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NASCAR turns down 'General Lee'

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- NASCAR and track officials canceled plans to have pro golfer <u>Bubba Watson</u> drive the "General Lee," the car from the television series "The Dukes of Hazzard (TV Series 1979 – 1985)," at Phoenix International Raceway next month because of concerns about a negative reaction to an image of the Confederate flag on its roof. Watson was scheduled to drive the bright orange 1969 Dodge Charger on a parade lap before the March 4 Sprint Cup series race at Phoenix. The car has a large Confederate flag on its roof, just as it did when it appeared on the show.

"The image of the Confederate flag is not something that should play an official role in our sport as we continue to reach out to new fans and make NASCAR more inclusive," NASCAR spokesman David Higdon said in a statement Friday.

Higdon said it was a joint decision by officials with NASCAR, the racetrack, and track ownership group International Speedway Corp.

Watson, who recently drove the car to the Phoenix Open golf tournament, wrote Thursday on Twitter: "Sorry to say @nascar won't let me drive the General Lee at the @PhoenixRaceway!!! #dreamcrushed."

While the flag may not be welcome in an official capacity in NASCAR, it often can be seen flying from fans' vehicles in racetrack in fields, even as the series has tried to distance itself from it.



Friday at the Northern Trust Open in Los Angeles, Watson said the car only has the flag on it because that's the way it looked on the show.

"The show was not racist. But I understand why people would get upset with the flag," Watson said, adding that he's "learned a lot about the history of the Confederate flag over the last few weeks."

"Obviously, I don't stand for the Confederate flag," Watson said. "The Confederate flag was not used (in the show) for what people see it as today, so that's sad. But NASCAR was built on moonshining, so the show was built on moonshining. I thought it was fun. I didn't buy the car to get publicity; I bought it because I love it."

Watson recently bought the car at an auction for \$110,000. He said he has no intention of selling it and plans to restore its interior. The photo on Watson's Twitter account shows him standing next to the car, and he drove it to the Phoenix Open earlier this month.

"Two days ago, they called my manager and said we can't do it, that NASCAR pulled the plug on it," Watson said. "They said the reason was the Confederate flag on top. I understand if I was using it in that form. But I bought because it's (number) 01, from the TV show, and who doesn't want a car that's been jumped (in a TV stunt)? The TV show was about moonshining, driving in the backwoods in those days."

Watson said he still will attend the Phoenix race, and still plans to let NASCAR driver <u>Denny Hamlin</u> caddy for him in the Par 3 tournament at the Masters. "Me and Denny have been friends for a couple of years," Watson said. "I'll still go to the race, even though I can't drive around the race track."

ESPN.com NASCAR writer David Newton, ESPN.com golf writer Farrell Evans and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Compatriots,

I trust that you are all well. Let me begin by letting you know how honored I am to serve you as your Commander of the finest camp in all the Division! I promise to give my best and to be available when you need me. I realize I am filling huge shoes and I know it will take some time to get comfortable in them. Please have patience with me as I will look to you for direction and leadership as we embark on this fight to embrace 'the Cause' together.

Let me tell you of a question that I was asked at a Leadership training class last year that continues to resonate with me. The question was asked, "What are you using your membership in the Sons for?" When I think of the answer to that question I reflect on my commitment to my duties. Another word we can substitute for commitment is 'promise'. I want to be the first this year to "Thank You" for your commitment/promise to the Lt General Wade Hampton Camp. Your service is never taken for granted by your Camp or your Division!

Now if your commitment status is somewhat similar to mine the day I was asked the question, "What are you using your membership in the Sons for", boy do we have places for you to serve!! You don't have to be a speaker or an editor. You don't have to be a salesman or a web designer. The fact of the matter is, the Camp needs everyone of you involved. I know that some of you absolutely cannot help due to health issues. I realize that others have commitment to family members that have illnesses and other time constraints. However, our Camp needs you who will step up and answer the call to arms to help the fight for 'the Cause' to remain active.

And finally, please join us Thursday, 22 March at 6:00 for dinner or 7:00 for the meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Albert Huskins of Columbia, South Carolina. I have chatted with Dr. Huskins and I believe you will come away with knowledge you can use from his talk. I also ask if you are planning on going down to Myrtle Beach for our Division Reunion March 23 and 24.

we will be happy to hold seats for you at our table. Please inform myself or Charlie Bray before the close of the meeting Thursday. If you need to email me or call me, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at anytime. You can find my information just below. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commander.

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THE SWORD OF ROBERT E. LEE

ABRAHAM J. RYAN (1839-1894)



As noted in the "Important Dates" section March 25 marked the beginning of the Army of Northern Virginia's "LAST" offensive. Let us not forget our Southland's great military leader.

Forth from its scabbard, pure and bright,
Flashed the sword of Lee!
Far in the front of the deadly fight,
High o'er the brave in the cause of Right
Its stainless sheen, like a beacon light,
Led us to Victory!

Out of its scabbard, where, full long,
It slumbered peacefully,
Roused from its rest by the battle's song,
Shielding the feeble, smiting the strong,
Guarding the right, avenging the wrong,
Gleamed the sword of Lee!

Forth from its scabbard, high in the air
Beneath Virginia's sky-And they who saw it gleaming there,
And knew who bore it, knelt to swear
That where that sword led they would dare
To follow--and to die!

Out of its scabbard! Never hand Waved sword from stain as free, Nor purer sword led braver band, Nor braver bled for a brighter land, Nor brighter land had a cause so grand, Nor cause a chief like Lee!

Forth from its scabbard! How we prayed
That sword might victor be;
And when our triumph was delayed,
And many a heart grew sore afraid,
We still hoped on while gleamed the blade
Of noble Robert Lee!

Forth from its scabbard all in vain
Bright flashed the sword of Lee;
Tis shrouded now in its sheath again,
It sleeps the sleep of our noble slain,
Defeated, yet without stain,
Proudly and peacefully!

CHAPLAINS-Witness Walter W. Lindler

Meaning of Flag Draped Coffin

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms.

I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

1st fold of the flag is the symbol of life.

2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance

5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic

8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'



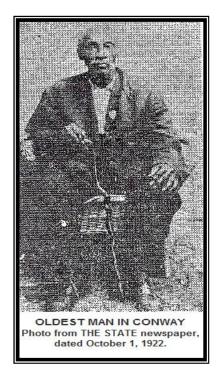
After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.'

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

GOD OUR FATHER, WALK THROUGH OUR HOUSE AND TAKE AWAY ALL OUR WORRIES AND ILLNESSES; AND PLEASE WATCH OVER AND HEAL OUR FAMILIES IN JESUS NAME. AMEN



"Uncle John Moore of Conway, Horry County, is a Negro policeman and has the distinction of being the oldest person in town. He is one of the Wade Hampton Negro Democrats, wearing his "Red Shirt" in 1876, and always voting with his white friends. As a boy he was servant at "Aunt Norman's" boarding house, the then leading hotel of Conwayboro, the county seat of the Independent Republic of Horry. He is now 93 years old and by profession is a brick mason. For many years Uncle John Moore has served as policeman in the Negro section of the city and makes a faithful officer.

Our thanks to camp member Marion Hutson, who provided this newspaper clipping about "Uncle John Moore" and his participation in "Hampton's Red Shirts".

It is hard to believe that this year, beginning May 4th; the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 will begin the 9th "Battle for Columbia Education Day". For those compatriots who have not participated in the BFC Education Day, I must say you have missed a great experience of sharing our "Southern" heritage with the students, teachers and chaperones. The students attending represent Lexington, Calhoun, and Richland county schools as well as a number of home school students. Along with the satisfaction of spending Friday morning outdoors in a beautiful country setting you will be provided a catered lunch where you will be able to enjoy great conversation and the comradeship with your camp members. Compatriots you have a great opportunity to participate in the Battle for Columbia Education Day event and support the heritage left to us by our ancestors who suffered and in many cases died fighting to preserve our heritage.

It is your Camp and we need your support Battle for Columbia Living History and Education Day Friday - May 4th, 2012 8:00 am to 2:00 PM Catered Lunch Provided Please complete the information below and forward to Terry Hughey We need Marshals, publicists, and someone to man the entrance gate. Marshal: **Publicists:** Admissions: Name: Address: Telephone #: E-Mail Address: Forward To: **Terry Hughey** 908 Shadowleaf Ct. Columbia, SC 29212 Home TN: (803) 781-2416 TMHrawhide@bellsouth.net

Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

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March 2, 1861	Texas is admitted to the Confederate States of America.
March 3, 1861	General Beauregard assumes command of the CS Army at Charleston, SC.
March 4, 1861	Lincoln is inaugurated on March 4, the 16th president said he had no plans to
	end slavery in those states where it already existed, but he also said he would
	not accept secession.
March 11, 1861	Constitution of Confederate States of America is signed in Montgomery, Al.
March 21, 1861	CSA Vice President Alexander H. Stephens gave his famous "Cornerstone
	Speech" in Savannah, Ga.
March 7-8, 1862 March 8, 1862 March 9, 1862	Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas Confederate ironclad Merrimac enters Hampton Roads, destroys Union warships Battle of Monitor-Merrimac in Hampton Roads
March 21, 1862	First battle of Kernstown, Virginia
March 3, 1863	The U.S. Congress enacts a draft, affecting male citizens aged 20 to 45, but also
	exempt those who pay \$300 or provide a substitute. "The blood of a poor man is
	as precious as that of the wealthy," poor Northerners complain.
March 9, 1864	Lincoln appoints U. S. Grant commander of all Union armies and General
	William T. Sherman takes over as commander in the West.
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The last offensive for Lee's Army of Northern Virginia begins with an attack on

the center of Grant's forces at Petersburg. Four hours later the attack is broken

Battle of Waynesboro, Virginia

March 2, 1865

March 25, 1865

Next Camp Meeting Thursday March 22, 2012 06:00p.m.



Seawell's Restaurant 1125 Rosewood Dr. Columbia, SC Speaker: Dr. Albert Huskins

Y'all COME!!!!

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