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"A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN"

NCAA says it won't expand ban

COLUMBIA, S.C. - An NCAA committee decided yesterday it will not expand its ban on postseason championships in South Carolina and Mississippi, where Confederate emblems are displayed on Statehouse grounds.

The Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee said the NCAA should continue its moratorium on bringing predetermined events, such as NCAA basketball regionals, to the two states.

The ban will not be expanded, however, to sites awarded on merit, such as baseball tournament regionals or football playoff games.

The committee was acting on a request from the Black Coaches Association to stiffen sanctions in South Carolina and Mississippi, whose state flags contain the Confederate emblem.

The flag is not displayed on any NCAA campus in either state.

Committee chairman Robert Vowels Jr. said in a statement expanding the ban would not be fair "since institutions do not have control over the placement of the Confederate flag."

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THE CHARGE

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.



Sam Davis Youth Camp comes to town

Major General Patrick Cleburne said that "If the South should lose, it means that the history of the heroic struggle will be written by the enemy, that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers, will be impressed by all of the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision." Sadly, history has verified the truth of this statement.

Compatriots, we must do all we can to prevent this travesty from spreading farther than it already has! The Sam Davis Youth Camp, sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, targets the audience most affected by the influence of political correctness in the classroom. The official web page of this camp describes the program as follows: "For one week, our Southern young men and ladies (ages 12-20) will gather to hear the truths about the War for Southern Independence. This camp (named for the great young Confederate Sam Davis) will combine fun and recreation with thoughtful instruction in Southern history, the War Between the States, the theology of the South during the War, lessons on Southern heroes, examples of great men of the Faith, and for the first year, special programs and sessions for our Southern ladies!"

This year's camp will be held at the Kinard Conference Center in Batesburg-Leesville from Monday afternoon July 30 through Sunday morning August 5. This is quite fortunate for those of us who reside in the Midlands of South Carolina.

If you know of any young ladies or gentlemen who are you think would benefit from this experience or would like any further information on this worthy enterprise, please contact Compatriot Jack Marler at (864) 616-0042 or Chaplain Bob Slimp at (803) 782-0924.

Compatriots,

This year's Lee and Jackson banquet was a rousing good time. Thanks to all of you who attended. Your reservations made the event a financial success. Our new slate of officers was inducted and our worthy compatriots were given their awards. I trust all had a grand time, as I know I did.

Our fourth annual Battle For Columbia event is now upon us. Joining our event with the Greater Columbia Civil War Alliance's "Columbia's Longest Days" event is now the way to go. We are receiving commercial time on radio and television. The *Lexington*

Chronicle has once again printed a special edition for us, with advertisers tracked down by *us*. The surrender of Columbia will be reenacted for the first time ever with troops attending our battle and Mayor Bob Coble portraying Columbia's 1865 Mayor Thomas Goodwyn. The weekend promises to be one the Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp will be proud of!

Your help is needed to make it all happen!!! Please contact me, Rusty Rentz, Larry Bates, or your company commander to offer your assistance. Your Camp and your Confederate ancestors are calling ... will you

answer the call?

Our meeting this month falls on the 15th. Be aware that our meal price has increased this year by one dollar. Seawell's still gives us a much better price than any other organization, and be assured that the staff will be working to lower the price. This will probably mean dropping a side item, or salad or dessert, but we'll do what we can.

Our speaker will be none other than our own adjutant, Layne Waters. His topic will be a power point presentation on the Ironclad attack on Charleston Harbor in April 1863.

I hope to see you there.

Chaplain's Pulpit

—REV. BOB SLIMP

In August 1960, President Eisenhower received a letter of reproach from a New York dental surgeon, for honoring someone committed "to the destruction of the United States." His reply was published in, among other places, the *Atlanta Constitution*:

The White House
August 9, 1960

Dear Dr. Scott:

Respecting your letter of August 1 calling attention to my often expressed admiration for General Robert E. Lee, I would say, first, that we need to understand that at the time of the War Between the States the issue of secession had remained unresolved for more than 70 years. Men of probity, character, public standing and unquestioned loyalty, both North and South, had disagreed over this issue as a matter of principle from the day our Constitution was adopted.

Gen. Robert E. Lee was, in my

estimation, one of the supremely gifted men produced by our nation. He believed unswervingly in the constitutional validity of his cause, which until 1865 was still an arguable question in America; he was a poised and inspiring leader, true to the high trust reposed in him by millions of his fellow citizens; he was thoughtful yet demanding of his officers and men, forbearing with captured enemies but ingenious, unrelenting and personally courageous in battle, and never disheartened by a reverse or obstacle. Through all his many trials, he remained selfless almost to a fault and unfailing in his faith in God. Taken altogether, he was noble as a leader and as a man, and unsullied as I read the pages of our history.

From deep conviction I simply say this: a nation of men of Lee's caliber would be unconquerable in spirit and soul. Indeed, to the degree that present

day American youth will strive to emulate his rare qualities, including his devotion to this land as revealed in his painstaking efforts to help heal the nation's wounds once the bitter struggle was over, we, in our own time of danger in a divided world, will be strengthened and our love of freedom sustained.

Such are the reasons that I proudly display the picture of this great American on the wall of the Oval Office.

Sincerely,
Dwight D. Eisenhower

RESEARCH PROBLEMS???
For complete assistance in all
aspects of lineage and genealogy
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Confederate History Month Proposed in Senate Bill

Four of our State Senators, Jake Knotts, Kevin Bryant, Lewis Vaughn, and Past Division Commander Danny Verdin, have introduced Senate Bill 124 to officially designate May as Confederate Memorial Month. Please contact your Senator and any other Senator you know and ask them to

become co-sponsors of this bill. You may also contact Senator Thomas Moore of Aiken County, Chairman of the Judiciary subcommittee that will consider the bill to schedule a public hearing on this important measure. Here is our chance to get some pro Southern legislation! If we all phone, visit, or

write a letter to our senators they will take us seriously. Act today please!

For information on how to contact your Senator and other member of the Senate, please visit www.scstatehouse.net or call (803) 212-6200.

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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we have a self imposed obligation to fulfill the Charge that was delivered to us by General Stephen Dill Lee in 1906. Two essential duties imposed on us in that charge is the "defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name" and to "see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations." This weekend offers us a unique opportunity to do both.

There is a great irony in having *The Battle for Columbia* during the anniversary of the sack and destruction of Columbia by Sherman and those under his command.

Columbia's Longest Days, sponsored by the Greater Columbia Civil War Alliance, commemorates an historical event. *The Battle for*

Columbia does not. *The Battle for Columbia* is not a reenactment of an historical event, rather it is a living history event — a historically based exhibition created to inform the public concerning many important aspects of the Confederate period as well as an opportunity to showcase the life and character of the Confederate Soldier.

That there was *no* battle for Columbia makes the contrast between *The Battle for Columbia* and *Columbia's Longest Days* so striking! Noting what did not happen with what did sheds much light on what transpired in Columbia in February 1865.

The civilian, non-combatant residents in Columbia were terrorized, plundered, abused, and their homes and private property put to the torch. This was not collateral damage resulting from

a heated battle between two opposing armies. This was an act of hostility by a regular army against an unarmed city — a war crime without precedence in our country's history.

While the media, historians, and text book writers have conveniently forgotten what occurred on the streets of Columbia 142 years ago, we must not! This is an important event in the history of the South and it is our duty to see that future generations know the truth of the matter.

Yes, we will celebrate our heritage and defend the confederate soldier's good name at *The Battle for Columbia*, but let us not forget that their wives, daughters, mothers, fathers, loved ones, and friends, also suffered the ravages of war on those fateful days in 1865 during this weekend's events. By teaming up with *Columbia's Longest Days*, we have an opportunity to do just that!

Schedule of Events: The Battle for Columbia & Columbia's Longest Days

Friday, February 16, 2007

8 – 11 p.m. Military Ball and Grand Bazaar (RSVP required) - Columbia Mill Building

Saturday, February 17, 2007

8:45 a.m. Re-Enactment "Firing on State House" - Gervais Street Bridge, West Columbia side

9:30 a.m. Hart's Battery (with 4 cannons) and other Union re-enactors will replicate Sherman's troops February 16, 1865, cannon firing on Columbia and the State House.

9:30 a.m. Sherman's March Bus Tour - Departing the parking lot of Columbia

Mill Building

10 a.m. Re-Enactment of City's Surrender - River Drive @ Beaufort Street, Columbia

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Relic Show, Living History, Appraisals, Books, Museum Tour - Columbia Mills Building

12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Hunley Demonstration - The Battle For Columbia event site

12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Symposium - S.C. Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum

2:30 p.m. Sherman's March Bus Tour

3:00 p.m. The "Battle for Columbia" at Ft. Mick - The Battle For Columbia

event site

Sunday, February 18, 2007

11 a.m. Church Service 1860's Style
The big tent at The Battle For Columbia event site

12:30 p.m. Hunley Demonstration - The Battle For Columbia event site

2 p.m. The "Battle for Columbia" at Ft. Mick - The Battle For Columbia event site

Additional Details, including event cost where applicable, can be accessed at

www.battleforcolumbia.com or
www.shermansmarch.com

Hypocrisy at *The State* Newspaper? Say it Ain't So!

Anyone who doubts that our good friends at *The State* newspaper are a bunch of two-faced hypocrites need only look at the paper's take on Confederate heritage.

Consider that a little more than two years ago, *The State* began an editorial: "Of all our treasures, one thing we in the southern United States must preserve and promote is our rich cultural diversity."

But a few weeks ago, *State* sports columnist Ron Morris practically begged the NCAA to ban all postseason college athletics in South Carolina to try and force legislators to

remove the Confederate flag from its place near the Confederate Soldiers Monument on the Statehouse grounds. Morris characterized the flag as "South Carolina's black eye to the nation."

Morris' piece wasn't *The State's* first attack on the flag and won't be the last. The question that comes to mind after reading Morris' hatchet job is: how exactly can one sing the praises of diversity, but call a well-known symbol of said diversity "a black eye?"

History is history, and South Carolina's history is the history of all South Carolinians, regardless of background. All the politically correct

claptrap in the world can't change that.

Whether *The State* likes it or not, Confederate history is just as much a part of the Southeast's rich cultural diversity as the heritage of the Gullah, the Cherokees, and any of the many other groups whose influence helped make our region what it is today.

Mr. Morris and others at the paper may despise Confederate heritage and be only too happy to trade our past for the right to host a handful of college sports events, but I'll be darned if I'm going to sell my birthright for a mess of pottage.



Important Dates in the War of Northern Aggression

- Feb. 1, 1861: Texas secedes from the Union
- Feb. 4, 1861: The Confederate States of America is organized at the first session of the Provisional Confederate Congress.
- Feb. 6, 1863: U.S. Government refuses a French offer of mediation between North and South.
- Feb. 9, 1861: Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens are elected President and Vice President of the Confederate States of America.
- Feb. 12, 1861: Provisional Congress of the Confederacy provides a Peace Commission to the United States.
- Feb. 16, 1861: Pro-Confederate forces called the "Committee of Public Safety" seize the U.S. Military Post and the Federal Arsenal in San Antonio, TX.
- Feb. 17, 1864: Charleston, SC. The Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley* becomes the first submarine in history to sink an enemy ship in combat.
- Feb. 17, 1865: Columbia, SC is surrendered to Federal troops under the command of Gen. W.T. Sherman. The city is subsequently sacked, looted, and burned by those under the Sherman's command.
- Feb. 18, 1861: Jefferson Davis inaugurated Provisional President of the CSA.
- Feb. 20, 1865: Confederate House of Representatives authorized the use of slaves as soldiers. Gen. R.E. Lee endorses the idea.
- Feb. 23, 1865: Gen. Joseph E. Johnson assumes command of the Army of Tennessee.
- Feb. 27, 1863: President Davis names three commissioners to Washington to attempt negotiation with the Federals. He also calls for a day of fasting and prayer.

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, February 15
6:00 PM



Seawell's Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Drive
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Speaker: Compatriot Layne
Waters on the Ironclad attack on
Charleston Harbor in April 1863



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