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STEREOTYPING THE OLD SOUTH

by Jack Hunter, as appeared in the "Charleston City Paper" April 6, 2011

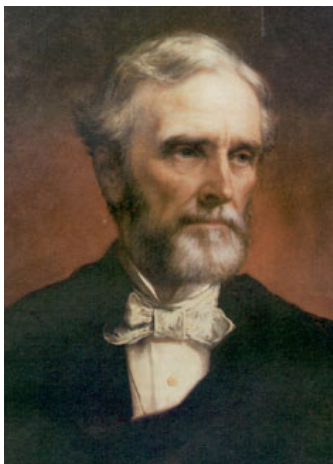
The older I get, the more I despise racism. I'm not talking about the Left's cartoon version in which it is assumed that every conceivable human thought or action must contain some sort of prejudicial racial motive, but the genuine article in which knuckle-dragging morons try to dehumanize their fellow man based on nothing more than the color of their skin. Life is too short for such needless hatred. Life is too special to diminish it to mere biology.

This is not to say that acknowledging race, discussing racial issues, or even holding certain attitudes about race is necessarily wrong. In fact, it's unavoidable. But there's a world of difference between being merely politically incorrect and being racist. The greatest mistake made by racists and anti-racists alike is that both tend to believe that race means absolutely everything or it must mean absolutely nothing. Both positions are absurd. Race unquestionably matters, but it's not all that matters and rarely

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QUOTE FROM CSA PRESIDENT, JEFFERSON DAVIS



Jefferson Finis Davis
1808 - 1889

"When certain sovereign and independent states form a union with limited powers for some general purpose, and any one or more of them, in the progress of time, suffer unjust and oppressive grievances for which there is no redress but in a withdrawal from the association, is such withdrawal an insurrection? If so, then of what advantage is a compact of union to states? Within the Union are oppressions and grievances; the attempt to go out brings war and subjugation. The ambitious and aggressive states obtain possession of the central authority which, having grown strong in the lapse of time, asserts its entire sovereignty over the states.

Whichever of them denies it and seeks to retire is declared to be guilty of insurrection, its citizens are stigmatized as "rebels", as if they revolted against a master, and a war of subjugation is begun. If this action is once tolerated, where will it end? Where is constitutional liberty? What strength is there in bills of rights-in limitation of power? What new hope for mankind is to be found in written constitutions, what remedy which did not exist under kings of emperors? If the doctrines thus announced by the government of the United States are conceded, then look through either end of the political telescope, and one sees only an empire, and the once famous Declaration of Independence trodden in the dust of as a "glittering generality," and the compact of the union denounced as a "flaunting lie".

Those who submit to such consequence without resistance are not worthy the liberties and rights to which they were born, and deserve to be made slaves. Such must be the verdict of mankind."

- Pres. Jefferson Davis

"The education of a man is never completed until he dies." ~ Robert E Lee

As this newsletter reaches your mailboxes, Wade Hampton Camp compatriots will have completed much of the work in order to kick off the 8th annual Battle for Columbia living history event at the Culler farm located in Sandy Run, SC. This event becomes the single focus of many in our camp through out much of the year and the fruits of their labor will show on May 6th through 8th 2011.

Our Friday event, Education Day will include over 1,000 local area students and educators. It includes educational stations showcasing infantry, artillery, cavalry, blacksmith, carpentry, ladies fashions, music, post office, engineering, and much, much, more. Students will also have the opportunity to see and talk to impressionists of Generals Lee, Jackson and Stuart. Finally, anyone who has ever seen Ken Bickley's moving story of a soldier's life would be hard pressed to walk away dry eyed. At the end of the day on Friday May 6th, the students that have experienced our Education Day will have learned more than they could have in a

classroom. Our hope is that this single day of learning will stay with them through out their entire lives.

Saturday and Sunday's event includes a thrilling reenactment including infantry, artillery and cavalry. The battle field at the Culler farm is one of the most impressive with a spacious landscape, carefully carved earthworks, and a signal tower overlooking "Fort Mick". Two separate adjoining Federal and Confederate camps are certainly a sight for anyone to experience how the WBTS soldier spent daily living. There will be sutler tents for those interested in period clothing and accessories, and food vendors selling a variety of good things to eat. Finally, our Camp's quartermasters will be on hand selling books, DVD's, and redshirts.

Many of you have received tickets either at our last meeting or by mail. Ticket sales are the driving force to ensure the success of Battle for Columbia. I urge all compatriots to buy and sell tickets. If you have not received ticket, or need more, please contact me by phone or email and I will make sure you receive them. We will also have tickets available at our next camp meeting.

The list of compatriots who contribute to BFC is too long to list, as it would look much like our camp roster. If you are new to our camp or have not participated in a while, I encourage you to come out to the BFC workdays as well as any of the event days. Trust me; the work is plentiful but never hard. Most picture that I have of past BFC events show compatriots with smiles on their faces, but no sweat on their brows.

Finally, thanks to all (past and present) that have made Battle for Columbia the success that it is today. Like the Confederate soldier in the late stages of the war, many in our camp have grown weary of the tireless work needed to stage an event of this size. This has not been an endeavor that is easily undertaken. Our camp has stuck to the hardship, year after year, to ensure success. BFC is not the largest event. It is not the most recognized event. It is not the most profitable event. But like everything else that the Wade Hampton Camp does, it is **FIRST CLASS**.

I hope to see all at our next meeting scheduled for Thursday April 21 at 6pm. **CS**

CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

WALTER W. LINDLER

Psalm 147: "HE HEALETH THE BROKEN IN HEART AND BANDETH UP THEIR WOUNDS".

As I was listening to an Alan Jackson song, "The day the world stopped turning", it brought back many memories of that tragic day "9/11". I began to wonder about all the people who lost their lives and also those who survived the tragedy. What about all the people that for some reason were not at their work place or the twin towers that morning?

Do you know where you were that day? I was traveling down I-20 going to Myrtle Beach when I heard the news on the radio. I thought at first it was a joke or prank and not true at all. Then I found out it was really happening. IT WAS REAL. I could not believe what I was hearing. "My God what is happening to our country"? Then I really began to wonder what God's

plan was for me that day...

I heard a story of a business man whom I will never meet, but I know God wanted me to listen to his story. He was CEO of a large security company that invited the remaining company members, of a company who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers, to share their office space. He told these people, with a very shaky voice, why they were alive and counterparts did not live through this tragedy. He began by telling of the head of a company in the towers whose son started kindergarten. He was late for work; therefore his life was spared.

An interesting story of another survivor was the gentleman who had just put on a new pair of shoes that morning and on the way to work got a blister on his foot and had to stop by the drugstore to get a band aid. Because of this his life was

spared as well.

Now when I am complaining of having to sit in traffic or because I have missed my elevator or having to answer an annoying phone call, I pause and remind myself: I am exactly where God wants me to be this very moment. He is always in control.

These are just a few examples of that day. I hope that God will continue to bless you with all the annoying little things in life.

May 10, 2011 is Confederate Memorial Day. I know that the war had to be God's plan because he wanted our soldier's right where they were during the Civil War. Remember our ancestors and honor them for what they sacrificed for us to have a better way of life. Psalm 116:12 "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me"? **CS**

IN MEMORIAM

We send our condolences in regards to Compatriot Herbert R Snyder who passed November 17, 2010. Mr. Snyder, Father in Law of Compatriot John R. Martin, served his country in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, The Bronze Star, 2 Army Commendation Medals and several other awards and medals. He was also commissioned a Colonel in the Joint Services Detachment of the SC Military Department. His name will be placed in the next Confederate Veterans Magazine "The Last Roll". **CS**

what matters most. This is particularly worth noting when discussing the Civil War.

My entire adult life I have defended the Old South and the Southern cause in America's bloodiest war, not because I support slavery or racism, but despite it. The positive parallels between what the Confederacy was fighting for in 1861 and what the American colonists fought for in 1776 are many and obvious: republican democracy, political and economic freedom, independence, defense of one's homeland. But these causes are never obvious to critics who can only see the other parallel, that both the Old South and the 13 colonies were dependent upon, and protective of, the institution of slavery.

In the United States today, the very concepts of states' rights, nullification, secession, and other examples of Jeffersonian democracy are routinely dismissed as racist doublespeak. When a number of states recently declared that they might attempt to nullify Obamacare, their critics emphasized the fact that there seemed to be a high degree of hostility toward America's first black president. Of course, this was coupled with the establishment's tried-and-true narrative that allowing states' rights is what the Old South was all about.

When Virginia's Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli appeared on Hardball with Chris Matthews in December to explain

that state's proposal to repeal unconstitutional federal laws, as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison explicitly encouraged Virginia and Kentucky to do in 1798, the establishment spokesman Matthews chortled, "You know who's going to like this? The old Johnny Rebs are going to love it. This is antebellum." Matthews' contention that the "old Johnny Rebs" would love a return to states' rights is no doubt correct, but the liberal host's obvious purpose was to attach the very concept to the issues of race and slavery.

Such tunnel vision concerning the Old South hasn't always been the norm. While reasonable people have always agreed that race and slavery cannot be separated from the Civil War, there was a time in this country when it was also acceptable to consider the Old South from other perspectives. Robert E. Lee was once considered as venerable as the Founders. T.S. Eliot once praised the Old South as the last bastion of Old World European-style civilization. Pop culture even celebrated the Confederacy as late as the 1980s with the Dukes of Hazzard, a television show featuring an orange Dodge Charger emblazoned with the Confederate flag. No one at the time accused television executives of attempting to bring back slavery.

This is not to dismiss slavery,

only to say that its existence is no excuse to dismiss everything else. As Marxist historian Eugene Genovese once told The New York Times, "We went from history that celebrated the South, if in a defensive way, to the South as the citadel of the devil, a place you couldn't say anything positive about it without being denounced as a racist."

And this is undoubtedly where we stand today. Some of my fellow Southerners, who honor their Confederate ancestors and the cause for which they fought, do their heritage a disservice when they pretend that cause had nothing to do with slavery. Likewise, those who try to reduce the entire history of the South to race and race alone are not being honest or accurate. Any discussion of the Civil War must invariably include slavery, but this is not all that mattered at the time. Americans who try to make this the case dehumanize 19th century white Southerners in much the same way that racists stereotype minorities.

There is a difference between being politically incorrect and being racist. But there is no difference between whitewashing Southern history and refusing to tell the region's entire history, which requires deviating from the politically correct parameters of black and white. *CS*

CAMP CALENDAR

April 23 – BFC work day – 9am Culler Farm, Sandy Run

April 30 – BFC work day – 9am Culler Farm, Sandy Run

April 30 – Onion sales pick up - 1pm - flag site on US1 in the Oakgrove community

May 5 – Put out flags at First Presbyterian Church - 5pm - The Wade Hampton Camp will meet at First Presbyterian Church Cemetery to place flags on Confederate Soldiers graves in honor of Confederate Memorial Day.

May 6 – Battle for Columbia Education day - 8am – 3pm. Marshals and workers needed! Please contact JD Holt at 318-2614 if you are available to volunteer.

May 7 – Confederate Memorial Day (Division Event) - Annual Confederate Memorial Day sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. UDC services begin at 10 am at Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia. Directly following UDC services, there will be a march to the Statehouse where the SC Division SCV ceremony will conclude.

May 7 & 8 – Battle for Columbia! Visit: www.wadehamptoncamp.org/bfc-index.html

May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day (Camp Sponsored) The Wade Hampton Camp will stand guard at the Soldier's Monument located on the SC Statehouse grounds from 8 am until 5pm. Compatriots are strongly encouraged to attend. Dress is strictly period uniform or coat and tie.

Also Earl Eargle, camp quartermaster, would like to announce that they are looking for someone to take over the quartermasters duties. Anyone interested should contact Earl or J.D. Holt.

Important Dates in The War for Southern Freedom:

Apr. 11, 1861	Confederates order the surrender of Ft. Sumter at Charleston, SC.
Apr. 12, 1861	4:30 AM, Confederates begin the bombardment of Ft. Sumter.
Apr. 13, 1861	Ft. Sumter surrenders to Confederate forces after a 34 hour bombardment.
Apr. 17, 1861	Virginia adopts an ordinance of secession in Richmond.
Apr. 19, 1861	Lincoln declares a blockade against the ports of SC, GA, AL, MS, LA, and TX.
Apr. 22, 1861	Franklin Buchanan, commander of the Washington Navy Yard, resigns from the U.S. Navy to join the Confederacy.
Apr. 27, 1861	Federal blockade extended to VA and NC coasts. Virginia Convention invites the Confederate government to make Richmond the seat of government.
Apr. 25, 1861	Seven companies from the 1st, 3rd, and 8th U.S. Infantry Regiments surrender to van Dorn near Durham Station, NC.
Apr. 06, 1862	Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee— the 2nd largest battle of the war. Confederate assault drives back the Federal Army.
Apr. 11, 1862	Federals surrender Ft. Pulaski near Savannah.
Apr. 21, 1862	Col. Earl Van Dorn accepts command of the Confederate forces in TX.
Apr. 22, 1862	Confederate raiders capture several Federal vessels in Aransas Bay, TX.
Apr. 15, 1863	CSS <i>Alabama</i> captures two U.S. whalers off the coast of Brazil.
Apr. 08, 1864	Red River Campaign. Battle of Mansfield, LA.
Apr. 30, 1864	Joe Davis, son of C.S. President Jefferson Davis, is killed at Richmond.
Apr. 01, 1865	Appomattox Campaign. Battle of Five Forks, southwest of Petersburg.
Apr. 02, 1865	General A.P. Hill is killed near Petersburg.
Apr. 03, 1865	Fall of Richmond and Petersburg.
Apr. 09, 1865	A sad day. Gen. Lee surrenders over 26,000 veterans of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Courthouse.
Apr. 10, 1865	Lee issues his final general orders as a soldier, bidding his troops an "affectionate farewell."
Apr. 14, 1865	U.S. President Abraham Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in

April Camp Meeting
THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST
6 O'CLOCK P.M.



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 Joe Long,
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