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# SPEAKER'S BIO AND TOPIC Wade Hampton Camp Monthly Meeting August 20, 2015

Bucky Sutton, (SC SCV Heritage Defense Coordinator) will be our speaker during the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The subject of Mr. Sutton's presentation will be the "Myths About Slavery". I encourage you join other camp members in fellowship and this most interesting program Bill will present.



# COMMANDERS CORNER —

I can only surmise how my ancestors coped with the news from Appomattox and General's Lee surrender to Grant and the prospect of living under the conquering and occupying forces under the control of the US Army and a revengeful federal government. Not only were their rights and liberties trampled, but every attempt to transform the South was undertaken. With great pride and endurance our ancestors eventually prevailed.

Now, 150 years later we again must recognize a new kind of Reconstruction. We now have scalawag elected southern politicians who have neither a connection to our southern heritage or have totally abandoned the sacrifices endured by those who gave their all when called upon by their State. This new scalawag politician is using unfortunate circumstances to further their own agenda for personal gain. Additionally, our population now has a new kind of carpetbagger in our midst who is bent on changing our southern heritage, distorting the truth, transforming our educational system, while mocking our moral and religious values.

Our fight to preserve our southern heritage is even greater today than it was 150 years ago. We are not as bound to one another struggling for freedom and our numbers so bound are now much fewer. However, we must prevail. The few of us that still remember and honor our heritage and the good name of the Confederate soldier must stay united, we must educate, and we find ways to ensure the truth is told, and we must recruit new members to our ranks, while electing honorable men and women to protect our Southern heritage and the history of the South. Our fight has just begun. We too will prevail. We must for the sake of our heritage and for our children and grandchildren's sake.

Hope to see everyone at our Camp meeting on the 20th. Our guest speaker, Bucky Sutton, the SC Division Heritage Officer, presentation is a most timely topic titled, Protecting Our Southern Heritage. We also hope to announce some timely issues.

No matter how painful or difficult, I will not allow my heritage and faithfulness to my ancestors be conquered by those who look for a scapegoat to explain the actions of a deranged individual. Through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the truth cannot be stamped out.



## ADJUTANT'S DESK \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARLIE BRAY** 

Compatriots, unless you have been living under a rock you are now totally aware that our heritage is under attack as it has never been before. The battle flag has been removed from the Confederate Soldiers Monument and the liberal press, radio, television and social media are trying to erase all things Confederate. I want to emphasize this month just how bad our situation is and the battle we have ahead of us. As you know 15 years ago when the flag was removed from the State House dome and placed at the Confederate

Soldiers Monument via the "Compromise" the South Carolina legislature agreed to. The Heritage Act which we thought would protect the flag and monument's, well it didn't. The flag has been removed and we now are facing a law suit filed by 5 individuals from Greenwood, SC which possibly will overturn the Heritage Act. If this happens you can expect monuments, especially in rural counties, to be moved and/or removed forever. This is a very serious situation we are facing and we will need everyone's help in working with our elected state representatives as well as local government to keep this from happening. The following is taken from a State Newspaper article (July 25, 2015) which I want to highlight aspects of the Heritage Act law suit.

# LAWSUIT CHALLENGES SC HERITAGE ACT OVER MONUMENTS

#### By JAMIE SELF jself@thestate.com COLUMBIA

It was shaping up to be a "celebration of togetherness," said Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams.

The small western South Carolina city had raised more than \$15,000 to remove segregation-era plaques – honoring the city's fallen soldiers in "White" and "Colored" columns – and replace them with panels listing the names together.

In this Jan. 22, 2015 photo, Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams stands beside the Greenwood County memorial in Greenwood, S.C., that honors its citizens who died in recent wars. The World War I and World War II soldiers are separated into colored and white. Adams raised \$15,000 to put new plaques on the statue, but a state law won't allow him to put them up.

Then, "the Heritage Act came along and threw a wrench into everything," Adams said.

Now, some Greenwood residents are fighting the S.C. law,

the Heritage Act, passed in 2000, that says only the General Assembly has the power to change monuments. State lawmakers recently took advantage of that exclusive power.

After nine African-Americans in a Bible study at a Charleston church were shot and killed last month, lawmakers voted swiftly to remove the Confederate flag from the State House grounds. Furling the flag, seen in photos of the alleged shooter, would help the state heal, they said.

Citing their own desire for healing and racial reconciliation, local communities have asked permission to change other historical markers, too.

# "As a state, we are so against the federal government telling us what to do, yet we are very fond of micromanaging local governments," said state Sen. Darrell Jackson, D-Richland.

But fearing an onslaught of efforts to raze or remove from public view the vestiges of state history, Republican leaders in the Legislature are reluctant to change the law and cede any of that power.

House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Darlington, announced last week that additional monuments would not be up for debate.

State Sen. Chip Campsen, R-Charleston, said changing the law is unlikely because it would "unleash battles, symbol by symbol, monument by monument."

If we were to give in to what the agitators want ... there (would) be no end to the divisiveness and the campaigns and the wasted energy and time and effort that would descend upon the state. – State Sen. Chip Campsen, R-Charleston

#### CALLS FOR HEALING

*Lawmakers passed the Heritage Act 15 years ago*, ending a bitter dispute by lowering the Confederate flag from the State House dome and relocating it to the Confederate Soldier Monument on its grounds. An African American Monument also was built as part of the compromise.

But fearing backlash against other historical markers, lawmakers added a new threshold for changing other monuments or memorials, requiring a **two-thirds** vote in the House and Senate.

<u>170 +</u> The number of Confederate monuments and markers erected throughout South Carolina, according to a 2001 S.C. attorney general opinion.

The push to replace the Greenwood memorial's segregation-era plaques started before the Charleston shootings. Not everyone was on board.



Opponents threatened to have the mayor arrested if he moved forward with replacing the plaques. Historians also have raised concerns about replacing the plaques, saying they are reminders that the U.S. military once was segregated.

But the American Legion, which erected the memorial more than 80 years ago, wanted to change the plaques and received encouragement from the community.

"The men on that plaque who died for their country – that's history. Talking about the color of their skin is segregation," said Kittles, a member of the Legion's executive committee. "To say that black guy died or that white guy died – that ain't right."

Then, a city attorney advised Adams not to move forward. That was the first Adams had heard of the Heritage Act, he told The State newspaper.

People overwhelmingly wanted this. For the state Legislature to stop us from doing it, it's a real shame. - Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams

#### LAWSUIT AGAINST HERITAGE ACT PENDING

A joint resolution in the House and Senate would allow Greenwood to move forward with replacing the war memorial plaques. Sponsored by state Sen. Floyd Nicholson and state Rep. Anne Parks, both Greenwood Democrats, the proposals have bipartisan support but stalled in both chambers earlier this year.

Speaker Lucas, the leader of the state House of Representatives, has said his chamber will not debate any other monuments when it returns to Columbia in January. Senate leaders and some Democrats say changes to the Heritage Act are highly unlikely.

"If we can't get it done, we just can't get it done," Nicholson said, adding that lawmakers have little appetite to debate the monument law after dealing with the Confederate flag.

Greenwood has another plan in the works that, if successful, could pave the way for the Upstate city and other communities to change historical monuments or symbols.

Five city residents – some members of the American Legion, some military veterans – are suing the state to overturn the Heritage Act, arguing it is a violation of free speech.

According to the lawsuit, the law forces the American Legion, owners of the war memorial, and the city "to be represented publicly and permanently by a segregationist message" that they do not believe in.

If the lawsuit goes all the way to the state Supreme Court, and the court rules in favor of the plaintiffs, local governments and communities could decide the fate of war monuments and buildings named after historical figures, said Armand Derfner, a Charleston attorney representing the Greenwood plaintiffs.

#### Heritage Act controversies

S.C. lawmakers voted to remove the Confederate flag from the State House grounds. But some communities say they have similarly divisive symbols they cannot remove or change because of state law:

- **Greenwood war memorial:** American Legion Post 20 erected the memorial in 1929 to honor fallen servicemen from Greenwood County. Plaques for World War I and World War II separate the honored dead into "White" and "Colored." The mayor and American Legion leaders want to replace the plaques with new ones that list the names together.
- **Confederate naval jack:** The Citadel Board of Visitors voted 9-3 to remove the Civil War-era banner from the Summerall Chapel.
- **Ben Tillman:** Some lawmakers have said they should look at whether a statue on the State House grounds erected in honor of the former S.C. governor and U.S. senator should remain, but that debate has died down. Clemson and Winthrop universities also have buildings named for Tillman, an outspoken white supremacist, and critics want them renamed.
- The "Rebels": James F. Byrnes High School in Spartanburg has come under fire for its nickname, the "Rebels." The nickname has been in place since the early 1990s, when the school removed a Confederate soldier mascot along with a Confederate flag from its logo. The school's logo features the name underlined by a sword. Byrnes was a S.C. governor whose nicknames was "little rebel," according to the Spartanburg 5 school district.
- **Confederate Avenue:** State Sen. Darrell Jackson, D-Richland, said the name of the Columbia street, which runs from Main Street to Bull Street, near the site of a major economic development venture, may be the next challenge to the Heritage Act.

We are not alone in this fight, as it stands now; every Southern state is experiencing similar issues impacting our Southern monuments, street names and building names, to name a few. We must all be prepared in the upcoming days and months to work with our representative(s) to prevent the annihilation of our ancestor's heritage.

On a positive note I am happy to report that the Wade Hampton Camp has reached 80% membership renewal and we are well ahead of the renewal rate I have experienced during the 4 years I have been Adjutant. Our camp has also received members transferring in from other camps, individuals reinstating their membership and new members. I hope this trend will continue. It is important that we maintain and grow our membership. The SCV and especially the South Carolina Division must be seen as a, "United" organization to effectively counter what revisionist are doing to our history. Page **3** of **6** 

#### **Membership Renewal Information**

If you have not received your Membership Renewal Statement (MRS) please let me know and I will either mail or e-mail the form to you, how you receive it is your choice.

#### Change:

Both SCV National and the SC Division have changed their dues policy for this year for **New** and **Reinstating** members. The \$5.00 registration fee has been waived until **September 30**. It will be reinstated on October 1, 2015.

This change in dues policy is an ideal time to recruit new members and former members.

If you have any questions about your dues I may be reached as shown below.

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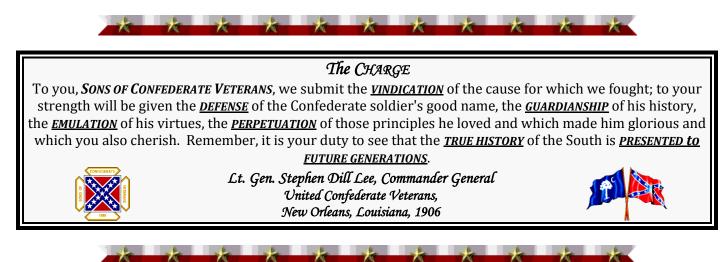
RENEW EARLY AND RECRUITE A NEW MEMBER.

#### What is the makeup of your dues? New Members: \$65.00

- National \$30.00
   (\$5.00 recording fee & \$5.00 SCV pin reinstated after Sept. 30
- Division \$10.00
- Camp \$15.00

#### **Renewing Members: \$55.00**

- National \$30.00 **\$35.00 after November 1, 201**5
- Division \$10.00
   \$15.00 after November 1, 2015
  - Camp \$15.00
- Reinstating Members: \$65.00
  National \$30.00 (Registration fee)
- of \$5.00 reinstated after **Sept. 30**)
- Division \$10.00 (Registration fee of \$5.00 reinstated after Sept. 30)



#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS-

AUGUST - DECEMBER 2015

Event Calendar			
Event	Date	Contact / Web Site	
Palmetto Camp 22	Sept. 15, 2015	Meets 6:30PM <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC	
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Sept. 2, 2015	Meets 7:00PM 1st Wednesday of the Month – Hog Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC	
1st Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Sept. 29, 2015	Meets 6:30PM last Tuesday of the Month – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC	
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Sept. 29, 2015	Meets 7:00PM Last Tuesday of the Month– Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC	

24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate Ghost Walk - Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC	October 9 - 10	Confederate Heritage Trust http://csatrust.org	
Brattonsville, McConnells, SC	October 24-25	http://6thregimentsc.org/brattonsville.htm	
Lexington Veterans Day Parade	November 1	3:00PM Downtown Lexington	
Columbia Veteran's Day Parade	November 11	11:00AM Begins at Sumter and Laurel St.	
Seccessionville, Charleston, SC	November 14-15	http://www.battleofsecessionville.org/	
Battle of Congaree Creek, Sandy Run	ТВА	www.battleatcongareecreek.com/	
Christmas in Cayce	December 5		

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# CHAPLAINS WITNESS -

WALTER LINDLER

#### What is Prayer.....

Someone has written these beautiful words. One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

- <sup>+</sup> Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.
- <sup>↑</sup> Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
- <sup>†</sup> Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- $\dot{\tau}$  All things in life are temporary. If things are going well enjoy it they will not last forever. If things are going wrong don t worry, they can't last long either.
- <sup>†</sup> Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!
- <sup>+</sup> When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- ↑ A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."
- ⁺ When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- + WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away todays PEACE. AUTHOR UNKNOWN

TEACH US O LORD, TO PRAY AND TO SEE THE VISIONS THAT ARE PROVIDED TO US AND GIVE US THE STRENGHT TO DO YOUR WILL.

*Chaplains Prayer List:* With the new year having arrived please remember our camp compatriots and their family members who are having health problems or have lost a loved one in your prayers.



Bill Chisholm Jesse Folk

Rev. Bob and Ursula Slimp Bill Smyth's wife Ann





## Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

Aug. 1, 1861	Confederate troops skirmish with Apache Indians near Ft. Bliss, TX.	
Aug. 30, 1861	Union Maj. Gen. John C. Fremont, military commander of Missouri, orders the death penalty for all Confederate guerillas found behind Union lines, and freedom for all slaves of Confederate sympathizers. Border state Unionists are infuriated by any talk of freeing slaves, and Lincoln orders Freemont to rescind his proclamation.	April Camp Meeting Thursday, August 20 6 O'CLOCK P.M.
Aug. 10, 1862	Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune, writes an open letter "The Prayer of Twenty Millions" calling on Lincoln to free the slaves as a way of weakening the Confederacy.	
Aug. 14, 1862	Lincoln meets with black leaders to discuss establishing a colony in Central America for "able-bodied (black) men, with their wives and children." Lincoln believes it is better for the races to be separated and notes that "without the institution of slavery and the colored race as a basis, the war could not have and existence.:	
Aug. 27, 1862	The Confederate Congress enacts a law providing for civilian matrons and nurses in army general hospitals, "giving preference in all cases to females where their services may best serve the purpose.:	SEAWELL'S
Aug. 19, 1863	With 20,000 Federal troops now on hand, the draftsuspended after the July riotsresumes in New York.	RESTAURANT
Aug. 23, 1864	The Democratic party, at their political convention, endorses a platform that includes a "peace plank" which call for an immediate end to hostilities. The next day, the party nominates Major General George B. McClellan as its candidate for president.	1125 Rosewood Drive Columbia, SC <u>SPEAKER</u>
Aug. 30, 1864	At their political convention in Chicago, the Democrats endorse a platform that includes a "peace plank" which calls for an immediate end to hostilities. The next day, the party nominates Major Gen. George B. McClellan as its candidate for president	Bucky Sutton (SCSCV HDC), "Myths About Slavery"

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