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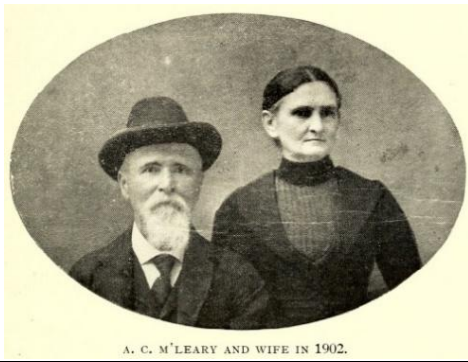
CAMP MEETING
February 9, 2015

Speaker: Jason Terrell

**Topic: "The Cherokee Role in the War for
Southern Independence "**

**7:00 p.m. at the Pickering Center,
Germantown**

Don't miss the party!



A. C. M'LEARY AND WIFE IN 1902.

HUMOROUS STORIES OF THE WAR

-A.C. McLeary, 12th Tennessee Cavalry

I was a good rider, and when at myself could mount a horse as quickly as an Indian. But I had sprained my left ankle so severely I could not stand on it to put the other foot in the stirrup. Six or eight of us were on guard; I was a volunteer. We were at an old brick house on the bank of the Cumberland River five or six miles below Nashville. Our horses were over the hill out of the range of the gunboats three or four hundred yards from us. The first thing we knew our boys were running the Yankees (our boys in front) down the Charlotte Pike, below us. As they passed they sent R. B. Bledsoe, one of our company, to tell us to get away if we could. The rest of the guards left me at once. Bledsoe saw me and ran his horse some two hundred yards to where I was, jumped from the saddle, threw me the reins, and was gone like a flash, hoping to get to my horse and then make his escape.

I must tell of the uneasy ride this same old ankle caused me to take. When we got back to the Tennessee River, our time came to cross the pontoon bridge about midnight, and it was very dark. General Cheatham was there to see that everything started on the bridge in proper order. Orders were to dismount and lead across, but there was no walking for me, so I kept my seat and was on the bridge when General Cheatham railed out: "Why in the don't you dismount?" "I have a sprained ankle, General, and can't walk." "All right, if you've a mind to risk it, I will." When a boy I rode bucking mules, jumping horses, young steers, and a railroad train with wheels jumping the ties, but all this was pleasure compared with that pontoon ride. The river was bank full, the bridge in a swing, jumping up and down. My eyes being up above the rest, the lights on the bank in front blinded me like a bat. It seemed to be the widest river in the world.

Bledsoe gave me his horse, expecting to reach my horse in time to get away ; but my horse was two or three hundred yards from where he left me, both horses were badly frightened at the noise of the battle and by their company's leaving them, so we both were in a bad fix. The horses were jumping around in all directions ; and had I got a chance at the stirrup, I could not have borne a pound on my sprained ankle nor could I stand on it to raise the other foot from the ground. I saw a short log near by and managed to get on it, and as old Tuck came by I fell across the saddle like a sack of meal, then kicked and pawed the air until I got straight in the saddle. While those circus performances were going on, old Tuck was carrying me in a lope right toward the Yankees, who were about one hundred and fifty yards from me on the Charlotte Pike. I don't think any of them saw me until we were flying through the woods getting away from there, and at that time it was a perfect waste of Uncle Sam's ammunition to try to get their bullets to overtake old Tuck and me. In plunging over the big rocks in a creek at the foot of the big hill we had just passed over, the bits came out of old Tuck's

mouth, and I had only the halter rein to guide with ; but the woods were open, the ground level, so we made good time for a mile or so down the river. I then turned out to the pike and found our horse holders.

As I passed in sight of poor Bob he was cutting some tall capers trying to get to the side of my horse to mount him. But I knew his doom was sealed, for the Yankees were coming to him in a run, and I thought sure they would get him, and my horse too; but Bob knew I would not like it if he let those Yankees get Charley, so he turned him loose. He ran through the Yankee lines and never stopped until he got with his own people. Colonel Outlaw, of Kentucky, saw him coming from the Yankees and took him in, his old horse having played out on the run. My clothes in the saddlebags proved to him that he was not a Yankee horse, if he did have on a Yankee saddle.

Poor Bob ! I was sorry that he got captured in saving me, but the sorrow was most overcome when I found they did not get my dear Charley. Bob was taken to Camp Chase, Ohio, and kept there until the war was over. To pay him back for his kindness I let him have one of my first cousins for a wife.

DID YOU KNOW?

- *Beecher Smith*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: GREAT EMANCIPATOR AND GREAT LIAR

Many of you, no doubt have seen Steven Spielberg's epic historical movie, Lincoln. While the film makes wonderfully entertaining drama, like the man it depicts it is fraught with lies. Abraham Lincoln, like Adolph Hitler and most successful politicians, succeeded for the most part because he was such an accomplished liar.

John Blake, a commentator for CNN News, said in his broadcast of Sunday, November 24, 2013, quoting Meg Mott, a professor of political theory at Marlboro College in Vermont, "Lincoln lied about where he stood on slavery. He told the American public and political allies that he didn't believe in political equality for slaves because he didn't want to get too far ahead of public opinion." Lincoln also lied about whether he was negotiating with the South to end the war. He was, but it was a ruse to the Southern delegation and the Confederacy. "He had to be devious with the electorate," Mott says. "He played slave-holders against abolitionists. He had to lie to get people to follow him. Lincoln is a great Machiavellian." Professor Mott is too kind. Lincoln was a great liar!

In this perspective one can only view Lincoln with the same jaundiced sentiment as Harry Truman showed on his way out of the funeral of Tennessee's acclaimed public servant Cordell Hull. when a reporter asked him, "Mr. Truman, do you have any comments about the late statesman Mr. Hull?" Truman replied, "A statesman is a dead politician!"

A much more detailed and scathing examination of Lincoln comes from Pastor John Weaver, an alumnus of Bob Jones University. Weaver begins by saying, "... [O]ld honest Abe was not so honest. In fact, he



was a deceitful and dastardly wicked man. He was a liar. He was a warmonger, and the blood of thousands of men is upon his head." He then cites from a book by Mildred Rutherford, *A True*

Estimate of Abraham Lincoln (reference omitted) reporting nine of ten Constitutional violations flagrantly committed by Lincoln:

1. Lincoln tried to coerce the South into fighting and of course into surrendering to him basically. First of all coercion in 1861, which was a violation of Article 4. And of course that's where Lincoln tried to coerce the South into fighting and of course into surrendering to him basically.

2. Lincoln violated the Constitution when he violated the Laws of Neutrality, which was the Trent Affair, Article 6, Clause 2, which was a violation of international law. Now if you don't know what the Trent Affair was, it is very interesting because the Confederate Government had sent some representatives to England to present our cause there before the English Parliament and our Confederate men were on an English ship named the Trent. And the United States government came and took the Confederate men off a British ship and imprisoned them. You say, well, what's so bad about that, because of the laws of Neutrality, and remember the War of 1812 was fought over the same issue because the English was doing that to our citizens. And what happened, the North was humiliated in this. Those men had to be released and William Seward had to write an apology to the English government because the English government would not even negotiate. They said you will either release those men

or there is going to be war between you and England as well as the South and England. So, Lincoln when he violated the Constitution in this area, by the way, do you know what he did for the Captain who arrested those men and took them off of the English Ship? He gave him a gold medal. Didn't matter to him that he violated the Constitution.

3. He suspended the Writ of Habeas Corpus, Article 1, Section 9, Clause 2.

4. He declared war without the consent of Congress in 1861, which is a violation of Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 and 12.

5. He made West Virginia a State in violation of Article 4, Section 3, Clause 1. He just separated Virginia and made West Virginia a State all by himself.

6. He denied the freedom of speech in the Vanlandeham Imprisonment, which was a violation of the First Amendment.

7. He blockaded Ports of the States that were held by the Federal government to still be in the Union. You don't block your own Ports.

8. The Liberty of the Press was taken away - that is a violation of the First Amendment.

9. Violation of the Fugitive slave law, which was violation of Article 4, Section 2, Clause 3. Many prominent men of the time openly criticized Lincoln for his flagrant disregard of the Constitution. Godwin [no first name given] in *The Nation* said: "The first real breach in the Constitution was President Lincoln using his war power to abolish slavery." He said Lincoln had no authority to do that. Thaddeus Stevens who was of Lincoln's own party and was a radical Republican said, "I will not stultify myself by supposing that Mr. Lincoln has any warrant in the Constitution for dismembering Virginia."

McClure (no first name given), who was a friend of Lincoln's said "Mr. Lincoln swore to obey the Constitution, but in 18 months violated it by his Emancipation Proclamation." They knew. Mr. Rhodes said "There was no authority for the Proclamation by the Constitutional Laws, nor was there any statute that warranted it". So, Pastor Weaver concludes, some of Lincoln's closest supporters realized Lincoln had absolutely no grounds for doing what he did.

The great financier J.P. Morgan returned from a trip to Washington, D.C. in shock, saying, "I supported

President Lincoln. I believed his war policy would be the only way to save the country, but I see my mistake. I visited Washington a few weeks ago and I saw the corruption of the present Administration and so long as Abraham Lincoln and his Cabinet are in power, so long will the war continue, and for what? For the preservation of the Constitution of the Union? No! But for the sake of politicians and governmental contractors." Morgan concluded by saying there was no fight to preserve the Union, no fight to preserve the Constitution, only a fight to reward the benefactors of Abraham Lincoln.

The famous newspaper editor and publisher Horace Greeley said, "I cannot trust honest old Abe. He's too smart for me." Pastor Weaver adds, "The word is really not smart. The word is cunning, [as in] deceitful. Layman, who was one of Lincoln's law partners, said, "Mr. Lincoln did not possess a single quality for his office as [P]resident. People said he was good and honest and well meaning, but he never pretended that he was great. He was only nominated by means of a corrupt bargain, entered into by Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania and Caleb Smith of Indiana, provided Lincoln would pledge them Cabinet positions. These pledges Lincoln fulfilled, and thus made himself a party to corrupt bargains." Like Adolph Hitler's election as Chancellor of Germany, Lincoln rose to the highest office in this country with less than one-third of the electoral vote!

Pastor Weaver must of necessity attack Lincoln for his impiety. He says: "Abraham Lincoln was not a Christian. Abraham Lincoln mocked and ridiculed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even his dearest intimates said that the only reason Abraham Lincoln went to church was to mock the preacher. After the preaching was over he would imitate him in a nasal, vulgar manner just to get laughs. Abraham Lincoln wrote a dissertation denying the deity of Jesus Christ and denying the inspiration of the scriptures. The dissertation was finally torn up by his partner with this statement: 'You will never get elected if this gets out.' Abraham Lincoln held séances in the White House. His law partner, his friends, and even his wife testified that Abraham Lincoln was not a Christian. Nicholah, his private secretary said this, 'Mr. Lincoln did, not to my knowledge, in any way change his religious views, opinions or beliefs from the time he left Springfield to the day of his death.' What did he say? He never was converted. He always hated Christ and hated Christianity. I like what General Don Piate says and this really puts the icing on the cake, if this is not a picture of politicians, I don't know what is. General Don Piate traveled with

Lincoln whenever Lincoln was making his campaign speeches and here is what Piate said, "When a leader dies all good men go to lying about him. From the moment that covers his remains, to the last echo of the rule press, in speeches, in sermons, eulogies, reminiscences, we here nothing but pious lies. Abraham Lincoln has almost disappeared from human knowledge. I hear of him, I read of him in eulogies and biographies, but I fail to recognize the man that I knew and liked."

Weaver says: "... Everybody's writing lies; they are not writing the truth about Abraham Lincoln. William Stanton, who was Secretary of War, in a letter to President Buchanan, expressed his contempt for Lincoln. None of his Cabinet really liked him. They thought he was an absolute fool. Do you know what William Stanton did after Lincoln was elected President? William Stanton, the Secretary of War, advised the revolutionary overthrow of the Lincoln Administration and that General George McClellan be installed as a military dictator. But after Lincoln was dead, William Stanton, who hated and despised Lincoln so, made this infamous quote, "Now he belongs to the ages." John Haag, who was Secretary of State, eulogized Lincoln, after his death and he called him "the greatest, the wisest, the Godliest man that has appeared on earth since Christ."

" Now remember what Piate said, when a leader dies, all men go to lying about him. Listen to what J.G. Holland wrote after Lincoln died 'Lincoln unequalled since Washington in service to the Nation, Mr. Lincoln will always be remembered as an imminently Christian President. Conscience not popular applause nor love of power was the ruling motive of Lincoln's life. No stimulant ever entered his mouth. (Weaver comments: "I don't know if he drank or not, but he was partner in the ownership of a saloon, I can tell you that.") No stimulant ever entered his mouth. No profanity ever came from his lips." (Weaver adds: "And yet he was known for his vulgar, filthy stories.") Abraham Lincoln was the first of all men who have walked the earth since the Nazarene." Obviously Haig and Holland were either deluded and deceived by Lincoln or simply seeking some political advantage from his death.

But Pastor Weaver sets the record straight by ending: "I find an absolutely amazing and astounding contradistinction. Abraham Lincoln, the villain, the one who violated his oath of office repeatedly, the man who rent this country in pieces, that secretly and deliberately started the War in which a million people were wounded, a half-million died, Abraham Lincoln, the villain, is deified when Jeff Davis, who

was a Godly and devout man and a Statesman who wanted to preserve the Constitution, is vilified. It's amazing!"

Sources:

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OUR CONFEDERATE STUFF

- Mark Buchanan



I was speaking with my granddaughter, Summer Buchanan, and she asked me why I had all this "Confederate Stuff". She had a good point. Why would a guy be interested in all this old history. I commented that it seems one always comes home to that which defines us. For me, it is THE "CONFEDERATE STUFF".

I had the opportunity to help my kids with scouting. It gave us a chance to see many historical landmarks throughout our great southern landscape. Throughout the experience was the deep down, heartfelt devotion to those things which defines us as southern people. My granddaughter, Summer, and I recently took the opportunity to travel to my old stomping grounds north of Memphis. There is an old cemetery where the "Crying Angel" once stood. It marked the grave of a young fellow who gave his life for the Southern Cause at Shiloh. We tended the grave when I was her age and even had picnics in the cotton fields nearby during the spring and fall with my relatives. It was one of my early chances to experience "Confederate Stuff". Now, after so many years, to walk those grounds marking the graves of the southern men and boys with my granddaughter, I couldn't help but feel an overwhelming peace knowing that the cause for which they fought, their courage and devotion, will be remembered and held dear by future generations of southerners.

Our "Confederate Stuff" is a symbol of who we are and serves as a reminder of that which is greater and more noble. May our children and grand-children always ask us why we have our "Confederate Stuff"!

-Mark Buchanan



This is H.K. Edgerton, a man that I truly admire. Mr. Edgerton is a dedicated compatriot who lives for the Cause. He shows up in uniform and brings his flag and his message to every heritage attack, every opportunity to speak to the masses, anywhere, and any time he is needed. He has flagged in Oxford many times, he's flagged

Lexington, Richmond, Atlanta, even here in Memphis just recently. He was going to lead the 51st and the Wigfall Grays in the Collierville Parade but we were rained out. Below is a letter that he received from a young lady he met here on a recent visit - a student from Ole Miss. I hope we will see her at the Memorial Service in Oxford, she is something else. H.K.'s story around her letter is below.

On Monday afternoon, January 26, 2015, I would receive the following letter from a young Black woman who asked that I not reveal her name because of the distractions it might cause to her studies at Ole Miss.

Dear Mr. Edgerton,

Please let me begin by first offering an apology for the bad treatment that you received in Memphis at Forrest Park by some of the African Americans who squandered the opportunity to speak personally with you.

I was only ten years old when you made your now famous March to Texas as you came through my home state of Mississippi. However, I can remember how proud my grandparents were of you. Your name quickly became the topic of conversation at our every meal. And we prayed every day for your safe arrival into Texas, and were so relieved when you made it.

I among a group of African American students at Ole Miss. who follow your exploits. And while most of us were not attending Ole Miss when the petition was circulated not to get rid of the mascot "Colonel Reb"; the young man who you encountered in Memphis had it right. I am told by my older brother that the Black students of whom he was one of; overwhelmingly supported and signed the petition to keep Colonel Reb as the Ole Miss. mascot. I also know that we had

very little to do with the changing of the names of streets on campus.

Just like the period of reconstruction that you speak of, loyal Southern Black folks who made up the majority were lumped in with those who were used to the detriment of the South. I can hope and pray that your work will deter this from happening again. Please accept this \$100 that we collected as a small contribution to help in your work. May God keep his loving hands upon you, and give you safe travel.

Your Sis,
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CONFEDERATE CLEAN-UP EFFORT

- Mark Buchanan

The Forrest Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy had placed a marker commemorating the historical Jefferson Davis Highway Route on Old Millington Road some years ago. This highway designation has been under fire across the United States in an effort to erase all memory and vestiges of the Confederacy and those who fought for it.

Members of the Robert E. Lee Camp Sons of



Confederate Veterans stopped by the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker and cleaned the area around it removing leaves, trash and debris. The wood frame was repaired and soil was packed around the timbers to shore up where it had eroded. Hardy, cold-

weather friendly flowers were planted around the marker to add color. The nameplates were cleaned. It is our duty to assist our Confederate friends whenever and wherever we can.

-Mark Buchanan, Brigade Commander

HERITAGE ATTACK OF THE MONTH

Here's one from the People's Republik of Maryland (yes, the "K" was done on purpose, should any detractor try to say I'm an illiterate hillbilly) - Probably a case of somebody acting as a "spokesman" who offered some information while not being terribly knowledgeable (there's a rash of this going on in the SCV and it has to stop), and why any SCV camp's web site would say that Lee-Jackson

day started in 1987 is beyond me. On some level, we've been celebrating Lee-Jackson Day as an organization for well over 100 years. So Robert E. Lee was born Jan. 19, 1807. Stonewall Jackson was born on Jan 21, 1824. And here's a lovely letter from a misguided and misinformed or uninformed reader who who believes that their birthdays are racist because they were born on or around MLK Day, almost 100 years prior. It had to happen sometime, folks, and you can't make this stuff up. Read on...

In your article "Protestors urge Confederate group to move event held on MLK weekend" (Jan. 17), members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans were quoted as saying that they have been holding their commemoration of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson on the third weekend in January for years — although they "were not sure when it began." They only need to look at their own website to see that "since 1988, the Colonel Harry W. Gilmor Camp has planned and sponsored" the annual Lee-Jackson Ceremony in Wyman Park. The website also states that the Lee-Jackson ceremony was first celebrated in 1987.

The Lee-Jackson monument in Wyman Park was dedicated in 1948. Whether the SCV held its first commemoration in 1987 or 1988, it's no coincidence that the ceremony began soon after the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. was first celebrated as a national holiday in 1986.

The SCV claims that slavery had nothing to do with the Civil War. It also claims the timing of its event had nothing to do with Reverend King's holiday. Is there a pattern here?

Ann C. Kehinde, Baltimore

Then we have this sneak attack from the City Council of Charlottesville, VA:

<http://www.newsplex.com/home/headlines/City-Council-to-Consider-Lee-Jackson-Day-290018861.html>

Within days after the Governor of Virginia has signed a proclamation honoring Lee-Jackson day, the Mayor and City Council of Charlottesville has on their calendar a resolution to remove the Lee-Jackson Day from their city calendar. The movement in the heritage community must be swift, clear, historically accurate, and persuasive with the right leaders in the community. Everyone should at least refer to the Governor's proclamation as being the right course of action to take for the City leaders, and even adding a Library of Virginia link explaining how Virginia used a representative form of Government to leave the

Union, however was invaded for their Citizens voting decision. I received this e-mail from Susan Hathaway of the Flaggers, and I am passing it on. In April and May of 1861 - the Citizens of Virginia clearly spoke their mind. Will you allow current day Politicians to Dismiss the Voice of our Citizens?

NOBODY SAW THIS COMING. Virginia has a very strong heritage law but it has not prevented a lot of things. Probably too late to reach out at this point, but this is an example of why ALL of our members must remain ever vigilant - eyes and ears open always. We cannot allow this kind of thing to happen. And when we see it start to happen, we MUST be able to clearly articulate an argument, sometimes publicly. YOUR Southern Heritage is under attack, and it is up to YOU to save it. After all, who has ever seen a government give back something that it once took away?

HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH

Here's one that is well-written, articulate and factual that was submitted in response to the Baltimore issue.

In response to the recent letter to the editor ("Timing of Jackson-Lee event just coincidence?" Jan 21), it's time to play "Name That Conspiracy!" Let's hear the five top contenders and see which conspiracy theory creates the most angst and apoplexy in Baltimore:

1. The U.S. government blew up levies in New Orleans to kill African-Americans.
2. The U.S. government created HIV/AIDS to kill African-Americans.
3. The U.S. government faked the moon landing to fool everyone.
4. Elvis is alive and living incognito!
5. The Maryland Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans carefully coordinates their commemoration of the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson to protest the Martin Luther King holiday and to demean his legacy.

It seems almost unfair to continue! Read more at <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/readersrespond/bs-ed-king-jackson-lee-holiday-letter-20150126-story.html>

I love this next one from 73 year old New York resident Valerie Protopapas, who wrote the City Council in Charlottesville and actually got a response. Her letters are excellent - educational, factual, and not high in emotion but in PASSION.

Passion for the truth. God love her. Please read on below, both responses are great.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The idea that history can be relegated to oblivion if one simply destroys all evidence of its existence is straight out of Orwell. In his great warning work, 1984, Orwell's monster state had a credo:

He who controls the past controls the future; He who controls the present controls the past.

The idea that Charlottesville or Virginia or the South or those who supported the efforts of the States of the South against an unconstitutional and tyrannous central government in 1861 are somehow unworthy of recognition for their efforts—however unsuccessful—is not only wrong, but are intended to place the final chains of slavery upon a once-free people, South and North.

Those who wish to obliterate Charlottesville's "Confederate" past, wish to destroy the past of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and the rest of the Founding Fathers as well—though they do not make that known at present. It is not against "chattel slavery" that the war of 1861 was fought by the Federal government against the States of the South but for the eventual slavery to that government of all Americans. Chattel slavery would have passed away in the South just as it passed away throughout the hemisphere—peacefully and without bloody war—if it had been permitted to do so. Accurate history teaches that the war fought by Virginia's Confederate ancestors was fought for freedom from tyranny just as was the war fought by Virginia's Revolutionary ancestors.

Those who wish to consign Southern history to oblivion wish also to consign American history to that same fate. Why? Because once a people have forgotten their past, they are ripe prey for the demagogues. Remember, "political correctness" is a Marxist strategy designed to stifle free speech and expression. Your positions of responsibility demand that you protect that freedom from those who—often with the best of intentions—seek to stifle it.

Valerie Protopapas, Long Island, New York
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Thank you for your email.

Here in Charlottesville, we have beautiful statues of both Lee and Jackson, placed in the center of respective parks named Lee Park and Jackson Park.

Honoring their role in Southern history is not at risk here. That said, it's not clear what the purpose of his

one day is anymore.

Perhaps you can help me understand.

How do you and/or the jurisdiction where you live, celebrate Lee-Jackson Day?

Thank you for your concern,

Dede Smith  
Charlottesville City Council  
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Dear Ms. Smith:

First, thank you for your courteous and prompt response. In these days of a nameless, faceless (and clueless) population, it is always refreshing to realize that there are still those who understand basic civilized behavior. Perhaps at 73 I am being too "old fashioned," but there are some values that should never change.

First, let me say that I have been a supporter of the South, her heritage and her people since I was nine years old and learned about the so-called "civil war." I shall not burden you with my nine-year-old rage engendered by reading about Southern women forced to take into their homes enemies against whom their fathers, brothers, husbands and sons were spilling their blood. Suffice it to say I have always despised bullies.

Secondly, I am the editor of The Southern Cavalry Review, the journal of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and my opinions have been printed in several publications. And while I don't have such academic credentials to my name that many others do have, I consider myself at least better able to respond to these attacks than many who make them based upon a mistaken—deliberately in some cases—understanding of "history." I am reminded of the late Ronald Reagan who once pointed out that so much of what people "know" is not so. That, of course, is sad but the problem is not ignorance for ignorance can be cured. Indeed, we are all ignorant to a greater and lesser extent. I, for instance, would never opine on quantum physics. But the problem with this particular situation is not ignorance—or at least not only ignorance. It has to do with an agenda and that agenda is the cultural genocide of the South. It's not a new agenda. Indeed, Lincoln started it and admitted as much when he said after he issued the Emancipation Proclamation:

"...The character of the war will be changed. It will be one of subjugation... the South is to be destroyed and replaced by new propositions and ideas."

And that brings me to your last point about the

“purpose of the day” and what do we here in New York do for Lee and Jackson. Frankly, given what passes for cultural icons in Noo Yawk these days I only wish to God that we had heroes of their stature and that we had the people and “leaders” who would delight in honoring men of integrity, courage, honor, sacrifice and moral decency. We have the Kardashians and politicians who are one step ahead of the law.

Finally, “what does the day matter?” It matters because it is just one more step in that cultural genocide that is and has been well underway for a considerable time now. As you know, censorship whether it be of flags or monuments or “holidays” once begun knows no end until all has been consigned to oblivion. Your beautiful statues will not remain one moment longer than such time as no one is willing to protect them. Once you consider that a day of honor and memorial is “expendable,” the days of your statues are numbered.

Thank you again for your courtesy.

Valerie Protopapas

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS



In the past year, we've seen a lot of changes in the way our typical fundraising works. I want to address some key components of our overall fundraising efforts in an effort to try to get us all moving forward and doing the right things. First off, we need to talk about the most basic of these which is your membership dues.

If you are a member getting this newsletter and haven't yet paid your dues that were due in August, we really need to talk about why. Here's what happens: you drop off the membership rolls, so effectively you lose your membership. But it doesn't stop there. When you are no longer a member in good standing, you stay on the Camp roll but are not counted as a member at the National or Division level, so we end up with a situation like we are in now - our roster from National says we have 71 active members, which would give us 7 votes as a Camp on Division/National issues, but because 22 of our members for some reason have not paid dues to the Division, they show that we have 49 active members, which gets us 5 votes. Considering that our Camp

grew by 13 new members last year, this is just plain unacceptable. On top of all that, there are extra charges involved with reinstating you when you do get around to paying, and it's a real challenge, and it happens every year and it has to stop. We don't want to lose members - we like you, and we need you. If we aren't delivering what you need from us, I'd love to hear your ideas about what we should be doing differently or better. If you have financial difficulties, the Camp may be able to help to some extent or another. If it's none of those things, then please pay your dues if you haven't already. No organization, whether a charity or not, operates for free, and we need the financial support of our members.

KROGER CARDS - This is a no-brainer. Around here, we all shop at Kroger - alternatives are few and generally more expensive. **IF YOU ARE STILL LOADING THE OLD GIFT CARDS, YOU ARE NOT HELPING!!!** The new program is much easier to manage, no standing in line to wait to load your card, no special card to use, just the tag or phone number you give them at checkout. It's that simple. Currently, the Division is down on Kroger Card funds year over year by 67%. That's HUGE. We really need your help with that. It's simple to set up but if you need help or don't understand, please let me know. I'll walk you through it or do it for you if that's what it takes. We really need your help in this area. This raises funds that go to Memorials such as we placed at Ft. Germantown, to restoration of historic sites and cemeteries, and other special projects, not just for us but across the Tennessee Division. It doesn't cost you any more and it couldn't be more simple, so please - help us out.

LICENSE PLATES - Tennessee Division reports we are down \$8,000 in license plate revenue since 2004. This is a problem because if the revenue drops below a certain level they will scrap the plate and the program. And don't you know they'd love to. And if they do, we will NEVER get it back. Just look at what's happened recently in Georgia and now in Texas, where the SCV plates are being fought every step of the way to the US Supreme Court. SCV license plates do two things - one is to promote the SCV (you're advertising just by driving) and two is to help the Division pay for restoration of historic Battle Flags that are being placed in the Tennessee Museum. So please - when you go to renew, ask them for an SCV plate. They now have them at the Clerk's office on Exeter. If you are a member of this organization, you should be proud to display yours. They have them for motorcycles and trailers too. Get yours, and if you have one be sure to renew it

properly.

AMAZON SMILE - This is new, but a great program. Most of us shop at Amazon, just because of the convenience of it all. At the very least, Amazon is a great place to find and buy books. You can do pretty well on some other things there, too. I've put this out to you all a couple of times, and this one goes directly to the Camp. Like the Kroger Card program, it requires some setup but the payment is automatic and doesn't add any extra cost to you. After that, a fraction of all your Amazon Smile purchases goes to the Camp. That stuff adds up. We need you to jump on this program now if you haven't already. If you are having difficulty setting up, let me know and I will walk you through it or do it for you. This is another no-brainer and requires no real thought or any extra process to do, and can benefit the Camp exponentially.

Those of you who haven't done these things, please do. The Division and the Camp need your help, and you will be financially supporting the organization and a cause that you love by simply doing the same things you do every day. Nothing extra. It's a win-win.

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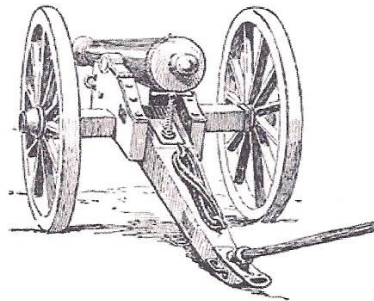
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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Hard to believe a month of 2015 is already gone. That means it's been busy, which is great. We've had planning meetings, one Camp meeting, reenactment group meetings, Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet (a really great event this year), and a meeting of the Division Executive Committee to wrap it all up.

I have to tell you all, I am very pleased to see the participation and willingness of all the area Camps to work together toward a common goal. It's equally encouraging to see the number of attendees at the Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet (sold out), and at the DEC Meeting. It makes me proud to see all of us collaborating and working together, and to feel a passion for what we are doing. PASSION is what it's all about and when armed with KNOWLEDGE, we are infectious. Infectious is good for recruiting and for ongoing day to day business, and for dealing with others in our personal, business, and other interpersonal relationships. Believe in our cause, gentlemen, we are coming back.

I've told you that our new Commander in Chief and Chief of Heritage Operations are on offense. That may be the understatement of the year. They are on fire for Confederate History and Heritage, and it is infectious. Just read their articles in your Confederate Veteran and you'll see it. Our leadership at the Division level is working hard to get all Camps in the Division on the same page and moving forward in lock step, and from what I saw at the DEC last weekend, it is happening.. Both National and Division are contributing to our fight against the City, which we will win when the issue of standing is overturned on appeal because after that, the City has no case and they know it. Everybody is aware of the stakes, and knows what failure means. Here in Memphis, I could not be more proud of the way each of us has conducted ourselves in this very long and arduous fight against the City, our passion across all Camps for winning this fight and our willingness to work together and get it done. So thank you for your effort and your prayers, but we MUST keep the pressure on them and I know we will.

I told you that I was really pleased at the turnout for the Division Executive Committee from West Tennessee. Representation was heavy from the Lee, Chalmers, and Forrest Camp. Following the meeting, several of us were treated to a semi-private tour of the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna. What a place, and what a story. If you are ever in

the area, I highly recommend going. The house itself is in original condition with all the outbuildings still in place. The cotton fields surrounding the home are expansive and the grounds look much like they would have in the 1860's. Sam Davis's is a sad but awe inspiring story - he was the Nathan Hale of the Confederacy. If you're ever in the area, stop by and pay your respects to a true hero of the CSA.

The Mid-South Military History and Civil War Show is right around the corner, and we hope you'll be able to attend. The dates are Feb. 21 and 22. This year it's going to be at a new location, the Showplace Arena at the Agricenter, right next to the Butcher Shop. Even better, it's the same weekend as the Boat Show. Members of our Camp have worked closely this year with members of the Chalmers Camp to put together everything on the front end from table sales to advertising and now it's your turn (and ours I guess). We will need help all through these two days. We will need people to take money, clean up, empty trash, handle other logistical needs. We need people recruiting at the SCV table. Citizens to Save Our Parks will also be on hand and could use some help manning their table. There's plenty more to do. Let me know when you can help and I am certain we can find a place for you.

In March, we have a large initiative toward the end of the month - the Civil War Trust Park Cleanup Day. You should have all received an email from me recently on this one. I think we can split into two groups - one to work Ft. Germantown Park and one to work Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and just do a good general cleanup. We'll survey both sites to see what needs to be done prior. This will be a Brigade initiative, hopefully involving all Camps doing their part in all the area parks - Forrest, Confederate, and Jefferson Davis Parks as well - and maybe we can grill up some burgers or something afterward. More details to follow, just mark off March 28 on your calendars. There's a lot more and we'll cover it all later, some at our meeting on Tuesday.

Gentlemen, we have a lot to do and a ton of activity, there are plenty of places to serve and I urge you all to do so. 2015, I feel, will be a very big year for the Lee Camp, the Tennessee Division, and for the SCV. I'm looking forward to the ride and to working with each of you to accomplish all that is on our plate. Keep an eye on the Facebook page too at <https://www.facebook.com/RELeeCamp1640>, there is a ton of good information out there. Like it all, early and often because that's what you do on Facebook. I'm really looking forward to our meeting on Monday, we have a great speaker, an interesting topic and a lot of business to cover so be prepared for that.

Until then, I am your loyal and humble servant,

Mike Daugherty, Commander
Robert E. Lee Camp #1640, SCV

Civil War Park Cleanup Day - A Call to Service!

Saturday, March 28 is Civil War Park Cleanup Day, sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust. This is a Brigade effort as there is plenty of clean-up to do around here in our area parks. We will concentrate our efforts at Fort Germantown, and while we are at it maybe we can do something with Pleasant Hill Cemetery at the same time. In any case, we'll be hopefully coordinating our efforts with the other area camps, so stand by for further detail. Please mark your calendars, we hope to have some media coverage and a large turnout looks great in the papers.

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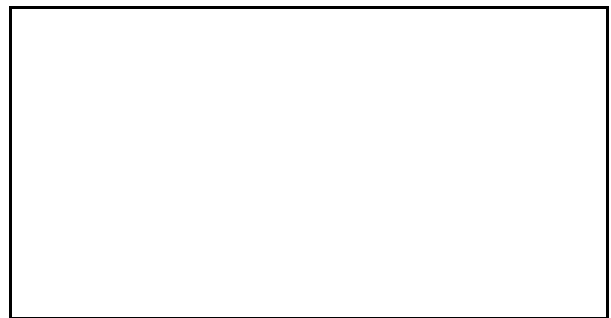
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