(Is this a trick question?)**

Sherman's troops also destroyed Meridian, Mississippi after Confederate troops were driven out, after which Sherman wrote to Grant: "For five days, ten thousand of our men worked hard and with a will, in that work of destruction, with axes, sledges, crowbars, clawbars, and with fire, and I have no hesitation in pronouncing the work well done. Meridian . . . no longer exists."

When Sherman's chief military engineer, Captain O.M. Poe, advised that the bombing of Atlanta after the Confederates had fled was of no military

significance, Sherman ignored him and declared that the corpses of women and children in the streets was "a beautiful sight," as Fellman writes in *Citizen Sherman*.

In October of 1864 Sherman ordered the murder of randomly-chosen citizens in retaliation for Confederate Army attacks on his army. He wrote to General Louis Watkins: "Cannot you send over about Fairmount and Adairsville, burn ten or twelve houses . . . , kill a few at random, and let them know that it will be repeated every time a [military] train is fired upon . . ." (See John B. Walters, *Merchant of Terror: General Sherman and Total War*, p. 137).

Two months after the formal end of the war, Sherman was placed in charge of the Military District of the Missouri, which was all land west of the Mississippi. His assignment was to commence a war of genocide against the Plains Indians, primarily to make way for the government-subsidized transcontinental railroads. Lincoln's personal friend, General Grenville Dodge, was the chief engineer of the project and recommended that slaves be made of the Indians, who could then be forced to dig the railroad beds from Iowa to California. Government policy was to attempt to murder as many of the Plains Indians instead, women and children included, and Sherman was the natural choice as the director of such an enterprise.

Fellman quotes Sherman's marching orders as the following (p. 26): "We must act with vindictive earnestness against the Sioux, even to *the extermination, men, women and children*" (emphasis added). Fellman writes that Sherman "had given [General] Sheridan prior authorization to slaughter as many women and children as well as men Sheridan or his subordinates felt was necessary." "The more Indians we can kill this year, the less will have to be killed next year," Sherman wrote to Sheridan. By 1890 the U.S. Army murdered as many as 60,000 Indians, placing the survivors in concentration camps known as "reservations."

As Murray Rothbard once wrote, all government power rests ultimately on a series of myths and superstitions about the alleged magnificence of the state and its leaders and henchmen (and of corollary myths about the "evils" of the civil society). Americans will continue to be duped into supporting unconstitutional wars of aggression – and to be the victims of blowback – as long as they are conned into believing that such monsters and psychopathic killers as William Tecumseh Sherman are secular saints and heroes.



'Stonewall' Jackson ~ Crazy or Not!

by Alan Farley

Psalm 5:3, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

Chaplain Dr. Wm. Brown relates the following humorous story about General "Stonewall" Jackson - "the man of prayer."

During a visit to the army around Centreville in 1861, a friend remarked to Dr. Brown, in speaking of Gen. Jackson in the strain in which many of his old acquaintances were accustomed to disparage him, "The truth is, sir that 'old Jack' is crazy. I can account for his conduct in no other way. Why, I frequently meet him in the woods walking back and forth muttering to himself incoherent sentences and gesticulating wildly, and at such times he seems utterly oblivious of my presence and of everything else."

Dr. Brown the next night had chance to share a meal with Jackson, and in a long and tender conversation on his favorite theme (*the means of promoting personal holiness in camp*) the great soldier said to him: "I find that it greatly helps me in fixing my mind and quickening my devotions to give articulate utterance to my prayers, and hence I am in the habit of going into the woods, where I can be alone and speak audibly to myself the prayers I would pour out to my God. I was first annoyed that I was compelled to keep my eyes open to avoid running against trees and stumps; but upon further investigation of the matter I do not find that the Scriptures require us to close our eyes in prayer, and the exercise has proven to me very delightful and profitable."

And thus Dr. Brown got the explanation of the conduct which his friend had cited to prove that "old Jack is crazy."

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One side of the coin features the Great Seal of the Confederacy, showing Colonial George Washington astride his horse. The other side of the coin was designed in 2002. The scripture "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" is from Psalm 33:12 and celebrates the strong Christian faith and tradition of the old South. The centerpiece is an eagle from a U.S. 1830s silver half-dollar, a coin in circulation during the war. The Breastplate or shield has the "Stars and Bars" of the battle flag with CSA (Confederate States of America) above.

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Commander's Corner

Gentlemen,

JUNE'S MEETING was another great program. This one was on Our President Jefferson Davis. Dr. Bruce Lynch presented a fine narrative on President Davis and his family, his descendants, his various homes including his residence here in Memphis. Dr. Lynch also had an original newspaper with an advertisement for the North Carolina Life Insurance Company when he was the president of that company. There were about 30 members and guest present for the excellent presentation.

THE PHONE COMMITTEE is hard at work and attendance has picked up in spite of the summer vacations and all that is going on. Good Work and Thanks to: Chairman Don Harrison and his committee of Randal Chandler, Dr. Bradford Waters, Eugene Forrester, Bill Rivenbark, and Arthur Oliver!!!! Want to help them call Don at 662/895-8084 or email dwharrison@aol.com We need to get back up to 75 or 80 in attendance and we can because we have before had as many as 99 in attendance. Note if you are not getting a call we have the wrong phone number and the same is true for the Traveller and your email or address. Call Author Oliver at 754-7369 to correct or update our records PLEASE.

THE HONOR GUARD reported on its activities and its busy schedule. They are having a great time at the various events. Additional members are being sought to assist as time permits the member. You do not have to make all the events to be in the Honor Guard. There are a lot of events coming up including several Christmas Parades. Mike Daughterery is still looking for a few good men to join in the ceremonies as a member of the Honor Guard.

SCV NATIONAL REUNION in Murfreesboro TN is July 11th to the 15th. You do not have to be there for the whole proceeding but I would suggest that if you possibly can make Friday and/or Saturday's business sessions you will be impressed. YOU NEED TO GO TO THIS EVENT. Reunions are fun, educational, entertaining and inspiring. Check the Confederate Veteran or check with me for more details or a ride etc.

KROGER CARDS will be available at the next meeting July 9th so get one and allow Kroger to buy you a life membership in the SCV, the Tennessee Division and our Camp and never have to pay dues again.

OCTOBER AUCTION on the 8th at the Camp meeting a small statue of R E Lee will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for the benefit of the Camp and in memory of General Lee who died October 12, 1870.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be available this next meeting for a bust of General Forrest to our Camp members and guest at 1.00 each The bust stands about 12 inches tall and is bronze colored and looks great! Beginning July 8th the tickets will be available at the Forrest Birthday Celebration which begins at 2:00 pm in Forrest Park. The Honor Guard will be there will YOU?

THANKS to Mrs.. Hardie Phipps the widow of Hardie our beloved Camp treasurer for many many years who has graciously given Hardies' WBTS books to the Camp for the benefit of the Camp. They will be used to supplement the door prizes at the Camp meetings.

STERLING SILVER SEAL OF THE CONFEDERACY is still available to any member who brings in a new member to our Camp. I look forward to seeing you at the next event on the 8th and our Camp meeting on the 9th of July.

Sincerely,

Tarry Beasley, Commander



It is not true that the date of the surrender (July 4th 1863) kept Vicksburg citizens from celebrating Independence Day until the mid-twentieth century. Numerous celebrations of the Fourth of July in Vicksburg are documented between 1863 and 1945. It is a myth that Vicksburgers did not celebrate the Fourth. The origins of this false story are in the records of the National Park Service. **In 1945 the NPS superintendent in Vicksburg generated the story that Vicksburgers had not been celebrating the Fourth as a way of attracting press publicity for the park.** It worked.

Keeping the True Spirit of Independence Day:



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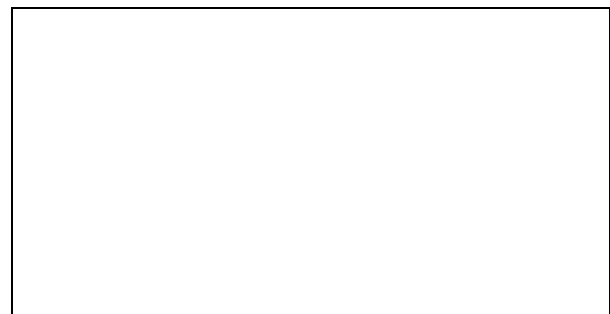


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