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THE OLD SOUTH DOES INDEED RISE AGAIN

Amidst renewed controversy over the Confederate flag, the symbol of the old South is flying over Seffner.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has hoisted the flag - which, at 30 feet by 50 feet, they call the world's largest - at a plot of land near U.S. Highway 92 and Interstate 75, and visible from I-75's busy interchange with I-4.

The display is in honor of Jefferson Davis' 200th birthday, the group explained. Davis was president of the Confederate States of America until his capture by the Union in 1865.

Despite critics who call the flag a racist symbol, the Sons of Confederate Veterans say they're wrong.

"I'm tired of those people making accusations that it's all about hate," said Phil Waters with the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The group says the Civil War was not fought over slavery, and therefore the flag is not racist.

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ENGLISH, HOOKER, AND COLONEL

By Alan Linda

The English language is endlessly fascinating because of the origin of its words. Here are two I just came across. They both came from the Civil war [sic].

Union General Joseph Hooker, an 1837 graduate of West Point, is credited with a successful reorganization of the Union cavalry, which was charged with the responsibility of "disrupting" Confederate General Robert E. Lee's supply line. The person put in charge of this first effort was Colonel Hugh Judson Kilpatrick.

Col. Kilpatrick returned from that first circular sweep through Dixie with every cow, pig, chicken, and bag of grain in their path, which allowed the Union army to advance far ahead of its supply line. This "foraging" will lead us directly to our first word.

General William T. Sherman, who became notorious as the instigator of "Sherman's Raiders," due to his order for the Cavalry—which he now commanded—to show South Carolina how he, Gen. Sherman, felt about them being the first to secede from the Union. "Let this march be one of the most horrible things in the history of the world." With that, his cavalry units, one of them headed by Kilpatrick, another of them headed by George Custer, tore through the countryside, leaving a path of destruction behind them.

"How shall I let you know where we are?" Kilpatrick once asked of Sherman. Sherman's replay: "Burn a town. We'll see the smoke." Kilpatrick's unit amongst all the cavalry units was without doubt the worst of them all at completely stripping the local population, including blacks, of everything of any value. They collected everything from silverware to silver buttons to fine dresses and bedding. A Union lieutenant wrote back to his wife: "Fine gold watches, silver pitchers, cups, spoons and forks are as common in our camp as blackberries. I have about a quart of rings, earrings, breastpins...for you and the girls."

General Sherman's personal take from the pillaging of South Carolina's towns and countryside was huge.

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Another Confederate Memorial Day has come and gone. I believe it is evident 143 years after our ancestors fought for Southern Independence that the spirit of the Confederate Soldier and their quest for freedom is still alive. This can be seen by increasing numbers in our ranks and the commitment made by all. Our spirit and heart felt desire to vindicate our ancestors is one thing that cannot be taken away from us by self serving politicians and the liberal left. I encourage each of you to evaluate your commitment to the SCV and the CAUSE of your ancestor(s).

I would urge each of you to make an honest effort to recruit one new member this year. Our camp needs younger members, those with new ideas, talent and energies. We do not want to become stagnant and eventually die. The Division has approximately 3000 members with National having approximately 30,000. Each should be tenfold. Just think of all we could accomplish and the influence the

organization would have with these numbers.

Traditionally, as we approach the summer months, attendance at meetings decreases. We normally have about 25% of our membership in attendance. I understand members have other obligations, but I honestly believe that with us meeting only once a month, our attendance should be much higher. Again, I challenge each of you to make an effort to attend camp meetings more often than you have in the past.

The camp voted at the May meeting to sponsor *The Battle For Columbia* again next year. The event went extremely well this year and there was a small profit realized. The dates for next year's event are May 1, 2, & 3, 2009. Planning for next year's event has already begun and we will be reinstating the school day next year. Over the five previous years advertising has been one aspect of the event that has suffered due to the

extremely high cost. We need a person or persons to assist with identifying any free advertising, determining guidelines and supplying information to the appropriate media. This is a source of advertising we have not utilized in the past. This would be an ideal way for someone to assist with the event that may not be physically able or have the time to devote to the site prior to and during the event. With a membership of 200, I trust someone will step forward and assume this vital aspect of the event.

Our meeting for the month will be on Thursday June 19, 2008 at Seawell's Restaurant located on Rosewood Dr. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Our program for the evening will be presented by Ken Howle. Ken is both a reenactor and a member of the SCV. His program will be on the SC Division Flag Restoration Project. I have been told by those that have heard his presentation that it is exceptional. I look forward to seeing each of you with

- LARRY BATES

CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

It is likely that by the time you receive *The Legionary*, Father's Day will have passed. However, this close to the date, I would like to say how inspiring the many men in our camp who are fathers are to me. These days, our camp meetings usually have only a couple of young men who are regular attendees, Kyle Killian and McKenzie Holland. These two young men have attended meetings and been involved in Camp activities for years. It has been a real pleasure watching these boys grow up and become the impressive young men they are. Much credit should be given to their fathers, Ed Killian and Charles Holland. They are smart boys, well mannered, and very knowledgeable about Confederate history.

The measure of success of how well our members are teaching Southern History to their children ought not to be

measured merely by how many young men we see at our meetings. I've talked with many compatriots who are doing a fine job of teaching their young sons and daughters a true history of the South. I've listened to dads from our camp tell me stories about their taking time to go and meet with their child's school history teacher if something was not taught quite right. That is because the child is so well versed in Southern History he or she recognizes immediately when something is not accurate. One of our compatriots told me a story of the time his second grade son explained in class to his teacher (formally a longtime Michigan resident) and the class about South Carolina's greatest hero, Gen. Wade Hampton. How many second graders do you know could do that?

Go to any re-enactment and you will likely see a good many children

dressed in period clothing or uniforms having the time of their lives. The First Corporal of my unit brings his 16-year-old son to re-enact with us at just about every event in our state. And, if you went to the *Battle For Columbia* in May, you had to have seen seven year-old "DJ", the son of one of our associate members, who participates in a number of events (well, everything except the battles) in uniform and on his horse, as a member of the Cavalry. Our Camp dads are doing an admirable job of raising their children. Among other things, they provide a good home for them, take them to Church, teach them to hunt, fish, play sports, and they are fulfilling the Charge with whom it counts the most—future generations!

God bless your efforts and hope to see you at the next meeting!

ADJUTANT'S DESK

- RICKY LEE BADGER

Did you know, as a SCV member of the Wade Hampton Camp 273 you should be receiving three different publications throughout the year?

The Confederate Veteran Magazine is published six times a year and is mailed at non profit bulk mail rates. If you have any question about General Headquarters having your correct information, you can verify it by entering your SCV ID number and your

last name in the box at the following link: <http://www.scv.org/checkData.php>, or you can call 1-800 My Dixie.

The Palmetto Partisan is the official newsletter of the South Carolina Division. It's published four times a year and is mailed to division members. If you are not receiving this publication, log on to our division web site at www.scscv.com and click on the membership button. This will bring up the membership page. On the right side of the page click on the address

and officer change button; this will bring up an email addressed to the state adjutant. Type in your name and address and submit it. The Divisional database is updated every Monday.

The Legionary is our camp's newsletter and is published monthly. If you are not receiving this publication, please check the information on the camp roster located at the sign in table at every camp meeting.

"The simple answer that the war was about slavery is incorrect. It was an economic war," offered Lunelle Siegel with the Daughters of the Confederacy.

That explanation doesn't sit well with some county commissioners.

"No sir, I don't buy it. This is not about history. It's about shoving this down minority people's throats," said County Commissioner Rose Ferlita.

The NAACP, among others, calls it an eyesore placed right at the gateway to Tampa from south Florida and the east coast.

"Do you want Hillsborough County and Tampa branded nationally as a racist environment?" asked Curtis Stokes with the NAACP.

"Hopefully, the Sons of the Confederacy, if we have enough community input, can see what they're actually doing is hurtful, harmful, is

opening old wounds," said County Commissioner Kevin White.

Still, the Sons of Confederate Veterans isn't backing down.

"A lot of people fly that flag as a statement, and it doesn't have to be racism. It's about I'm from the south. I'm a free person. I have the right to make decisions," offered Waters.

The Confederate flag has largely disappeared from public places. It was removed from the Hillsborough County seal in 1994. However, the private flagpole falls outside the jurisdiction of Code Enforcement.

Late Tuesday, the Anti-Defamation League came out with a statement strongly condemning the decision to put up the flag.

"While the Confederate battle flag is seen by some as a symbol of cultural pride, the flag has an historical association

with slavery and has been used by hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan to symbolize white power and superiority," it said.

The group says it plans to support the NAACP's work to try and overturn the legal authorization for the flag.

"Many Americans of all races, national origins, regions and religions regard the Confederate battle flag to be a modern-day symbol of racism, intimidation, hatred, oppression and violence - all of which are in stark contrast with American values," the statement continued.

The League says it's sent a letter to the Hillsborough County Commission condemning the flag.

Source: *My Fox Tampa Bay*. Tampa Bay, FL, 06/03/2008
www.myfoxtampabay.com

ENGLISH

The Union lieutenant above wrote: "Gen. Sherman has silver and gold enough to start a bank. His share of gold watches alone at just the sacking of Columbia, South Carolina, was 275." After all the valuables were collected, Columbia was burned to the ground.

(It isn't hard to see why the South hated the North for so long. One person described that all he saw after the Civil War ended was an endless number of brick chimneys extending up from piles of ashes.)

As to his part, Col. Custer was eventually relieved of his command because of his apparent inability to either follow orders or use basic military sense during battle.

The booty that the raiders collected each day was distributed to all the men in the command as follows. One-fifth, the finest choice, fell to the share of the commander and his staff, one-fifth to the field officers of the regiment, and three-fifths to the men of the company. This three-fifths was distributed by nightly auctions, where the soldiers bid on the items they wanted to buy. This "sale" was thus in the form of an auction, and was led by the commander of the regiment, who

was always a colonel.

That explains why today's auctioneers still retain the honorary title of "colonel."

As to our next word, Union General Hooker, whom we mentioned first up above, may not have been anything above average as a military strategist, but morale in his unit was the highest of any unit, due to the number of women in his camp. He was renown for his preference for liquor and ladies. "His headquarters," according on one historian, "was a place where no self-respecting man could go, and where no lady could go."

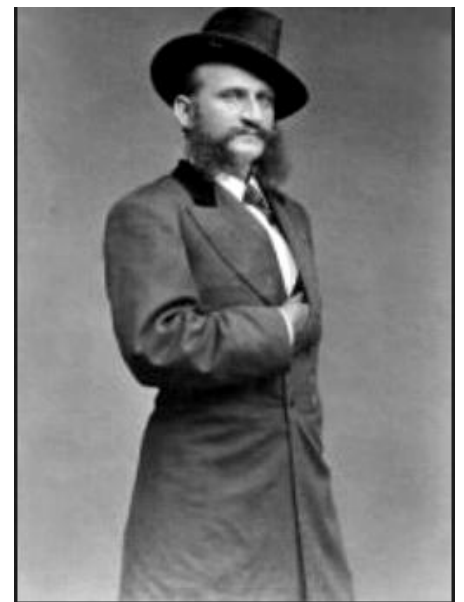
Col. Kilpatrick himself, perhaps inspired by Gen. Hooker's example, had audaciously brought two black women into his tent to serve, he said, as his "cooks." The camps buzzed with gossip about Col. Kilpatrick's sexual exploits with his cooks. Both Kilpatrick's and Hooker's camps soon attracted a substantial number of women of either ill repute, or southern women whose husbands had been killed in the war and whose homes had been burned to the ground. It must have seemed to these women that the only safe place left in the world was with these "conquerors."

So many women accumulated that

they became known as Hooker's women. And that is where the term "hooker" came from.

Now you know.

Source: *The Fergus Falls Daily News*. Fergus Falls, MN, May 27, 2008
www.fergusfallsjournal.com



Union Colonel Hugh Judson Kilpatrick
Paragon of Yankee Virtue!

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 *The War for Southern Freedom*:

Jun. 1, 1863:	Battle of Cold Harbor, VA begins
Jun. 3, 1863:	Birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis
Jun. 6, 1862:	Battle of Memphis, TN. Brig. Gen. Turner Ashby killed in action near Harrisonburg, VA
Jun. 7, 1862:	Union Gen. Butler hangs citizen William B. Mumford for tearing down Union flag over New Orleans Mint.
Jun. 8, 1862:	Valley Campaign. Confederate victory at the Battle of Cross Keys, VA
Jun. 9, 1862:	Valley Campaign. Battle of Port Republic.
Jun. 9, 1863:	Battle of Brandy Station, VA
Jun. 10, 1864:	Gen. N.B. Forrest leads his cavalry to a brilliant victory at Brice's Crossroads
Jun. 12, 1864:	Gen. J.E.B. Stuart begins his four day "Ride Around McClellan"
Jun. 13, 1864:	After maneuvering around McClellan's right flank and passing through Hanover Court House, Gen. Stuart and his men fight at Haw's Shop, VA
Jun. 14, 1864:	Atlanta Campaign. Gen. Leonidas Polk killed at Pine Mountain, GA
Jun. 15, 1863:	Battle of Winchester, VA. The British House of Lords debate the seizure of British ships by U.S. vessels.
Jun. 16, 1862:	Battle of Secessionville, James Island, SC
Jun. 20, 1863:	Vicksburg Campaign. The Confederate city comes under intense shelling from Federal batteries.
Jun. 23, 1865:	Ft. Townsend. Gen. Stand Waite surrenders his Indian command in the last formal surrender of a large Confederate force.
Jun. 24, 1863:	Gens. Longstreet and Hill's corps cross the Potomac.
Jun. 25, 1862:	Seven Days' Battles begin with fighting at Oak Grove.
Jun. 28, 1863:	Gen. Lee orders Longstreet, Hill, and Ewell to march towards Gettysburg.



Y'all Come!!!

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, June 19th
6:00 p.m.



Seawell's Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC

Guest Speaker:
Ken Howle

Topic:
"SC Div. SCV Flag
Restoration Project"

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