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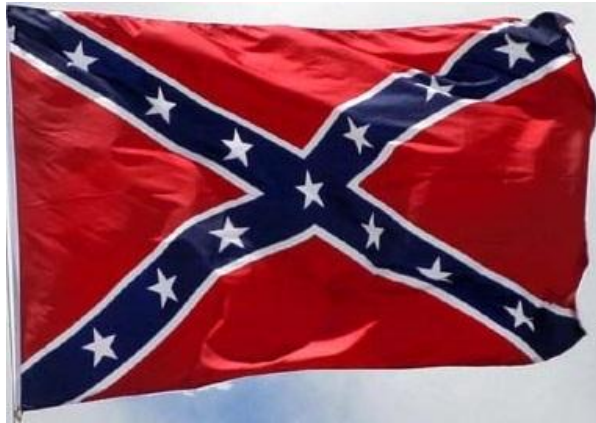
August 10, 2015

Speakers: Lee Millar

**Topic: The Gray Ghost – John Singleton
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**7:00 p.m. at the at the Germantown Regional
History and Genealogy Center**

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PRINCIPLES AND VALUES REPRESENTED BY THE CONFEDERATE FLAG

*-adapted from an essay by James King, SCV
Camp 141*

“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”.

-Gen. Patrick Cleburne, Confederate States
of America

And so it is happening. Political correctness and Revisionist “historians” are attacking all things Southern and Confederate on national, state, and local levels all across America, now at an alarming and unprecedented rate. The South and the Confederate States of America have been harshly discriminated against and readily available historical facts and figures have intentionally been suppressed. Northern historians have unfairly caused Southern and Confederate history and its heroes, monuments, memorials, and flags to be relegated to a role of less importance than deserved in American history and to be viewed in a negative perspective by much of the American public.

No other symbol so proudly says “Dixie” as the Cross of St. Andrew (Confederate Battle Flag) waving in the breeze. Sadly, in an effort to erase its value and redefine its meaning, the Federal Government, schools, college professors, leaders of racial advancement organizations and others have created an environment of “white guilt” and have falsely indoctrinated many Americans of all races to believe it represents racism, bigotry, and a painful reminder of slavery. How can that be? The Battle Flag flew over battlefields, not slave quarters. We’re told it’s a symbol of hate. It is actually the reverse – it is an OBJECT of hate, a TARGET of hate – hate from those leading the indoctrination of the American people, many of which have bought this story without question or research of their own. They are wrong, and you are being lied to. The Battle Flag is a symbol of FREEDOM.

We are told that the Southern Confederate soldier was part of a treasonous act of rebellious states that fought to the death to retain slavery. Nothing could be more untrue, and this is supported by facts that have been available since before the first shots were fired and are still available today if one chooses to read. To say that secession, and subsequently the war, was about slavery is to greatly oversimplify the multiplicity of issues that led to Secession of the

Southern States. Lincoln himself said that the War was to maintain the Union, and that if he could do that without freeing any slaves he would do that.

Treasonous? Not hardly. Our country was founded on secession. Remember the 13 colonies that seceded from England? The Southern States did nothing differently than their forefathers had almost 100 years before. Each state individually declared its Independence from what they saw as a tyrannical central government that was no longer what they had signed up for, and took back its own sovereignty in accordance with the Constitution. In fact, not one Southern leader, soldier, or civil servant was ever tried for treason. Supreme Court Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase said so himself in 1867: "If you bring these leaders to trial, it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution, secession is not rebellion. His [Jefferson Davis] capture was a mistake. His trial will be a greater one. We cannot convict him of treason."

So the Confederate Battle Flag is not a symbol of hate except for those who continue to tell themselves that it does in order to suit their own agenda and narrative. It does not represent slavery, racism, bigotry, or treason. Not hardly. What it DOES represent is honor, faith, courage, dignity, integrity, chivalry, patriotism, self-reliance, and belief in the free enterprise system. It also represents the valor and sacrifice of our Southern ancestors in their quest to gain independence and recognition as a sovereign nation.

It symbolizes the noble spirit of the Southern people, the rich heritage and traditions of the South and the dynamic and vigorous Southern culture, those who dared to stand up and say "NO" to an overbearing and overreaching Federal Government. It is the last flag to represent the concept of local control of one's life in America. In a larger sense it represents the same values and principles as the original U.S. Betsy Ross Flag: limited constitutional Federal Government, sovereignty of the States, and Christian Principles and Values. Thus it represents "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" and "government by the consent of the governed", things our current Federal Government views as unimportant notions of the past.

The Confederate Battle Flag is an internationally recognized symbol of resistance to tyranny. That is why it was flying over the Berlin Wall when it was being torn down in 1989 and has been flown by numerous countries or provinces seeking independence both before and after that. Most countries understand this. Not here in the US, where

it was actually flown first in the face of the Yankee Army that invaded the Southern homeland - robbing, burning, raping and killing their way through it. Outnumbered, undersupplied, and underfed Confederate soldiers – simple farmers in most cases that were simply defending their homes and their families - fought the enemy and beat them back repeatedly for four long years, displaying tremendous bravery, courage, and dedication to duty in the face of overwhelming odds, but eventually succumbed to superior numbers and firepower. However, they left all Southerners a legacy and a heritage of courage and duty that is unsurpassed in human history, and is what we call today "Southern Pride". The Battle Flag is representative of that pride, that legacy of honor, that heritage.

The Battle Flag also reminds knowledgeable Americans that government is to be held accountable for its actions, and if those actions are viewed as not being in the best interest of the people, there is a price to be paid for it. This fact has not been lost upon the Socialist, Communist, liberal left and that is why they have spent inordinate amounts of money and energy trying to suppress this powerful symbol of freedom. The Confederate Battle Flag is a Christian symbol and that is why proponents of Secular Humanism (the belief that there is no God and man, science, and government can solve all problems) oppose it.

The Confederate Battle Flag was, is, and will continue to be the flag of the region Southerners call home, the Southland. We are Americans, true, but we are also proud Southerners.

THIS MONTH IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY



August 5, 1864 – Battle of Mobile Bay

August 9, 1862 – Battle of Cedar Mountain

August 10, 1861 – Battle of Wilson's Creek

August 21, 1821 – Gen. William Barksdale born

August 28, 1861 – Fort Hatteras falls

August 29-30, 1862 – 2nd Battle of Manassas

DID YOU KNOW?

by Beecher Smith



Contrary to common belief, Robert E. Lee's beloved horse Traveller [Lee observed the proper British spelling with two "L's"] was not the angelic mount as portrayed in popular lore. Most writers and historians who have carefully researched this horse's life found him "difficult" at best. Only because Lee loved Traveller so much, and so many loved Lee, has Traveller's image usually been passed down as almost saintly, like that of his owner.

From all accounts, Traveller was difficult, high strung, a bit unruly, he pranced or jiggled wherever he went and was generally hard to control. But, he was also striking and regal. He wasn't too tall, conformed well, of good flesh and was a flashy dappled grey horse with a black mane and tail.

Before Lee acquired him, Traveller was first named "Jeff Davis," but was later known as "Greenbrier," and was greatly admired in camp for his rapid, springy walk, his high spirit, bold carriage, and muscular strength. Maj. Thomas L. Broun, brother of Capt. Joseph Broun, the officer who loaned Traveller to Lee in the autumn of 1861 and sold him to Lee in February of 1862, said of the horse, "He needed neither whip nor spur, and would walk his five or six miles an hour over the rough mountain roads of Western Virginia with his rider sitting firmly in the saddle and holding him in check by a tight rein, such vim and eagerness did he manifest to go right ahead so soon as he was mounted."

[<http://horseandman.com/horse-stories/traveller-a-difficult-horse-but-robert-e-lee-loved-him-and-made-him-famous/>]

The aforementioned article also states: "... Traveller was known to be a bit difficult. He jiggled everywhere he went. He had to be in the front of the line. He reared. He spooked. He was fussy."

A few weeks before Lee led the ill-fated campaign that ended in the Battle of Sharpsburg/Antietam, Traveller reared and broke both of Lee's hands. Recuperating, Lee still rode the horse he called "my colt" onto the field of battle. Could Traveller have been responsible in part, along with the mysterious "missing Confederate battle plans" which found their way to Union General McClellan, for that near disaster to the Confederacy?

The dark side of Traveller was confirmed by Robert E. Lee, Jr., for whom riding his father's favorite horse was supposed to be an honor, but did not turn out that way:

"The general (his father) had the strongest affection for Traveller, which he showed on all occasions, and his allowing me to ride him on this long march was a great compliment. Possibly he wanted to give me a good hammering before he turned me over to the cavalry. During my soldier life, so far, I had been on foot, having backed nothing more lively than a tired artillery horse; so I mounted with some misgivings, though I was very proud of my steed. My misgivings were fully realized, for Traveller would not walk a step. He took a short, high trot — a buck-trot, as compared with a buck-jump — and kept it up to Fredericksburg, some thirty miles. Though young, strong, and tough, I was glad when the journey ended.

"This was my first introduction to the cavalry service. I think I am safe in saying that I could have walked the distance with much less discomfort and fatigue...."

Lee spent his final years as president of Washington College in Lexington, Va., where Traveller was allowed to graze the campus. He lost numerous hairs from his mane and tail as admirers plucked them for souvenirs. In a letter from General Lee to his daughter he stated that Traveller is going BALD from all the students grabbing hair samples!

Lee became ill in September 1870, and on October 12 he died at his home in Lexington. Traveller walked behind the hearse at Lee's funeral and continued to be well cared for up until his death in June 1871. After stepping on a nail and contracting tetanus, commonly known as lockjaw, Traveller was euthanized.

Traveller was initially buried behind the main buildings of the college, but was unearthed by persons unknown and his bones were bleached for exhibition in Rochester, New York, in 1875/1876. In 1907, Richmond journalist Joseph Bryan paid to have the bones mounted and returned to the college, named Washington and Lee University since Lee's death, and they were displayed in the Brooks Museum, in what is now Robinson Hall. The skeleton was periodically vandalized there by students who carved their initials in it for good luck. In 1929, the bones were moved to the museum in the basement of the Lee Chapel, where they stood for 30 years, deteriorating with exposure. Finally in 1971, Traveller's remains were buried in a wooden box encased in concrete next to the Lee Chapel on the Washington & Lee campus, a few feet away from the Lee family crypt inside, where his master's body rests.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Aug. 4 – Meeting of Memphis City Council, 2nd Ordinance reading re: Forrest Park

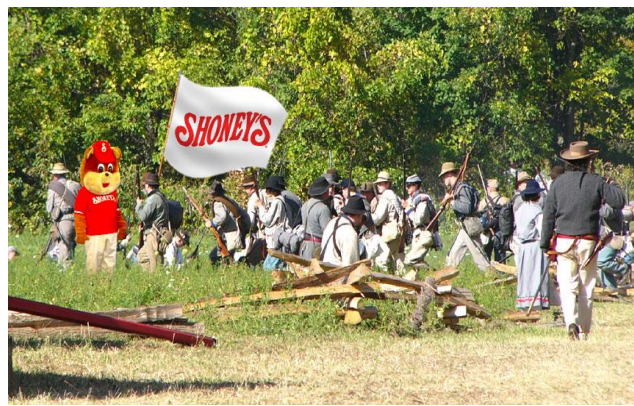
Aug. 15 – Memphis Confederate Rally, Time and Location TBD

Aug. 18 – Meeting of Memphis City Council, 3rd Ordinance reading re: Forrest Park

Aug. 29 – National Flag Rally (all across the country), time and location TBD

HERITAGE ATTACK OF THE MONTH

It's hard to choose with all the attacks that are going on across the country, we have to be ever vigilant and stay one step ahead of those attacking. I thought for a minute that this really has to go to that loveable group of idiots that thinks they should sandblast Stone Mountain. That would be a huge undertaking and not very likely. Then I read about the Battle Flag being banned from the Brooksville Raid reenactment in Florida and being replaced by a white Shoney's flag (I'm not kidding, you can't make this stuff up <http://springhillcourier.com/2015/06/29/confederate-flag-banned-from-brooksville-raid-shoneys-steps-in-as-title-sponsor/>). But then today, I got the topper of all the toppers. While in itself, it isn't a heritage violation, it's tied to one of the bigger ones – Nikki Haley apparently came out and said she never sent or received any emails related to the Confederate Flag (<http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/07/31/nikki-haley-got-no-confederate-flag-emails/>). Really? I have all 3 emails between me and her regarding the Battle Flag, and one of them is her reply to me. Two of them have substance, I'll let you figure out which ones. And finally, while it is not really an attack on heritage but on a compatriot who defended our heritage, I would ask that everybody remember in your prayers the family of Anthony Hervey, who was killed on his way home to Oxford from a Flag Rally in Birmingham when an SUV he was driving was approached by a vehicle that pulled up alongside his, and after some verbal harassment swerved at him, forcing his vehicle off the road. He rolled over two times and died in the crash. In some circles, that probably is called "vehicular homicide", and I hope that they find the cretons that did this very soon and throw the book at them. Or, just 2 in the back of each of their heads. Either will do.



HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH

There are several good ones this month. As much as the news always sounds bad, we are racking up some significant wins. I like to think of them any more as “Confederate Backsass”, as it appears that America is standing up and saying “NO”. We’ve had a fairly good rate of success in these attacks when we simply stand up to those who are attacking and stand against political correctness. With all that said, here’s the Top 10 list as I see it:

10. Gov. Deal of Georgia tells the Atlanta City Council after receiving a letter from them wanting to change Stone Mountain “I would ask those who think this is such a big issue, if they would exert the same amount of influence and time and effort to try to make sure that the children in our school systems in this state who are in failing schools get a good education, it will erase any of the things that they think the memorials symbolize. I would hope they see that in the same light in which I do.” I wish OUR Governor was this kind of stand up guy.

9. Gov. McCrory of North Carolina signs their Heritage Law. However, he still wants to ban SCV license plates?

8. The article posted on Megyn Kelly’s Blog titled “The Confederate Flag Needs to Be Raised, Not Lowered” <http://megynkelly.org/179680/the-confederate-flag-needs-to-be-raised-not-lowered/>

7. Alamance County, NC chooses NOT to remove a Confederate monument after 1500 Battle Flag carrying individuals rallied at the County Courthouse in a clear case of backsass to the local government.

6. All of those who come out to clean up monuments that have been defaced by misinformed, misguided, miscreants.

<https://www.facebook.com/StarNewsTV/videos/10152791358417134/>

5. The guy who saw somebody steal a Battle Flag off of a grave and followed him all the way home, then posted all his info – address, license plate, and general location on Facebook, along with catching the crime and the chase on his phone. I’m not a big fan of this, but that guy deserved it.

4. Those who rallied this weekend in Danville http://www.godanriver.com/news/danville/speeches-flags-mark-sutherlin-mansion-rally/article_de0c1b12-3954-11e5-bbd2-0fd4f228d6e7.html#.Vb7NwXzdx3Q.facebook and at Stone Mountain, GA

<http://www.wokv.com/gallery/news/photos-confederate-flag-rally-stone-mountain-park-/gCWC6/>

3. Milton Ford, owner of Ford’s Barber Shop in Anniston, AL, who stood his ground when being told by Anniston City Councilman David Reddick that “his business might face repercussions for not taking the flag down.” Reddick is now under arrest, charged with harassment.

2. The County Commissioners of Walton County, FL, who when local activists tried to have the Battle Flag removed from a pole near the Court House voted to replace it – with a First National, making the Flag hating left that much more angry. <http://www.westernjournalism.com/county-removes-confederate-battle-flag-replaces-it-with-something-that-enrages-critics-even-more/>

And the number one Heritage Counterattack of the Month has to be...

1. The crowd that showed up in Oxford for the funeral of Anthony Hervey. They came from Texas, Georgia, Arkansas, the Carolinas, Alabama, Tennessee and others. Hundreds were in the procession, let alone the hundreds of observers on the sidewalks as we passed into the square. The Memphis Brigade Color Guard was at the front with two flags and two rifles, and after circling the square we exited back onto Lamar Ave, we met the MIDDLE of the procession. Incredible tribute to a true compatriot who will be missed in a big way.

<https://www.facebook.com/angie.little/videos/10206764543248586/>

WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?

I don’t get this question a lot, but since we have so many new members, it might be good to review. We have a number of committees that you can serve on, whether it’s Genealogy/History, Membership, Finance, Newsletter, Scrapbook (photography and video buffs needed), Digital Media, Public Relations, and other ad hoc committees that come up. Here are some projects we are currently involved in:

Mid-South Military History and Civil War Show – contact Tarry Beasley. We need help in particular in the logistics/operations and Dealer/Table sales area. There may be other areas where you can help as well. Contact Tarry, 901-682- 2000

Reenactment Units – Our camp sponsors two. We sponsor an Infantry Unit, the Bluff City Grays (154th Tenn. Senior Infantry Regt, Co. B), and an artillery unit, Bankhead's Battery. Both are locally recognized as being excellent and well respected units in the area, and both could use a little more headcount. Reenacting is a BLAST! If you like cannon fire, Bankhead's Battery may be for you. If you like fighting close to the enemy and skirmishing in the field, the Bluff City Grays may be more your cup of tea. Or if you want, you can do both. See Tarry about Bankhead's, or Mike Daugherty about the Bluff City Grays.

Memphis Brigade Color Guard – This is recognized as one of the finest units in the State, and possibly in the tri-state region. The Memphis Brigade Color Guard, led by Mike Daugherty, is a group of finely drilled reenactors that forwards the Colors at events such as Forrest's Birthday, Confederate Decoration Day, Memorial Services, funerals, parades, and other events. The Color Guard needs additional bodies badly due to work schedules and life events that come up – we always need good men to fill in. If you think this is a place you can serve, see Mike Daugherty, Color Sergeant.

There will be more opportunities as more events come together. We need everybody to fall in and help where you think your talents will be best utilized.

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Gentlemen, welcome to the Sesquicentennial of Reconstruction. We are under attack on every front, winning in some cases and losing in others. It's been a rollercoaster ride for us all emotionally, and it certainly has been taxing for many of us. All this has been coming to a head for some time now, many of us saw it and now here it is. So they are trying to reconstruct us now by making us feel bad, trying to shame us for our Southern Pride. Just took one deranged kid to push everybody over the edge. It seems odd that one white kid walking into a black church, sitting through the service and shooting nine people gets national media attention while a black supporter of the Confederate Cause and Southern Heritage gets run off the road and killed by a carload of "angry black men" gets called a "single car crash" and gets comparatively NO media attention.

On the plus side, look at what's happening across the country! The Color Guard just led the longest funeral procession in Oxford in the last hundred years. 2,000 vehicles turned out for a Flag Rally in Ocala, FL. Hundreds packed the square in Graham, NC with Battle Flags in hand to protest the County's plan to remove a nearby Battle Flag and decided not to. A Representative from California tried to slip a rider in on the Highway Bill that would take away Federal Highway funds from any State that offered an SCV license plate or a plate with a Battle Flag on it. Our writing and historical knowledge has forced a delay in the decision over removing the Jefferson Davis statue in Austin, TX. 300 people showed up for a rally in Danville where the opposition is trying again to remove the Current National Flag from the last White House of the Confederacy and there's a March/Rally scheduled in September to take place at the Lincoln Monument in Washington DC!

It's great to see America standing up against this Confederate bashing and being told "you can't". America is saying NO. There are flag rallies going on spontaneously across the country. There's strength in numbers. I've said it before and I'll say it again. And we need numbers. We need them now more than ever before. That's where you come in. Each of you. I know some of you can't get around like you used to, and that's ok. We show 70 members in our Camp alone. On August 4, at City Hall for the 2nd Ordinance reading, 12 showed up. The funeral of Anthony Hervey was a big deal and within

an hour of Memphis. I think there were 5 out of hundreds from the Memphis area that showed up. That is NOT strength in numbers. We have to show up and speak our mind. We have to make a statement like the ones being made in other parts of the country. Further, we have to support other nearby efforts.

"Our country demands all our strength, all our energies. To resist the powerful combination now forming against us will require every man at his place. If victorious, we will have everything to hope for in the future. If defeated, nothing will be left for us to live for."

-- General Robert E. Lee, C.S.A.

So please, help us. We need you. We need your material support, your ideas, and your financial support. Fighting City Hall, as it turns out is expensive. But most of all we need you to be there. To speak and to backsass the government. To help us fight back in any way you can.

God Bless the South,
Mike Daugherty, Commander
Robert E. Lee Camp #1640

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