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July 23rd Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton camp meeting is cancelled. Polling indicates only a handful would attend. Hopefully, COVID-19 under control enabling us to get together without fear of the virus.

Compatriots, at this writing, I am not sure if we are going to have the July meeting. Clearly, the news hasn't been positive around COVID-19 in this state and others. Personally, I am tired of the subject, see it more as a political tool now but I can't ignore it. Adjutant Charlie Bray will be sending an email out to get a feel whether we will have enough attendees IF we were to have the meeting. So, at this point, I do not know the outcome. It may be cancelled out right or we may see if we have enough attendees to try it. That said, I'm sure a decision will be communicated within a week or so of this writing.

I am a fan of the Andy Griffith show and could probably quote most if not all the lines from the shows. It's annoying to watch any episode with me (just ask my kids) because I will say the next line before the character does. I was thinking about the episode of "Barney's first car" and saw some correlation to the near apocalypse we are seeing in this country. Legitimate issues notwithstanding (and yes, there are some), what we are seeing these days is true anarchy. But, back to Andy Griffith. If you've seen the show, you know that Mrs. Myrt "Hubcaps" Lesh and her cohorts in crime would put sawdust in the transmission of old, stolen cars to help sell them by making them run "smooth as silk, for a few days", according to Gomer Pyle, the able mechanic of Mayberry. Gomer's skillset was focused on water and air, which was free of charge. They did have to "make a charge" for gas and oil otherwise they wouldn't be in business for very long. As everyone in Mayberry knows, Wally was the go-to for engine work and he went over Barney's newly acquired Lesh car with a "fine toothed comb". But anyway, that sawdust made the car run like new as Gomer correctly claimed, but it would fail in a very short amount of time. Next thing you know, Aunt Bee is out there putting her ample weight into pushing the now not-running car along with Thelma Lou, Gomer (who was carsick), Opie and Andy. Barney meanwhile sat depressed in the car, maybe steering it, maybe serving as some sort of depressed ballast, but completely defeated and yes, out of his "nest egg" money. Up until the point where that transmission failed, Barney was on top of the world, the focus of everyone, happy with himself, satisfied and content driving around the country, Thelma Lou by his side. The people tearing the cities up today and defacing our monuments are modern day customers of Hubcaps Lesh. Whatever satisfaction they will get through their vengeance, meanness and pure evil is going to be temporary and it will fail. They are looking for peace

in anarchy, theft and vengeance but they will not find it. Their foundation is in sawdust, they don't know it or aren't aware of it, but they are relying on that sawdust to last. The legacy they are leaving is in the form of railroad car grade graffiti, filth, violence, foul language and destroyed monuments and artwork, the latter being the only reason some would even visit some of these cities.

It is a fact that they are destroying, or trying to destroy, our country. They don't even hide their intentions anymore. It is a fact that they have torn down monuments and defaced places of military honor. But what is the TRUTH? The truth is they don't know history and they are arrogant. I heard a sermon this weekend that differentiated between fact and truth. I think the same thought process applies here. For example, it is a fact that Robert E. Lee was the commanding general of the Army of Northern Virginia who (sadly) surrendered said army to General Ulysses S. Grant, thus effectively ending the War to Prevent Southern Independence. The TRUTH is more important. Robert E. Lee was an honorable American with a lifetime of service to both sides of the coin even being offered command of the union army by Lincoln. He was a Christian warrior, incredibly humble to a fault. He defended his state of Virginia during a time when he was asked, and he earned his place in history and the hearts of the people in the south and nothing changes it. He was not fond of slavery and saw its demise as the only good thing to come out of the war. He did his best to help the country reconcile after the war but was disappointed by the actions of some in the north to the south during that post war period. This is more aligned with truth. Facts are just snippets...nice to have, but the truth is the story. Robert E. Lee's statue, like other Confederates, isn't for him. It's for US! It's an inheritance given to us by our predecessors who believed we needed examples of our own people who exhibited honor, bravery, courage, integrity and character against overwhelming odds that we should hope to emulate. These monuments are not idols as some falsely claim. They are what I just said they are, and they are reminders of the past, and more importantly they are landmarks that we are commanded not to remove.

The facts of what is happening today, though discouraging, are separate from the truth of the times and they are irrelevant. What is being done today is on a foundation of lies and will eventually reveal itself as mere sawdust in the transmission. Think about it this way. Try asking a 15-year old today what it was like growing up in the 1980's and see if he comes remotely close to being accurate. Consider that was 30-40 years ago and 1860 was 160 years ago. I am supposed to believe that this 15-year old, who knows nothing of the 1980's based on my experiences, is an expert on the period of 1860-1865 and more than fully qualified to determine a 100 plus year-old monument's fate? What they are taught is critical. What they hear is critical. It is their only connection to the past so what goes through their young ears becomes "fact" and they mistake it for the truth. Without all the facts or the pieces to the puzzle, without a well-rounded study of the times, the truth will not be found, and the puzzle can't be assembled correctly. The truth requires responsibility, objectivity, humility that we don't know everything and the key element of faith; Faith that those who came before you did their best during the time period God chose for them to live in. Facts are shoot from the hip pieces of information at best. The revisionist slanted "facts" or talking points taught in schools are certainly not the truth, not the whole story. We need more critical thinkers in this country! We need to be humble enough and EDUCATED enough to know that we do not know everything!

Many of us, if not all, have said the destruction of monuments would not stop with those of Confederate origin given the litmus test that has been applied to the entire southland and until now, only against the south. That litmus test is now being applied liberally to the very founding of the country. We now see destruction in Washington D.C., and they are even attacking Lincoln's monument. Apologies if I laugh a bit to myself, but we told them so. The lies and selected piece meal "facts" they have spoon fed the young minds have caught up with the media, academia and the northern elitists and are now being applied to them equally. What a pickle the country is in. Yes, there's even a pickle or

kerosene cucumber episode on the Andy Griffith that I could take off on, but I'll save that for another day. The educator's and the media elite's never-ending reconstruction of the south is now turning on them and, in some way, justifiably so! Hearing Brian Kilmeade on Fox (my blood pressure just went up), who clearly dislikes the south and our heritage, try to separate the destruction of Confederate monuments as a legitimate, noble and worthy cause versus the destruction of Grant's or Lincoln's monument as criminal, is astounding. How does he sleep at night with such double standards? People in the media like Kilmeade have created the situation through their constant lying about the south but he's so elitist and anti-southern in his mindset, he is incapable of seeing it. He's not a critical thinker yet there he sits preaching to millions. He's an anti-southern hack. Maybe if they had taught more truth and less fact, and left us alone as we've repeatedly asked, the country wouldn't be in this situation it now finds itself. The irony is the north is reaping what it has sown.

The confederate monuments were just low hanging fruit. An eager and ignorant anti-southern media coupled with spineless politicians got this cultural, fundamental transformation ball rolling. Nothing from free speech to your religious rights are safe with the Marxists now roaming the countryside. The facts are we are experiencing a period in our history where we are seeing our culture, our monuments, history and traditions being destroyed and replaced with NOTHING of value. We are seeing police departments defunded and lawless cities being run by mobs. I never thought I would see this happen here, let alone how quickly it did happen. The TRUTH is we are in a spiritual war as detailed in the Bible where we should put our trust in Jesus and His promises, behave accordingly, resist temptations to stray and know that He will vindicate. Our founding fathers struck that perfect balance of putting their faith in their creator yet also defending and preserving their country. Looking back now, it's even more amazing what they did and how they were able to create, in its original pre-1865 form, a constitution that is the best form of government on Earth. I hope as a nation that we can save what is left and somehow turn the tide.

The CHARGE

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.



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



Food for Thought

Charlie Bray

The following was found on the Website "American Civil War" as South Carolina Civil War Facts. What follows is a summation from that site. In today's world where all things Southern and anything related to the War Between the States is racist and is being removed, how long before our flag gets the world's attention.

Our beautiful state flag harkens back to the crescent worn by her troops in the American Revolution, and the palmetto tree is a reminder of the palmetto logs that stopped British cannon balls in the bombardment of Ft. Moultrie during the same war, it is still very much a Confederate flag for its current incarnation.

While the flag in some variation was adopted under the South Carolina Militia Act of 1838, the flag as shown today was not officially adopted as the state flag until January 1861. Then it was the flag of the seceded Republic of South Carolina - the first of the states to leave the Union.

The palmetto flag of South Carolina is, therefore, a Confederate battle flag, just like those that were created to be as such during the war by the various CSA commanders.

~ Events of July ~

This Month (July), saw the Confederate Army win an early victory in Western Virginia.



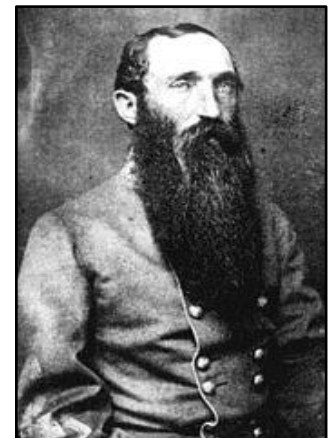
On July 17, 1861, Confederates won one of their first victories of the Civil War at the Battle of Scary Creek in Putnam County, Western Virginia. Union forces had been dispatched to dislodge Confederates, who had controlled the Kanawha Valley since the war began three months earlier. On July 17, about 1,300 Union troops under the direct command of Colonel John Lowe clashed at the mouth of Scary Creek with about 900 Confederates under Colonel George S. Patton of Charleston. Patton was the grandfather of General George S. Patton of World War II fame. For nearly five hours, the two sides waged a heavy musket and artillery battle, with relatively few casualties. The Northern troops made several unsuccessful attempts to cross the Scary Creek bridge. After Patton was seriously wounded, Captain Albert Gallatin Jenkins of Cabell County took command and rallied the Confederates to victory.



US Col. John Lowe



CSA Col. George S. Patton



CSA Capt. Albert G. Jenkins

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Psalm 27 encourages us to reason that we never need to be afraid. After all, when the "the LORD is the stronghold of my life," what is there to fear?

But is it really possible to never be afraid?

Fear is a fact of life, even for believers, and being afraid is a part of most people's lives. Even David, who wrote Psalm 27, is described elsewhere in the Bible as being "very much afraid" (1 Samuel 21:12).

Some children are afraid of the dark. Some parents fear for their children's future. Some Christians are afraid of death, and some are afraid to face the future, expecting some tragedy to strike. A long-time Christian pastor, who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease, has written, "The more I think about the future, the more afraid I become."

The only way to overcome our fears is to turn to God and to remember that God is the stronghold of our lives. And we do well to repeat these words from Hebrews 13:6: "We say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.'" We can also reread and repeat the words of Psalm 27: "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" When we ask for God's help and look to his Word, we can trust that the Lord will be our stronghold.

Lord, there is so much in life to be afraid of. Help us to turn to you and to trust in you when fear overtakes us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



Chaplains Prayer List: Please remember our camp compatriots and their family members who are having health problems or have lost a loved one in your prayers.



Bob Slimp



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The posted meeting dates have most likely been cancelled. If you are thinking about attending meetings at any of the listed camps, I recommend you check with a member you know and verify the meeting date is still valid.

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Hampton Redshirts	Aug 4, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM 1st Tuesday of the Month – Cayce Museum – 1800 12 th Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Aug 5, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM 1st Wednesday of the Month – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	Aug 6, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM 1st Thursday of the Month – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 th Street, Cayce, SC

SC 17 th Regiment Camp 2069	July 20, 2020	Meets 7:00PM Third Monday of the Month – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15 th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	July 28, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM last Tuesday of the Month – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	July 28, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM Last Tuesday of the Month – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC



ADJUTANT'S DESK

CHARLIE BRAY

Based on responses I have already received from camp members, membership renewals are coming in at a good rate. As of July 9, dues have been paid by 65% of camp members and I would love to see everyone paid by July 31. I encourage each member whose dues are still outstanding to submit them as soon as possible. Should you have any questions my contact information is;

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Membership Renewal Information SCV HQ Fiscal Year – August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021

Renewing Members:

• National \$35.00

SC Division \$10.00

WHC-273 \$15.00

Total Dues: **\$60.00**

Quote: Nathan Bedford Forrest

"I loved the old government in 1861. I loved the old Constitution yet. I think it is the best government in the world, if administered as it was before the war. I do not hate it; I am opposing now only the radical revolutionists who are trying to destroy it. I believe that party to be composed, as I know it is in Tennessee, of the worst men on Gods earth - men who would not hesitate at no crime, and who have only one object in view - to enrich themselves."

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit

Individuals Interested in joining the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 should contact

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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

RICHMOND, Va. -- Removal of Confederate monuments in Richmond has begun and is scheduled for completion by the end of this week, Saturday, July 11. The picture above shows the removal of the Matthew Fontaine Maury Monument today 9-July-2020.



Compatriots I feel shocked at how fast all of the South's history is being removed. In South Carolina we have recently seen the Calhoun monument removed in Charleston and Charleston's mayor wants to rename Calhoun St. The only thing slowing them down is the Heritage Act and I know it is in jeopardy. It is incredibly sad when I think back over the past 3 years when the South Carolina Division has held its annual Legislative Day Rally at the State House, when an organization the size of ours, has only had a maximum of 130 show up to participate and last year it was less than 100. Lack of participation is not due to lack of notice to our membership. We have given members plenty of lead time to plan for the event. When our elected House and Senate members see how few we are, they quickly realize they have very little to fear. I pray that future rallies will see a significant increase in our participation. If not, South Carolina will lose 'ALL' of our beautiful monuments to our ancestors who answered their states call to arms and perhaps see our state flag changed.

The following are the Richmond monuments that will be or have already been removed.

1. **Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument** – Church Hill. Dedicated in 1894, **removed in 2020.**
2. **J.E.B. Stuart Monument** – Monument Avenue – Dedicated in 1907, **removed in 2020.**
3. **Jefferson Davis Highway Marker** – Dedicated in 1933
4. **Jefferson Davis Monument** – Monument Avenue – Dedicated in 1907, **removed in 2020.**
5. **Matthew Fontaine Maury Monument** – Monument Avenue – Dedicated in 1929, **removed in 2020.**
6. **Richmond Howitzer Monument** – Dedicated in 1892, **removed in 2020**
7. **Robert E. Lee Monument** – Monument Avenue. Dedicated in 1890. Owned & managed by the State of Virginia.
8. **Stonewall Jackson Monument** – Monument Avenue. Dedicated in 1919, **removed in 2020.**
9. **Williams Carter Wickham Monument** – Dedicated in 1891, **removed in 2020**
10. **Vindatrix Statue "Miss Confederacy"** – Dedicated 1889, **removed in 2020.**
11. **Fitzhugh Lee** – Monroe Park
12. **P. Hill Monument** – Stands over his grave.



Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

- July 6, 1861 **Off Cape Hatteras, NC** – On this date the Confederate privateer Jefferson Davis engaged and captured the Union ships, USS Enchantress and USS John Welsh.
- July 26 - 27, 1861 **Mesilla, New Mexico Territory** – Maj. Isaac Lynde, 7th U.S. Inf., abandoned Ft. Fillmore near Mesilla, NM, to Confederates commanded by Capt. John R. Baylor even though he outnumbered the Confederates by a 2-to-1 margin. He took his army and headed for Fort Stanton. Baylor pursued Lynde and caught up with his army later that day. After giving up Fort Fillmore without a fight, Lynde surrendered his 10 companies to Baylor at San Augustine Springs without firing a shot. The surrender left a large part of New Mexico open to Confederate invasion.
- July 9, 1862 **Thompkinsville, KY** – Col. John H. Morgan led his Confederate raiders into Thompkinsville and surprised a Union force camped at the town. Morgan's forces surrounded the Federals, fired 4 cannon shells into the Union camp, then charged. The Federals quickly surrendered to Morgan. The Confederates also destroyed a Union baggage train that was at the camp. The Federals lost 22 killed, 30 wounded and about 300 captured.
- July 8, 1863 **Second Battle of Winchester, VA** – This battle was part of the Gettysburg campaign and pitted CSA Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell defeated the UN Army garrison commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert H. Milroy, capturing Winchester and numerous Union prisoners.
- July 31, 1864 **Hillsboro, GA** – UN Brig. Gen. George Stoneman and his raiders met a large CSA force and heavy skirmishing ensued. The Confederates got the upper hand and scattered the Union forces. Stoneman stayed with his rear guard allowing the remainder of his force to escape. The rear guard was captured while the rest of the Federals were hit hard trying to escape.



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