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## PRESIDENT EXTOLLS LEE AND JACKSON

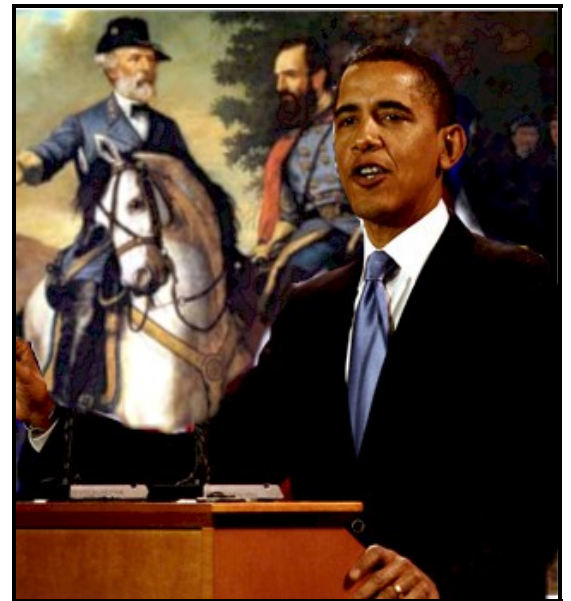
**SAYS CONFEDERATE GENERALS SHOWED ONE CAN RISE HIGH WITHOUT LOSING PRINCIPLE**

WASHINGTON— President Barak Obama said today that Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson were enduring symbols of his conviction that one could rise to high estate without surrender of principle.

He spoke reverently of the Commander in Chief of the Confederate Army and of Gen. Thomas Jonathan Jackson, who stood “like a stone wall” at Bull Run, in an impromptu speech before the United Daughters of the Confederacy holding their convention here. He was cheered shrilly throughout his talk.

Some one had asked him this morning why any group should perpetuate memories of the Confederacy, or “the Lost Cause” President Obama said. He gave his answer in the speech

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## SEN. FORD WANTS 2 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED

**HE SAYS BOTH CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY, KING DAY SHOULD BE MANDATORY**

By Bo Petersen

Choosing between Confederate Memorial Day and Martin Luther King Day Jr. is just picking sides, state Sen. Robert Ford said. That won't do.

Too many local governments are letting employees opt for one state holiday or the other. Ford wants to require them to observe both — or risk losing some state funds. He means it — his bill just cleared a Judiciary subcommittee. Picking and choosing between the two wasn't the idea behind his 1998 bill that established the two as an odd pair of state co-holidays, he said.

The idea was for people in black and white communities to understand each other's history, to maybe understand each other a little better.

"I'm tired of all the bickering and the hatred and the fighting we do in South Carolina," Ford said. "A black person needs to know what a white person goes through in South Carolina and vice versa. If you're born in South Carolina it's your history too. We need to know what made Southern whites do what they did, secede from the Union and fight a four-year, bloody war."

He hopes mandating the observances can foster a mutual respect. But in a state still divided over flying the Confederate battle flag at the Statehouse, a few interested observers give this new bill a big "Maybe."

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Compatriots,  
Greetings to you on this great and glorious day!

The Lee-Jackson Banquet went off without a hitch and everyone that attended had a wonderful time. Pastor Weaver gave emotional talk that made me feel as though I was in my youth and attending a church revival.

The adjutant delivered the numbers to the early the next day and I must say that I was somewhat disappointed. We had 31 members and 1 associate member attend as well as 35 VISITORS. We had a figure of 75 for the RSVP with 7 people that didn't show. Two of those seven called me with regrets. We

had \$1,803 in expenses and deposited \$1,720. The camp came up short \$83, while this is better than the \$400 shortage we had for the 2008 Banquet, we can't continue losing money like this.

I have decided that this month the Legionary will go out by US Mail and by e-mail to those for whom we have email address. Unless we hear from those members they will get an electronic copy from now on. This effort will help curb cost in printing and mailing the Legionary and thus save the camp some money.

We are not able to fulfill the charge of the SCV if we have no money to do the things we need to do. There are grave yards over which the Brigade has

charge that need to be cleaned and they our need help to do it right. Flags need to be bought to place on graves around the state for Memorial Day. We need to sponsor a youth for the Sam Davis Youth Camp this summer.

I want you to know that I am here for you. I need your help to make Wade Hampton Camp strong. I can't do it alone. This month we have a great speaker and this is one meeting you don't want to miss. You will find out more about the speaker and his topic elsewhere in this newsletter. I look forward to putting the shoulder to the wheel with you to push this camp to greatness. May our Father in Heaven pour out his blessings on you and your Family.

## CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

HOWARD HUGHES

I was honored when Commander Spigner asked me to serve as camp chaplain for 2009. I hope that in this position I can in some way serve Him and benefit the compatriots. If at anytime my services are needed by any compatriot (whether it's you or someone else), please contact me through either of the below listed means.

It's been requested that I submit an item each month for publication herein; I'll gladly do so (I don't mind writing, as any camp members in the late 1990s when I was Editor of The Legionary might recall), but in all candor by some deadlines I may not receive an inspiration from the Holy Ghost to relate something original

that would be a blessing to the camp (as is the case this month).

In such instances, I want to share some of the writings of the late Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, a Methodist minister from Virginia who for 54 consecutive years penned, "Our Daily Bread," an inspirational newspaper column. He was a great Christian Southern gentleman and one of the finest pastors I've ever had the privilege to hear. A story he once related was that of another noted clergyman, Dwight L. Moody, who found himself among a group of wealthy laymen praying that their church's financial debt be removed. Moody told them, "Gentlemen, I don't think if I were you I should trouble

the Lord in that matter." He then led them in a prayer that theirs become a tithing church which would bring happiness in giving while soon eliminating the debt.

Dr. Bailey reminds us here that we often pray for things that are already in our hands to provide, and that God is our Father—not an uncle. A good father disciplines his son because he loves him, while an uncle indulges his nephew since he doesn't accept full responsibility for the boy's life.

*Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. (Genesis 28:22)*

## BACHAND TO SPEAK ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE FLAGS

An educational and fact-filled overview of flag history designed to counter those who misunderstand and abuse Confederate symbols and to demonstrate those symbols' proud and rightful place in American history. Presenter Kenneth Bachand, attired in the uniform of a Confederate brigadier general, begins his presentation of 75 flags with a discussion of flag symbolism and carries the historical timeline from the British Isles through the American Revolution to the birth of the U.S. and Confederate first national flags. From there the presentation focuses on state flag development, and the grand finale is the origin and use of Confederate battle flags and national flags during the War Between the States. Mr. Bachand masterfully refutes the arguments

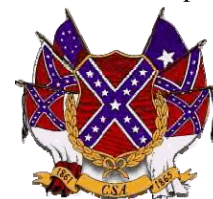
of those who would have us believe that the Southern Cross is the symbol of centuries of racism and slavery.

This program has been presented over a period of many years to school children of all ages, civic clubs, historical societies, community groups, SCV camps, and on public Television in Charlotte, NC.

Mr. Bachand is a native of Miami, Florida. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War years. After graduation from Mars Hill College in North Carolina and Stetson University in Florida, he taught history and English in Florida for twenty-five years. He is a writer and author of five novels. He lives in Hendersonville, North Carolina, where he is a member of Capt. Walter M. Bryson-George Mills Camp 70, SCV, and

chairman of the Civil War Roundtable of Western North Carolina. He is a Civil War re-enactor and commanding officer of Macbeth South Carolina Light Artillery.

He will be assisted by his wife, Mary, who is descended from Cherokee and Choctaw Confederate ancestors. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and has a Masters Degree from Rollins College. She has taught school for thirty-nine years and is Mr. Bachand's constant companion and aide de camp.



Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact  
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**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!**

saying the organization had "very peculiar and personal values" to offer in honoring the two generals. As a lifelong *military scholar*, he added, he had to study them, but soon it became more than a duty: "It became a great pleasure. It became an inspiration."

"In my office I have obtained and put up etchings, or pictures, of a few great Americans," continued President Obama—"Washington, Franklin, Lincoln and Lee. Lee was one man who early showed to all of us that that a man could be a soldier who could fight with all that was in him—and fight brilliantly—for ideas in which he firmly believed."

"But still, at the same time, he could be a great and noble character, and not fall prey to the passions of the battlefield and to its contaminating filth and dirt. He remained always a pure soul that today makes us a better people."

"And he had the perfect lieutenant

in Jackson—a man of great purity of spirit, great strength of a mind of his own—who could nevertheless grasp the plan of his commander and then go off and execute it perfectly \* \* \* Jackson was a strict disciplinarian, who yet had one great support outside of his faith in Lee—his unshakable faith in God.

"These two people today are probably more influential than in the days when they led the Confederate armies to so many victories up until 1865—Jackson till 1863 (the year of his death).

"They hold before us a veneration for ideals, a conviction that to rise high in your profession you do not have to surrender principle. You can stand for what you believe."

Two "special pages to the President," wearing appropriate ribbons and badges were presented to the President before he left the meeting and he laughed

heartily when he heard their names. They were Joe Biden, 8 years old, of Wilmington, Delaware, and his sister, Jill, 6. They are the grandchildren of Mrs. Joseph Biden, Sr., president-general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. ❖

#### Editor's Note:

This is obviously a satire. The foregoing was adapted from an article that appeared in *The New York Times* on 11/11/1953. Of course, the president in the original article was *not* Barak Obama, but rather President Dwight D. Eisenhower. A few other changes were made, e.g., the names of the children and UDC president, but on the whole, the original article remains intact.

This article was chosen to show both how far this country has fallen in common decency and what real change (reform?) would look like if the South and her children were given their due and proper respect. —PCG

## FORD

"This is a decision we believe should be made at the local level by local officials," said Reba Campbell, Municipal Association of South Carolina advocacy director, in an e-mail.

This isn't a particularly odd or new fight for Ford, a Charleston Democrat, who is black.

He pushed the 1998 bill for five years until he saw it passed. He made a mission of removing the Confederate battle flag from atop the Statehouse when he took his legislative seat in 1993, but during the sometimes-rancorous debate came to appreciate the sensibility of those who honored its history. The flag was removed to a monument on the grounds. Ford is one of a few local and area state legislators who make a point of attending public observances of the May 10 memorial holiday.

But there's still tension over that flag and the co-holidays.

"It was an affront to have Martin Luther King Day (established) with Confederate Memorial Day. No, I don't think people should be forced to observe it," said Dot Scott, the Charleston NAACP president. She doesn't think the good it might do would outweigh the negative reactions.

"Everybody wants a day off. For the

people serious about their heritage, the holiday should be respected just for that. It's like religion — if you don't want to pray, fine. But it's not going to bother me to have other people praying," she said.

Bill Miller, a member of the Fort Sumter Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, feels roughly the same way.

"I feel (Ford's) heart is in the right place, but I wouldn't want anything to do with that. I would just want people to understand and respect the people who tried to defend this city. It does bother me that we would mandate anything like that. It takes away from the dignity of it," he said.

Mandating the observance might instill a resistance rather than a respect, Miller said. A lot of people were upset by the King holiday because they considered it jammed down their throats, he said.

Ford has his supporters. Glenn McConnell, Senate president pro tem, Judiciary Committee chairman, Confederate re-enactor and Ford's friend, gets adamant about it.

"We're trying to get the holidays to mean something. If political subdivisions of the state are picking and choosing, it's not a state holiday. When

they pick and choose, there's a silent message there and that creates resentment and misunderstanding," McConnell said. "We need to get beyond that. I mean, the whole idea (of the holidays) was to bring people together."

Local governments are political subdivisions of the state, he said; the state returns hundreds of million of dollars per year in Aid to Subdivisions money. If they're not going to abide by state rules, they can pay a fine on that money. They can't have it both ways he said.

The Judiciary Committee will give the bill a close look to make sure it passes muster, McConnell said. If it does, he gives it a fairly good chance of passing.

Getting everybody to go along likely won't be as easy.

It would great if the observances brought people together, Miller said, but "it's just very hard to do in this town. Maybe some day."

Source: *Charleston Post & Courier*, 02/04/2009



## FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Gentlemen, as of February 5th we have 187 regular paid members and 18 paid associate members.

See you at the next meeting and remember,  
RECUITE A NEW MEMBER

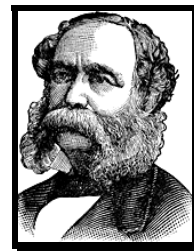
**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Camp Meeting- 19 Feb  
Grave Yard Clean up in St Mathews- March 7th and 14th  
Camp Meeting- 19 March; EC Meeting- 23 March  
SCSCV Division Convention- March 20-21. Anderson, SC  
Sportsman Classic, State Fairgrounds- March 27-29. Wade Hampton Camp will assist Palmetto Camp with a recruitment booth.  
Onion Sales now through April 9th (See Insert)

## Important Dates in *The War Against 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.

Y'all Come!!!

**Next Camp Meeting**  
**Thursday, 19 February**  
**6:00 p.m.**



**Seawell's Restaurant**  
**1125 Rosewood Drive**  
**Columbia, SC**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Kenneth Bachand**

**Topic:**  
**"The Evolution of the Flags"**

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## Fund Raiser Opportunity for SC SCV Camps

### VIDALIA SWEET ONION FUND RAISER

Not long ago the Fayetteville N.C. Arsenal Camp face the problem that all of our camps face. We didn't have enough money. Not only did they not have enough to fund their activities such as cemetery clean up, purchasing flags to put on Veterans graves, ect., they sometimes didn't have enough money to buy the stamps for the camp newsletter. It was apparent that if they were going to continue as an organization and more importantly, carry out the charge given to us by General Lee, they were going to have to figure out how

to raise some money.

Rather than go the route of the endless raffles, which is not prohibited now, barbecue dinners and fish fries, they looked for something different that would have the potential to raise a large amount of money in a relatively short time and would not require a lot of assets. A member of the camp suggested that Vidalia Onions could be good fund raising item. Vidalia Onions are a well known, quality gourmet produce item. Despite some skepticism, the camp decided to give the Vidalia's a try. They took advance orders for 10 lb. bags of Vidalia have to be paid upon delivery. The camp member who took the order was responsible for the delivery of the onions to the buyer and for collecting the money. It has been an unqualified success with camp sales of over 620 bags the first year and grossed profit of over \$3000. Since then the camp has given out over \$10,000 in scholarships, funded all the camp activities, supported a number of heritage initiatives outside the camp and built their scholarship endowment account to over \$ 30,000.

In 1999, the Arsenal Camp began offering to broker this fund raising opportunity to other camps in their Division. Last year, seventeen other camps across North Carolina participated and sold over 3800 bags of onions for average of 200 bags per camp. It is a proven money maker that can put money in your Camp's war chest.

#### Key Points

1. Your cost for each #10 bag of onions (Vidalia onions are about 3 inches in diameter or larger, 15-20 per bag) will be \$ 6.50 to the Division (Projected wholesale cost) delivered to Columbia. I will consolidate all the onion orders so I can let the grower know how many bags to pull and ship to us. The onions are packed in Master bags of 4-10lb bags each. **If possible, please order in multiples of 4 so we will not have to break Master Bags when you pick up.** It's just easier for everyone concerned. The delivery date is set for **17 April**. This planned pickup may change, since the growing season depends on weather, rainfall ECT. They will harvest the onions with quality as the primary concern. The pickup date may be adjusted, so be flexible. You will be responsible for transportation from Columbia to your camp. You must pick up the onions on the pickup date because we do not have long term storage area. **You do not have to pay for the onions when you pick them up.**
2. We will sell the onions for \$12/bag so that the camp can gross \$5.50/ bag before expenses. You may set your price at what ever you feel is appropriate (12-15) for your area. I have heard of other organizations selling these onions for as much as \$18-20 per bag. In recent years, Vidalia's Onions have sold for \$1.79 per pound and higher in the grocery stores.

*These are premium onions fresh from the fields. It should be emphasized that this is a donation. We are not trying to compete with the Grocery stores.*

3. Take orders for the onions just like the Girl Scouts do with their cookies: no money up front: pay when the onions are delivered. Each member should be responsible for delivering and collecting from his buyers. You will have 30 days from pickup date to deliver the onions, collect your money and get a check to the Quartermaster.
4. Set goals with your camp for the number of bags per camp member. I would recommend a little tutorial on how to sell at your next meeting. It should be easy for each member to sell 10-15 bags right over the phone. tell them to make a list of all their friends (outside the camp-the purpose of the fund raiser is to get other folks to support out efforts), neighbors, work associates, doctors, vet, dentist, ect, just call them. They had one member sell over 150 bags using his telephone! These Onions are easy to sell, mostly sell them selves
5. So again the delivery date is 17 April 09 and camps orders can be picked up on that day or the next morning.
6. **ALL ORDERS WILL HAVE TO BE IN TO ME BY 9 APRIL MIDNIGHT. I WILL CALL IN THE TOTAL ON THE MORNING OF 10<sup>TH</sup>.**  
**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!!**

If we start this project now we will have a lasting fund raiser that the public will look for you to buy next year. This is a fight to fulfill our charge and preserve and defend our Heritage and it requires ammunition and dollars are our bullets. If you decide to join us, please contact me by email – [Appx3@aol.com](mailto:Appx3@aol.com) or by phone at 803-206-3362

Thank you and May God Bless the South

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