



# THE LEGIONARY

July 2008

A Publication of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp No. 273

Columbia, South Carolina ♦ [www.wadehamptoncamp.org](http://www.wadehamptoncamp.org)

A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

## CONFEDERATE GROUP OFFERS STATUE TO CIVIL WAR CENTER

By Steve Szkotak

Richmond, VA — A Southern heritage group that opposed a statue of President Abraham Lincoln at the American Civil War Center is offering to donate a \$100,000 statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis for the same site.

Brag Bowling, a spokesman for the Virginia division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said the gift is intended to celebrate Davis's birth 200 years ago this month in Kentucky.

It is not, he said, payback for the Lincoln statue unveiled in 2003.

"We're not offering the statue for controversy at all," Bowling said. "We've had enough of that with the other statue."

The offer has led to some delicate postwar diplomacy between the SCV and the Civil War Center, which strives to offer a neutral, historical perspective. Officials from each organization met Tuesday, but no immediate decision was expected.

*See DAVIS, Page 3*



## CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG THE ISSUE FOR RIGHTS GROUP

By Dave Munday

The NAACP is renewing its call to boycott South Carolina for flying the Confederate battle flag outside the Statehouse.

Leaders speaking Monday at the group's national convention in Cincinnati said plans are in the works to strengthen a tourism boycott that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People enacted in January 2000.

At the time, the flag was flying on the Capitol dome. It was moved that summer to the nearby Confederate Soldier's Monument, which is on the Statehouse grounds, after a bitter fight in the state Legislature. NAACP leaders said the flag belonged in a museum, and continued the boycott. It has only been lifted for the presidential candidates visiting the state, but its impact has been minimal.

Dot Scott, president of the NAACP's Charleston chapter, said she has been getting calls asking if the boycott is still in effect, and she passed on the messages to national headquarters. She praised the decision to revive the fight to move the flag.

"Symbols are very important," Scott said. "It denotes a mind-set. To many it represents ugly and mean things. Every now and then we need to be reminded ... that bigotry is alive and well. The flag (stands for) the ugliness we're still experiencing. I am in absolute support that the flag needs to go."

Randy Burbage, South Carolina division commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said he

*See HERE WE GO AGAIN!, Page 3*

The South Carolina Division has undertaken two projects that I feel are worthy of mention. Both projects will further the Charge, promote our Confederate heritage, and honor our Confederate ancestors. I would hope that every member of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp would consider participating in one, if not both projects.

The first project is Flag Preservation. There are some 20 Confederate Flags at the Confederate Relic Room that are in need of repair. These are authentic Confederate flags and have been verified as such. The cost for restoration and preservation ranges from \$4,000-\$15,000 per flag. Mr. Ken Howle, our June speaker and chairman of the preservation committee, indicated no money has been allocated from the state for this project. However, any funds received up to \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. I would ask each member to consider helping preserve the colors of our ancestors. If we, the Sons of

Confederate Veterans, will not, then why should we expect anyone else to do so? The SC Division will be mailing out dues notices within the next several weeks. There will be a line, in addition to others, for a contribution to Flag Preservation. I encourage all compatriots to consider this project and support it.

The second project of significance is the Grave Registration Program of Confederate Soldiers buried in South Carolina. The SCV will attempt to locate, identify and register all Confederate Soldiers in our state. It is my understanding our camp will have designated cemeteries in either Richland or Lexington County to research. Compatriots, these soldiers' graves need to be identified and registered before developers or woods obscure them forever. This is truly an honorable means of preserving the memory of our ancestors. I hope each of you will take part in this project. Would it not be a shame if your ancestor's grave was not included in this endeavor due to lack of commitment on the

part of the SCV?

Compatriots, the time has come again to reenlist for the ongoing battle to preserve and protect our precious heritage and history. Annual SCV membership dues for 2009 are payable on or before August 1, 2008. I encourage all compatriots to renew promptly. Each year we have members that procrastinate renewing and it takes many man hours to call or otherwise run down compatriots who have not paid their dues. The dues we charge to belong to such a fine organization as the SCV are nominal compared to the sacrifice your ancestor made for Southern Independence. Let us strive to have 100% retention.

Our next meeting will be July 24, 2009 at Seawell's Restaurant with the meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Dr. David Aiken. His topic will be South Carolina War Poetry. I encourage each of you to make an effort to be in attendance and bring a potential member with you.

---

**CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT****- LARRY BATES**

Since we are now into the second half of the year and also having just received our 2009 dues notice, I thought that now would be a good time to discuss the Camp Chaplain position for next year. I'm sure there is at least one person, probably more than one, who has an interest in being a Camp Chaplain. In this column, therefore, I will cover some of the requirements and duties of the position.

The Camp by-laws do not provide for the office of Chaplain, so he is not technically an officer of the Camp. The Camp Commander appoints a Chaplain and he is considered to be on the Commander's Staff. According to the SCV's national constitution, "The Chaplain shall perform such services as may be necessary in connection with the office; from time to time as is proper, lead the Camp in prayer and supplication to Almighty God; tend to the spiritual ministrations of the Camp; and shall regularly report as to the needs and

wellness of its members. The Chaplain shall perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Commander or the Camp."

*The Chaplain's Handbook*, which is published and sold by national, is a very helpful work and gives the following qualifications for Camp Chaplain:

*"Inward:* A man born of the Spirit or as the Lord Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3 that he must be born again, that is, he must come to repentance of his sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

*"Outward:* (1) There should be manifestations of the fruit of the Spirit who indwells the believer as set forth in Galatians 5:22-26. (2) The requirements for deacons and elders as set forth by the hand of inspiration in I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 are excellent requirements for the Chaplain as well. The same requirements are desirable for any leader giving forth the Word of God."

The *Handbook* lists several responsibilities of the Camp Chaplain, but I'll only quote a couple here: "(1) Denominational distinctions should be avoided but a scriptural presentation of the Gospel of Christ should be given clearly without apology. (2) The Chaplain should not be ashamed of that name which is 'above every name,' that of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every prayer given should be in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not let some politically correct compatriot dissuade you. Faith in the Savior is the heart and soul of our Southern heritage."

Generally, minimum expectations of our Camp Chaplain are that he at least open the meetings with prayer and send cards to those who are sick or mourning a death in the family. Devotionals at meetings and even newsletter articles are optional. I will be happy to discuss with anyone who has an interest.

---

**ADJUTANT'S DESK****- RICKY LEE BADGER**

The 113<sup>th</sup> SCV annual general reunion held in Concord, North Carolina, marked the close of one year and the beginning of a new one for us in the SCV. At the close of the Concord Reunion, the new national dues increase voted on during last year's reunion will take place. New and renewing member

national dues will increase by ten dollars. Our new dues structure is listed below:

**New Members: \$65.00** - \$40 for National, which includes the recording fee & SCV pin., \$10 for Division & \$15 for our Camp.

**Renewing Members: \$55.00** - \$30 for

National., \$10 for Division & \$15 for our Camp.

**Reinstating Members: \$65.00** - \$35 for National (includes reinstatement fee), \$15 for Division (also includes reinstatement fee) & \$15 for our Camp.

Watch for your renewal package in the mail and renew early!

The symbolism of statues is strong in a former capital of the Confederacy where monuments to Confederate heroes, including Davis, already line its most elegant boulevard.

Monument Avenue also includes memorials to Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, both depicted on horseback. The addition of a statue dedicated to tennis great Arthur Ashe, a Richmond native, was opposed by purists who argued the boulevard was intended to honor Civil War greats.

Davis is interred at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery, where thousands of Confederate soldiers are buried in a rolling green expanse overlooking downtown and the James River.

The majority-black city of 200,000 has taken a more reflective approach to the Civil War in recent decades, recognizing that the symbols and personalities of the period can be offensive to those who associate them with slavery.

The executive director of the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP said Richmond does not need another monument to a Confederate figure.

"There's not a need for any more Confederate anything. We're maxed out," King Salim Khalfani said Tuesday. He called the Davis proposal "tit-for-tat" for the Lincoln monument.

"It's very offensive to me personally because if their cause was successful I would still be picking tobacco," he said.

Christy S. Coleman, president of the Civil War Center, said her organization is approaching the donation as it would any other gift: Officials will examine whether it fits with the center's collections strategy and consider its future upkeep, among other issues. The board of the nonprofit center will likely take up the matter in August.

"If someone offers us a sword, we may turn it down because we have too

many swords," Coleman said. "Or we'll turn something down if it's not authentic, obviously."

Bowling described Tuesday's meeting as very cordial.

"I think they understand exactly what we want and why that is a very good place to have it," he said.

Bowling says the statue is right for Richmond historically and it's the most precise depiction of the angular statesman cast in stone or bronze.

Artist Gary Casteel also brought a little-known aspect of Davis's life to his work: Davis is depicted with his son, Joe, and a mixed-race child, Jim Limber, who was taken in by the Davis family.

"There are lots of places that this statue would be accepted in a second," Bowling said.

Source: Associated Press, 17 June 2008

## HERE WE GO AGAIN!



was not surprised by the NAACP's action but does not agree with it.

"The flag is a symbol of pride to me, men that wouldn't give up, fighting for freedom in their own right," Burbage said. "Our state was being invaded. They were trying to save their homes, not preserve slavery. They (NAACP) want me to respect their heritage, and yet they won't respect mine."

Getting lawmakers to agree even to reconsider the flag debate would be next to impossible, said Sen. Robert Ford, D-Charleston, who joined Republican Sen.

Glenn McConnell of Charleston to move the flag where it is. A two-thirds majority in both the House and Senate would be needed to bring the issue up, and that's not likely, he said.

"My bill passed, and I'm satisfied with it now," Ford said. "This (NAACP proposal) could cause more harm than good. I don't think you want to polarize the races right about now, when we're trying to elect the first black man to be president."

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama was scheduled to address the convention Monday evening. He did not address the Confederate flag debate when he was in South Carolina earlier this year campaigning in the Democratic primary.

NAACP leaders didn't specify how they would strengthen the boycott, other than reminding people it's still in effect. Dennis Courtland Hayes, interim president and CEO, told the convention that action plans are in the works and to stay tuned for details, according to The Associated Press.

One possibility that black leaders have talked about is putting more pressure on Hollywood to not make films in South

Carolina. About 15 films and TV shows, including the popular "Army Wives," have been made in the state since 2005, South Carolina Film Commissioner Jeff Monks said.

It's hard to say how effective the boycott has been, said Marion Edmonds, communications director with the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

A number of conventions were canceled after the NAACP announced the boycott, representing tens of millions of dollars in lost business, he said. But other conventions stepped in to fill most of the empty slots, he said. After the flag was moved in July 2000, the effect of the boycott appeared to be minimal, he said.

"Once the flag came down in 2000, most convention and meeting planners accepted that as a good-faith effort," Edmonds said.

The last holdout has been the NCAA, which continues to avoid holding college basketball tournaments in South Carolina.

Source: *The Post and Courier*. Charleston, SC. 15 July 2008

**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 *La Guerre de Sécession*:

- Jul. 1, 1863: Battle of Gettysburg, PA begins
- Jul. 2, 1863: Battle of Gettysburg continues with action at Little Round Top and Big Round Top, Devil's Den, the Wheatfield, the Peach Orchard, Cemetery Hill, and Culp's Hill.
- Jul. 3, 1863: Battle of Gettysburg ends with the Pickett-Pettigrew charge.
- Jul. 4, 1863: Vicksburg surrendered to Federals. Confederate victory at Sewanee, TN.
- Jul. 5, 1861: Battle of Carthage, MO. Confederate victory halts Federal advance into southwest MO.
- Jul. 9, 1864: Battle of Monocacy, MD. Advance on Washington, Jubal Early's infantry reach Fredericksburg and rout the Union defenders.
- Jul. 10, 1861: Confederate government signs treaty with Creek Indians.
- Jul. 10, 1861: Federal siege of Battery Wagner in Charleston Harbor begins.
- Jul. 12, 1864: Confederate Cavalry under Gen. Jubal Early invade the suburbs of Washington, DC.
- Jul. 13, 1821: Birthday of General Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877)
- Jul. 13, 1863: Draft riots in New York City in response to the Federal Conscription Act.
- Jul. 15, 1862: Confederate ironclad *Arkansas* attacks and badly damages three Federal vessels at Vicksburg.
- Jul. 18, 1861: Heavy skirmishing along Bull Run.
- Jul. 21, 1861: Battle of First Manassas, VA. Confederates rout Federal Army in the first great battle of the war.
- Jul. 24, 1864: Second Battle of Kernstown, VA. Confederates inflict heavy losses.
- Jul. 30, 1864: Battle of the Crater, Petersburg, VA.



Y'all Come!!!

**Next Camp Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 24th**  
**6:00 p.m.**



**Seawell's Restaurant**  
**1125 Rosewood Drive**  
**Columbia, SC**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. David Aiken**  
**Topic:**  
**"SC War Poetry"**

WWW.WADEHAMPTONCAMP.ORG



**THE LEGIONARY**  
 Official Publication of  
 Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp No. 273  
 SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
 A Non-Profit Organization  
 C/O Adjutant R.L. Badger  
 201 Winding Way  
 Columbia, SC 29212

