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A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

The following article appeared in the U.S. News section of the **March 27, 2012 issue of the Wall Street Journal** and is one more example of how political correctness is impacting our "Southern Heritage". The sad truth is we now have to deal with the very organization that raised the money and erected this memorial 101 years ago, the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC).

Fall of Confederate Statue Ignites Civil War in Its Home

REIDSVILLE, N.C.—Mark Anthony Vincent says he was tired and distracted as he drove his van through this city early one morning last May to deliver auto parts, and dozed off. Mr. Vincent says he looked at his GPS just before 4:47 a.m., when the 1999 Chevrolet ran off the road and slammed into a 101-year-old Confederate veteran's monument in Reidsville's central roundabout.

The van struck the 32-foot-tall granite pillar, jostling a 6-foot marble statue of a Confederate soldier, which toppled onto the van and broke into at least 10 pieces. The soldier's head slammed through the van's hood, crushing the engine. "He still had some fight in him," a shaken Mr. Vincent told a television news crew at the time.

The monument's destruction shocked this factory town of 15,000, once called "Lucky City" because it was a major producer of Lucky Strike cigarettes, owned by the former American Tobacco Co.

It also has ignited a civil war of sorts.

Many in Reidsville thought insurance would pay for a replacement and that would be that. Instead, two groups with different views of what the monument symbolized are squaring off in a debate over the statue's future. The fight reflects the South's continuing struggle over how to commemorate the Civil War.

The statue's owner—the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which collected \$105,000 in insurance money for the piece—plans to repair the base of the monument, replace the statue and move the whole thing to a cemetery away from downtown.

The statue's broken pieces now lie in the city's public-works yard.

City officials, who say they have no authority over the statue, applaud the UDC decision. "Once it's down, I think it sends the wrong message to put it back up," said James Festerman, the 69-year-old white mayor of a city that is 42% black. "I don't want industries that might want to move here to think this is a little town still fighting the Civil War."

Other locals want the statue restored to its original location to honor those who defended the Confederacy. "It's a part of Reidsville. It's a part of history," said Steve Hall, 62, co-owner of Hall Well & Plumbing. "I had ancestors that fought in that war and lost their lives."

The Historical Preservation Action Committee, a local organization that backs keeping the statue at its former site, has led numerous protests at the roundabout, with members and supporters often dressed in Confederate uniforms. It has gathered almost 3,000 signatures of support. A "Save the Reidsville Confederate Monument" Facebook page has more than 1,900 "likes."

"How sad that the City is attempting to eradicate the history and memory of those that sacrificed so much," one fan wrote on the Facebook page.

"They won't replace it because of something called 'political correctness,'" said Ira Tilley, the local mortician who is also an HPAC spokesman. "It doesn't have to do with race or politics or anything. It has to do with principle. When you have an accident, you fix it.

The HPAC—which contends that either the city or the state owns the statue—joined with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a national heritage group, to hire a lawyer to press the state to intervene. The state refused. Now the HPAC has started raising money for a possible lawsuit against the city or the United Daughters. The threat of legal action has left the statue's repair and replacement in limbo.



The United Daughters, a matronly group that erected monuments across the South in the late 1800s and early 1900s, disputes the claim that the proposed statue relocation amounts to a nefarious attempt to diminish the city's Confederate heritage. "Distortions and untruths continue to be their forte," wrote Aileen Ezell, president of the North Carolina UDC, about the Sons of Confederate Veterans in her group's latest newsletter. Reached at home, Ms. Ezell said she had no further comment.

"Frankly, we are just worn out with it right now," she said.

Dear Compatriots,

I trust you are well and eager to continue in the push for the "Cause". As our last Dr. Huskins taught some of us the origination of the Confederate flags we too must carry on this educational process with our friends, family and absent members. Absent members are a huge part of what should encourage us to make contacts from meeting to meeting. If you would like a roster of our camp members, feel free to let me or Charlie know.

Our speaker this month will be Kenny Robinson. After speaking with Kenny and getting a feel for his talk, I already am ready for his talk. Kenny will be speaking on Confederate veterans of the Spanish American War. You will not want to miss his talk! Invite a friend or pick up a member in route to our meeting.

Thank you for the response already to the Battle for Columbia that is coming up soon! So many areas have to be covered. There are still some spots we do not have covered. I know if you offer to help with this event you will get the feeling of helping to carry on the "Cause" for very little effort. Also, bring someone along to get them involved in the Sons. What a wonderful way to introduce a friend or family to a wonderful "Cause".

Please let me know if I can help you or if you think of something you would like to see at our meeting or concerning our organization. Will see you on the 19th.

Greg

CHAPLAINS Witness

WALTER W. LINDLER

I hope that everyone had a Joyous Easter and celebrated the true meaning and what it meant for *CHRIST* dying on the cross so that we could have Life Eternal.

We often forget to give thanks for what we have and for what others may need and what they may be going through in everyday life struggles.

Please continue to pray for our camp members and their families that are in need as you read this poem in hopes it will remind us all that we need to take more time for others and less time for our selfness.

I knelt to pray but not for long,
I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work
For bills would soon be due.
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,
And jumped up off my knees..
My Christian duty was now done
My soul could rest at ease.....

All day long I had no time
To spread a word of cheer
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear...
No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time, the time to die.

I went before the Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in his hands God held a book;
It was the book of life.
God looked into his book and said
"Your name I cannot find
I once was going to write it down...
But never found the time."
Author unknown...

ADJUTANTS REPORT

CHARLES D. BRAY III

There is so much I would like to say regarding our heritage and the opportunities we will have in the near future but there is one aspect of my job which I look forward to as your adjutant and that is welcoming new members to the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273. We had the good fortune during the March 22nd meeting to swear in two new members. A few days following the March 22nd meeting I received the paper work from a current SCV member who has chosen to transfer to us from another camp.

Compatriot Doyle K. Gaines is a resident of Gilbert, SC joined the SCV and his ancestor is his "Great Great Grandfather" Hiram T. Gaines, Macon County, Georgia and was a Captain in the 3rd Company 13th Military District. Captain Hiram T. Gaines died on December 6, 1869 while in service and is buried in Lebanon Cemetery, Macon Co., Georgia.

Compatriot William Barnhill Goodwin is a resident of Columbia, SC and his ancestor is his "Grandfather" Corporal Joseph Phillip Goodwin, Wake County, North Carolina, and was a Corporal in Bragg's Division Company "D" 31st Regiment N.C. Troops. Corporal Joseph Phillip Goodwin was discharged February 1, 1865 and is buried in Wake County, N.C.

Compatriot Richard Roth has transferred to the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 from the Hampton Red Shirt Riders Camp 1876, Cayce, SC.

Let us welcome these men into our organization as brothers in arms for the cause which we all support – our Southern Heritage and our ancestor's good name.

Upcoming Heritage Events – April and May 2012

Compatriots this marks a special time of the year for the Wade Hampton Camp 273 in our never ending quest to seek honor and respect for our ancestor's deeds and memory as being the world's greatest soldiers.

During the months of April and May we have several opportunities to present our cause to the people of South Carolina,

the United States and the world regarding our heritage and are detailed following this. I cannot stress enough that we need each of you to come forth during this period of time to show we are strong in our conviction to support the charge given to us by;

Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

The following events will be taking place during April and May and I would like for you and your families to attend and show support for our cause.

LT. GEN. WADE HAMPTON MEMORIAL SERVICE – APRIL 21, 2012

ROBERT L. SLIMP

The Wade Hampton Memorial Service will be held on Saturday afternoon at **2:00** o'clock in Keenan Chapel at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 1100 Sumter St., Columbia, SC (the chapel is on the Senate St. side of Trinity Cathedral). We will have a very outstanding speaker in Dr. David Aiken of Charleston, who until his retirement last May was a tenured professor of English at the Citadel in Charleston. In his later years at El Cid, he also taught some courses at the College of Charleston. His main interest is Southern History. He is a nationally known authority on the works of William Gilmore Simms and also the War for Southern Independence. His topic will be "Wade Hampton a civilizing influence."

Dr. Aiken is a well known author of such books as "A City Laid Waste," and "Fire in the Cradle: Charleston's Literary Heritage." In addition, we will have some

of Wade Hampton descendants attending the memorial service, and "Maplewood," a band directed by our own compatriot Don Jones. We will have a number of Order of Confederate Rose ladies, dressed in mourning clothes, and we will sing together, not only Dixie, but one or two of the real war verses our soldiers sang.

Following the Chapel Observance, we will visit the grave of our hero Lt. General Wade Hampton, III and then proceed to the State House grounds where a ceremony will be held at the Equestrian Monument of our hero. This will be followed by a rifle and artillery salute and the sounding of Taps and Tattoo.

If the weather is dry, Mr. Kirkman Finlay will invite us to visit the ruins of the Hampton Plantation home, Millwood, where there only remain six ruined Corinthian columns. Before it was burned by Gen. Sherman, it was considered by

many the most magnificent plantation home in South Carolina. We are appealing to all of our Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp Compatriots to come out and take part in this tribute to our greatest South Carolina of the War, Reconstruction and who helped rebuild his state as serving as Governor and as a United States Senator. People may come as they feel comfortable, but reenactors in uniform and both ladies and gentlemen attired in period costume. Between now and the event, which is free to the public, it will be well advertised.

We know that with all of our Camp activities, plus Holy Week and Easter, and Income tax day, all of us are busy. However, we must remember our ancestors. This will be a time when we think of our own ancestors as well as General/Governor/US Senator Wade Hampton.

ROLL CALL OF THE DEAD – MAY 4, 2012

ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE

The ladies of the OCR will conduct the Reading of the Roll Call of the Dead on the SC Statehouse steps Friday, May 4, 2012. The ceremony begins at 10:00 AM, and will continue through the evening and night until completed. Solemnly, each known soldier from South Carolina is honored by having his name and rank read aloud, followed by the tolling of a bell. The record of the known dead of

South Carolina's military personnel who gave their lives for their state and nation in the War of 1861-1865 contain more than 18,000 names. This does not include the approximately 8,000 fallen veterans from the Palmetto State who are yet unknown. The last few names will be read at the SCV Confederate Memorial Day Services on Saturday morning May 5th at Elmwood Cemetery.



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY & SC STATE HOUSE – MAY 5, 2012

UDC

The Statewide Confederate Memorial Day Observance will begin at Elmwood Cemetery, 501 Elmwood Ave. Columbia, SC, on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The service will be conducted by the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). Elmwood Cemetery is located off Elmwood Ave. at the I-26 off-ramp in downtown Columbia. The Confederate Memorial Day Service schedule for these observances is as follows:

Place:

Memorial Service at Elmwood Cemetery, conducted by the ladies of the UDC.

Time:

10:00 AM – 10:40 AM, Cemetery Service
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM, Form Procession
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Procession to State House
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Service at State House



Placing the wreath at Elmwood Cemetery.

Compatriots, it is hard for me to believe that this is the 9th year we have held the “Battle for Columbia” re-enactment. In the beginning I was pretty certain that the Wade Hampton Camp had bitten off more than it could chew with this endeavor, but, here we are on the verge of seeing the 9th presentation! The Wade Hampton Camp has a great deal to be proud of, not the least of which is the many public, independent and home schooled young people we have had the opportunity to present our ancestors story of bravery, hardship and valor.

Personally, school day, the Friday before the reenactment, has been my favorite event of the weekend. Since my first school day I have looked forward to working with the teachers, parents and, of course, the young people that I help lead through the many venues where the presenters share their knowledge of this period in our country’s history with the

students and answer their questions.

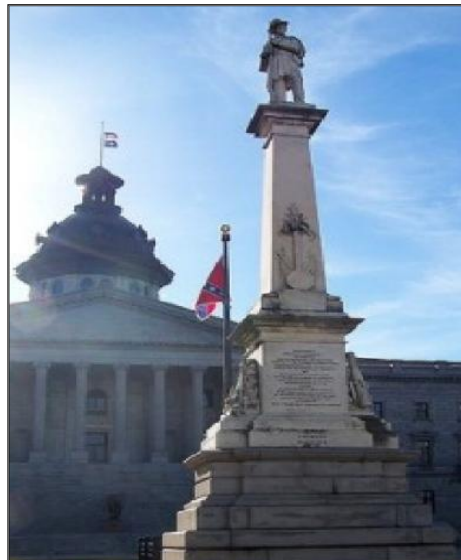
As you know, the Wade Hampton Camp has mailed out a ticket sales packet to each camp member requesting that you please sell 5 Battle for Columbia tickets and, if you can sell more, then we can certainly provide additional tickets to anyone needing them. These advance ticket sales are very important to the BFC team since we have little wiggle room regarding our budget. As each of you know, the economy has impacted all of us resulting in increased costs for nearly everything the average citizen purchases. Discretionary spending on entertainment such as “living history” re-enactments has been hit especially hard. As of April 10, 2012 ***we have received positive response from 22 camp members or 12.36% of our membership.*** We need all camp members to come together to make this year’s battle a great success. An immediate response is needed so that we may continue to build on this important work!



SOUTH CAROLINA CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – MAY 10, 2012**CHARLIE BRAY**

The Wade Hampton Camp will provide Confederate Memorial Day observance at the Confederate Soldier Monument in front of the South Carolina State House. Camp members Marion Hutson and Jim Harley have for many years participated in this observance and represented our camp well.

Your participation with your compatriots during this observance will allow everyone involved to have some relief for what can be a long tiring day in the sun. We do ask that you wear appropriate attire such as period clothing, confederate soldier uniforms or appropriate civilian attire.



The Confederate Memorial Day schedule is;

07:00AM – Flags and Participants in front of Confederate Soldier Monument

06:00PM – Observance Ends

**Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact
Compatriot Scott James: Phone (803) 781-1836, E-mail wscottjames@bellsouth.net
WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!**

Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

April 12, 1861	Confederates fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor.
April 13, 1861	Fort Sumter surrenders to the Confederate forces
April 15, 1861	Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers
April 17, 1861	Virginia Convention votes for secession
April 6-7, 1861	Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee is fought
April 11, 1862	Union forces capture Fort Pulaski, Georgia. Union forces on nearby Tybee Island used the first rifled cannon in history to breach the walls. Within only 30 hours, the introduction of rifled cannon demonstrated the end of masonry forts.
April 25, 1862	New Orleans, La. falls to Union naval forces under Admiral Farragut.
April 12, 1864	Fort Pillow in Jackson, TN. is captured is captured by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest
April 2, 1865	Petersburg, Va. is occupied by Union forces
April 2-3, 1865	Richmond falls, Confederate government evacuates
April 9, 1865	Lee surrenders to Gen. Grant at Appomattox Court House
April 14, 1865	Lincoln is shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday April 19, 2012
6:00p.m.



Seawell's Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Dr.
Columbia, SC

Speaker:

Mr. Kenny Robinson

Topic:

Confederate Veterans of the
Spanish American War

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