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U.S. MARINES BOOT RECRUITS WITH CONFEDERATE TATTOOS

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT MILITARY THINKS OF HISTORIC SOUTHERN SYMBOL

By Chelsea Schilling

A widely regarded Southern symbol of pride and states' rights is standing in the way of would-be Marines in their quest to serve their country – a Confederate battle flag.

Straight out of high school, one 18-year-old Tennessee man was determined to serve his country as a Marine. His friend said he passed the pre-enlistment tests and physical exams and looked forward with excitement to the day he would ship out to boot camp.

But there would be no shouting drill instructors, no rigorous physical training and no action-packed stories for the aspiring Marine to share with his family.

Shortly before he was scheduled to leave Nashville for boot camp, the Marine Corps rejected him.

Now, the young man, who wishes to remain unnamed and declined to be interviewed, has chosen to return to school and is no longer an aspiring Marine.

"I think he just wants to let it go," said former Marine 1st Lt. Gene Andrews, a friend of the man and patriotic Southerner who served in Vietnam from 1968 through 1971. Andrews is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a group of male descendants of Confederate soldiers. He counseled the young man

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U.S. Marine hoists Confederate flag during World War II

KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY EMASCULATED BY CULTURAL MARXISTS

By Amanda Peterson

Thomas Williams, president of the UA chapter of Kappa Alpha, said in a statement Thursday that the members chose to cancel the Old South parade after deciding that it was not "in congruence with our values as an organization."

Williams said they made the decision after consulting with alumni, the fraternity's national office and UA student affairs officials.

"We support an inclusive campus environment, and as an organization we chose not to participate in an activity that we knew other members of the community found offensive," he said.


University officials did not specifically ask the fraternity to end the practice. In 2009, after the parade interrupted the 35th anniversary celebration for Alpha Kappa Alpha, a historically black sorority, AKA alumnae sent a letter to UA President Robert Witt requesting that the administration end Old South celebrations.

Dean of Students Tim Hebson said UA officials are pleased KA members found a way to honor their history while also showing that they want to be cooperative and compassionate members of the UA community.

"The members of the fraternity understand that when traditions hurt others, even unintentionally, it's time to change them," Hebson said in a statement. "This year, they are committed to upholding the ideals of their founding fathers while demonstrating respect for everyone on campus."

An internal memo posted on the Kappa Alpha Order's Web site from the KA executive council to all chapters and alumni said that KA members could not wear Confederate uniforms at Old South balls or parades. The memo from Executive Director Larry Weise was dated Jan. 21.

"In today's climate, the order can ill afford to offend our host institutions and fend off significant negative national press and remain effective at our core mission, which is to aid young men in becoming better community leaders and citizens," Weise said in the memo.

Kappa Alpha was founded in 1865 at Washington & Lee University, formerly known as Washington College. Chapters hold Old South week celebrations to honor their founders according to information on chapter Web sites. Members dress in Confederate uniforms to honor founders who had fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. 

Source: *The Crimson White*, University of Alabama. 22 April 2010. Published under the title "Fraternity adjust traditions."

I want to thank the many Wade Hampton Camp members that participated in this year's *Confederate Memorial Day* and *Battle For Columbia* activities. We were blessed all weekend with clear weather, and had a great opportunity to fellowship with SCV members and re-enactors from across the southeast. As always, the Wade Hampton Camp continued to honor our ancestors and present true history in a first class manner.

Friday, April 29 kicked off the weekend with my favorite SCV event - Living History and Education Day. Approximately 800 students, teachers and parents were in attendance. Students had the opportunity to view 16 living history stations including the CSS HL Hunley; artillery, infantry and cavalry stations; as well as history from the Confederate Relic Room and Cayce museums. The group I marshaled especially enjoyed David Chaltas and Danny Buckner as Generals

Lee and Jackson.

Saturday, there was a great turn out by our fellow Wade Hampton Camp compatriots at Elmwood Cemetery, followed by a march to the State House grounds to observe *Confederate Memorial Day*. Both events were well attended by SCV camps across the state. The ceremonies were very well put together, but the most memorable thing had to be the rifle and cannon salutes afterwards. The surrounding Columbia buildings literally shook in waves from the impact of cannon fire. I'm sure that our ancestors could hear the roar!

For many, the day didn't end there. Compatriots at the State House quickly packed up and traveled to Sandy Run for *Battle For Columbia*. A great crowd attended the Saturday and Sunday battles, but what was especially memorable for me was my 5 year old my son, Davis witnessed his first reenactment. Most

young boys love guns and horses, and Davis is no exception. When asked what his favorite part of BFC was, he answered "when the all the Yankees were knocked down by the cannons at once". Now, I will always cherish the phrase "Give 'em the canister!"

There were so many compatriots involved with the weekend activities that I could fill the pages of this newsletter with names and still miss someone. I want to express my personal gratitude and say how proud I am to be associated with the Lt Gen Wade Hampton Camp. Your involvement over the three days between April 30th and May 2nd was a true testament to Stephen Dill Lee's Charge.

This month's speaker will be Alan Roberson from the Confederate Relic Room. I hope that all will attend the meeting on May 20 at 6:00. Until then, keep up the great work! ☞

CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

LARRY BATES

For many of us in the Camp, the 2010 *Battle For Columbia* School Day and Re-enactment is over and now is the time for rest and renewal before starting to work towards 2011. I cannot thank enough those members who came out on workdays and who helped us by being a marshal or an educational station presenter with groups of students during the school day. There were a lot of compliments from the students, parents and teachers about how well you did your job. The event site was in great condition, everyone worked hard to get the site ready, weed-eating, limb trimming, hauling firewood, keeping the site clean during the weekend, etc. It was hot and dirty at times, but you forged straight ahead without complaint knowing the goal of educating the public about the Confederate Soldier and the War Between the States was every bit worth it. I enjoyed working beside you, the fellowship was inspiring.

Here are a few comments we received from students who attended School Day:

"I'm soooo interested in history and this field trip taught me about the hardships of war...This was the BEST field trip EVER."

"Thank you so much for teaching us about history!... if you were in school, you all would have made an A+++++. (Wish I was still in school). I am going to beg my parents to bring me back on Saturday."

"I LOVED everything about the

BFC, especially the mystery behind the H.L. Hunley. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped bring history alive."

"I enjoyed learning more about the Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. They look just like the real Generals! I was intrigued by all that they told us."

"I learned a lot at the Confederate Relic Room...Mr. Long taught us a lot of things. He was both funny and serious at the same time. He even let us pretend we were using a saber and we got to go through all the motions."

"The infantry was neat...I learned some new things about the foot soldiers."

And, from the teachers:

"What an AWESOME day!!!

Please thank everyone that volunteered for the event! Our guide Melinda was amazing and very helpful! This has been by far the BEST field trip that the 4th grade has taken! I appreciate everyone's hard work!"

"What a wonderful event! My students had a fantastic time on Friday. The children were thrilled with all the things they saw and learned. All of you do such a wonderful job putting this event on for the children to make history come alive for them."

You can see it when the students arrive on site and walk through the entrance gate. Something in their hearts comes alive, there is something true about this place that breathes hope and life and

the atmosphere is one of learning in a fun and relaxing environment.

Our goal is to educate, succinctly put, to tell the truth about the war. To that end, you all did a fine job working as a team. I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with. Your relationship with God and your families is what is most important and we thank you for your help. Galatians 6:9, 10: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." ☞

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Gentlemen:

As of May 10th, we have 185 regular paid members and 16 paid associate members.

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

—Ricky Badger

CAMP CALENDAR

May 20 - Camp meeting.

June 17 - Camp meeting.

July 4 -9 - Sam Davis Youth Camp, Camp Kinard, Batesburg – Leesville, SC

July 21 – 25 - 2010 Annual SCV National Reunion, Anderson, SC

when he decided to become a Marine.

"He had been talking to me, and he was all fired up about joining," he told WND [Editor's Note: "World Net Daily," the source of this article]. "He asked my opinion of it, and I just tried to tell him the truth, good points and bad points."

When the young recruit didn't go to boot camp, Andrews learned of his rejection based on his tattoo of the Confederate battle flag on his shoulder.

Current Marine Corps tattoo policy states, "Tattoos/brands that are sexist (express nudity), racist, eccentric or offensive in nature, express an association with conduct or substances prohibited by the Marine Corps drug policy and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to include tattoos associated with illegal drugs, drug usage or paraphernalia, are prohibited. Tattoos/brands that depict vulgar or anti-American content, bring possible discredit to the Marine Corps, or associate the applicant/Marine with any extremist group or organization are prohibited."

WND contacted the Tennessee recruiting station, and a Marine sergeant explained, "The policy is if a tattoo can be construed by anyone as being gang-related or racially biased, then we can't accept them."

While some extremist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nations have embraced the Confederate flag in the past, the KKK has also adopted the U.S. flag and Christian crosses as symbols. However, many Southerners do not consider the flag an expression of racism or indicator of membership in extremist groups. They regard the Confederate flag as a symbol of state sovereignty and an honorable tribute to the men who fought and died to protect their homeland from invasion by the federalist North.

Asked whether an exception might be made for a Marine recruit who could provide a full explanation on the meaning of his tattoo as an expression of Southern pride, the recruiter explained, "At this point in time, no. If it can be construed by anyone as being racially biased, then right now it's a flat-out denial."

He acknowledged that the tattoo is quite popular in the South and that recruitment has been impacted by the ban on Confederate-flag tattoos, but he explained that the policy has been set by Headquarters Marine Corps.

Headquarters Marine Corps has not responded to WND's requests for clarification of the policy.

However, the U.S. Marine Corps "Guidebook for Tattoo Screening, Volume VII," a manual that outlines procedures for enlisted recruiting and officer procurement operations, explains, "Users of this guidebook should keep in mind, however, that few symbols ever just represent one idea or are used exclusively by one group. For example, the confederate flag is a symbol that is frequently used by white supremacists but which also has been used by people and groups that are not racist. To some it may signify pride in one's heritage, but to others it suggests slavery or white supremacy."

Other service members and recruits have dealt with similar issues concerning Confederate flag tattoos and military policy.

The Southern Legal Resource Center, or SLRC, is a nonprofit legal foundation that has handled a number of legal cases involving the Confederate battle flag.

"We've seen this before," SLRC Chief Trial Counsel Kirk Lyons told

WND. "This is not a unique situation. We have had instances where people have called who were hassled by Marine military police for having a small Confederate battle flag sticker on their vehicle. We had a Navy recruit who was turned away for having a Confederate battle flag tattoo on his forearm. There was one more incident a couple of years ago where another Marine recruit was refused enlistment because of a battle flag tattoo."

Lyons said the case of the Marine with a Confederate flag bumper sticker was resolved without legal action because the base commander decided to leave it alone. However, he said most enlistees and recruits don't pursue legal action or complaints, so the policy is never challenged.

"If a family is not willing to make an issue of it and push it, there's really nothing we can do because we have to have standing," he explained.

On the other hand, enlistees often cooperate so their careers don't suffer, Lyons said.

"They've got to keep their mouths shut because they're very career-oriented," he said. "You either get with the program, or you're going to destroy your career. The military is going to fight it tooth and nail. In a lot of cases like this, there's nobody to support these guys. They're on their own."

He added, "Somebody's got to stand up and say, 'I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore.' If people surrender their rights and just go on, there's not much we can do." ☞

Source: World Net Daily, 04 May 2010. (www.wnd.com) This article was extracted from a much longer article that can be found at www.tinyurl.com/ConfedTattoo. It's worth reading!!!

Kappa Alpha Chapter Investigated Over Confederate Battle Flag

When it rains, it pours! Things have not been well with the Kappa Alpha Fraternity the past few weeks. As if the cancelation of Old South Days was not enough, the fraternity that formerly embraced its Southern origins has found itself yet again before the tribunal of political correctness (Cultural Marxism).

WIAT TV - CBS News 42 of Birmingham, Alabama (www.cbs42.com) reports that the display of a Confederate Battle Flag in the Kappa Alpha fraternity house in Jacksonville, Alabama, has placed the fraternity "under investigation."

The Kappa Alpha Order at Jacksonville State University has been "asked" to remove the "symbol." Like an

obedient child (or dog), the Executive Director of the Order, Larry Wiese complied with this outrageous request. Remember folks, the flag was INSIDE the fraternity house!

According to News 42, Wiese said that under Kappa Alpha's bylaws the depiction of the Confederate battle flag inside or outside fraternity property is prohibited based on the controversial symbolism of the banner.

"As a national college social fraternity," said Wiese, "we're not in a position to fight that battle. And we follow the example of our spiritual father Robert E. Lee in trying to avoid giving offense." [Editors note: Cough, gag, spit!]

In all his mercy, Mr. Wiese has decided that the offending chapter will not be closed, but the members will be "educated" on their charter's bylaws.

It appears that the end of this cultural genocide is nowhere on the horizon—Kappa Alpha is just the latest (and apparently willing) victim. This is why *Confederate Memorial Day*, *Battle For Columbia*, and other Camp activities are so very important. We must continue to defend the good name of our Confederate ancestors and see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Our "Southern Brethren" at Kappa Alpha sure ain't going to help! ☞

Camp Photos



(1) JD Holt and Bob Fortner at the Racer's Reunion. (2) Decorating Graves at First Presbyterian Church for Confederate Memorial Day: Bob & Ursula Slimp, Terry Hughey, Larry Bates, Marion Hutson, Bill Chislom, Ralph Metts & Ricky Badger. (3) Members of the 6th Brigade at the April's Graves Registration outing. Members from the Palmetto Camp 22 and Wade Hampton Camp 273 were present. (4) Children learn about the CSS Hunley at Battle For Columbia Education Day. (5) Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson address the at Battle For Columbia Education Day. (6) Artillery: Battle for Columbia. (7) Cavalry: Battle for Columbia. (8) Infantry: Battle for Columbia. (9) Wreath put on the Lexington County monument by the camp on Confederate Memorial Day. (10) Paul Graham carries camp flag at Confederate Memorial Day observance, May 1, 2010. (11) Wade Hampton Camp members standing guard at the soldier's monument on Confederate Memorial Day: Robert Spigner, Reggie Miller, Marion Hutson, Susan Bray, Jim Harley, Charlie Bray, Don Gordon, & James Waddell

Important Dates in *Mr. Lincoln's War*:

May 6, 1861:	Arkansas and Tennessee vote to secede from the Union.
May 16, 1861:	Confederate Congress admits Tennessee into the Confederacy.
May 20, 1861:	North Carolina becomes the 11th and final full state to secede from the Union.
May 24, 1861:	Yankee troops first set foot on Southern soil.
May 8, 1862:	Valley Campaign, Battle of McDowell, VA is a victory for Gen. Jackson.
May 1, 1863:	Battle of Chancellorsville, VA begins.
May 2, 1863:	Battle of Chancellorsville: Gen. Jackson's flank movement is successful. Later he is accidentally wounded by his own men.
May 3, 1863:	Battle of Chancellorsville: Federals frontal assault fails at Fredericksburg.
May 5, 1863:	Battle of the Wilderness, VA, begins.
May 18, 1863:	The Federal assault on Vicksburg begins.
May 27, 1863:	At Port Hudson, LA, the 13,000 man Federal army attacks the 4,500 Confederate defenders in the 1st assault on the post. After heavy Federal loses, the attack fails.
May 7, 1864:	In Northern Georgia, U.S. Gen. Sherman, with 3 armies numbering 100,000 men, begin their barbaric march to Atlanta.
May 10, 1864:	Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson dies of his wounds of May 2nd.
May 10, 1864:	Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, VA.
May 11, 1864:	Battle of Yellow Tavern, VA. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart is mortally wounded in his cavalry battle outside of Richmond.
May 12, 1864:	Gen. J.E.B. Stuart dies.
May 21, 1865:	Under the command of Lt. Waddell, the CSS <i>Shenandoah</i> enters the sea of Okhotsk, looking for Yankee whalers.
May 22, 1865:	C.S. President Jefferson Davis is imprisoned at Ft. Monroe, VA.

Next Camp Meeting
THURSDAY, MAY 20TH
6 O'CLOCK P.M.



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Alan Robertson
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