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"A Fraternal Organization of Southern Men"

Renewed SCV Rallies at 110th Annual Reunion

It was a united and largely harmonious group that met July 20-23 in Nashville for the Sons of Confederate Veterans' 110th Annual Reunion.

The Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp was represented by delegation chairman Robert Slimp, along with Richard Johnson and Charles Bray.

While the usurpers who had illegally seized power earlier in the year were ousted during a special SCV convention in Concord, N.C., in April, there were other

issues to be handled.

Among the most pressing: a vote to donate \$10,000 to be used to battle efforts by the Memphis City Council to rename Confederate Park, Jefferson Davis Park and Nathan Bedford Forrest Park, and remove statues of Davis and Forrest.

The money has been dispatched to the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp No. 215 in Memphis because they're in good position to battle this "ethnic cleansing" effort. Given the righteous attitudes of the

politically correct, don't expect this issue to be resolved soon. SCV members across the Confederation may be called to donate money, write letters, and perhaps attend rallies to help the Memphis Camp hold the line and stand up for our heritage.

Other decisions made in Nashville included a nearly unanimous decision to ratify merging the Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc. (a Mississippi nonprofit corporation) into the Sons of Confederate

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This Yankee boar proved no match for Camp Commander Jeff O'Cain, who brought down the beast in Texas earlier this summer.

Citadel Focus of August Meeting

The theme for the August meeting of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp is "A Tribute to the Confederate Men of The Citadel."

Guests will be: Camp Commander Adam Byerly, of The Citadel's Star of the West Camp; Gene Hogan, 6th brigade commander and past Moultrie Camp commander, and also a Citadel graduate; Army of Northern Virginia Councilman Randy Burbage of the Secession Camp; and camp commander David Rentz of the Secession Camp.

Each of the above will speak for 10-15 minutes which will be our program.

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Apologizing for Acts of Long Ago is Meaningless PC Gesture

More liberal drivels from The State - what a surprise.

Last month, the paper that feels your pain wrote about a July 12 church service in Abbeville that recalled the lynching of a black man in that community 89 years ago.

According to the story, "in a rare, emotional and historic church service that left many weeping and others transported with joy, South Carolina whites Tuesday openly confessed the sins of lynching and slavery. And blacks forgave."

Ah, were it only that simple.

First of all, the only people who could forgive for what happened to Anthony Crawford, a prosperous black farmer who was lynched in 1916, would be Crawford or his immediate family.

Second, the only people who can be forgiven are those who actively participated in the crime or stood by and allowed it to happen.

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Celebrating The Citadel and The Confederacy

With the summer doldrums certainly upon us we've decided to spice up our August meeting a bit.

We're all very much aware of the contribution the young men of The Citadel made not only in the early days of The War, but throughout the long, hard four years of battle.

It seems only right that we give focus to their many acts of bravery and dedication to The Cause on so many battlefields far from Charleston.

From firing the very first shots of the War at the Union ship Star of the West, the men of The Citadel brought great credit upon the Military College of South Carolina and every Confederate soldier from the Palmetto state.

Commander's Corner

By Jeff O'Cain

On Jan. 9, 1861, their first action was in the defense of the new South Carolina Republic before there even was a Confederacy.

So the Camp's August meeting will be a special tribute to the great Confederate men of The Citadel, past and present.

We will be honored to have a young man whom I initially met at the Division convention this year in Florence.

He is Cadet 2nd Lt. Adam Byerly, Commander of the Star of the West Camp No. 1253 at The Citadel.

I again encountered Commander Byerly in Concord, N.C., at the special National convention in April, where he was asked to speak impromptu to the Convention delegates.

Commander Byerly received a standing ovation not only for his eloquent words, but for the fact that he clearly represents the future of the SCV.

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"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. General Stephen Dill Lee, New Orleans, La., April 25, 1906.



Members of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp and the Secession Camp are shown at the S.C. Division Convention, April 1-2. In the middle, Secession Camp Commander David Rentz shakes hands with Hampton Camp Commander Jeff O'Cain. Commander Rentz will be at our camp's August meeting.

Along with Commander Byerly we will be further honored to have several other SCV brothers from Charleston: Gene Hogan, 6th Brigade commander and a Citadel alumnus; Army of Northern Virginia Councilman Randy Burbage; and Secession Camp Commander David Rentz.

I am additionally pleased to inform you we will also have our National Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan in attendance.

There will be many other great surprises in store as well, so by all means available to you DON'T MISS THE AUG. 18 MEETING!!!

And bring a friend or relative...he will thank you for the great experience. And of course the ladies are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

It's that time again to reaffirm our commitment to The Charge and renew our an-

nual memberships.

Last year we lost nearly 15 percent of the Camp's strength as far too many good men failed to continue their memberships in our fine organization.

As one of the largest Camps in the Confederation we are annually faced with an importantly serious task: retention of a greater number of members than 99 percent of all other Camps.

We must do better, and I urge you to act today and send your dues in right away!

The preservation of our honored Confederate heritage is a continuing struggle and will remain so long after we all "cross over the river."

We need every single man to help not only hold the line, but to advance the colors as the young men of The Citadel's Star of the West Camp are certainly doing.

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Chaplain's Pulpit

Robert Slimp

Words of the Past Echo True Today in Fight for History

All about us our Southern history and our culture are under a fierce assault by enemies on many fronts. A good example is the attempt in Memphis to change the names of Confederate, Jefferson Davis, and Nathan Bedford Forrest parks.

All of them are now within the city limits. There are many who are going to try to change the names of the parks and remove statues of President Jefferson Davis and General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Of course we must do all in our power to prevent this from happening.

I am going to quote the words of a very great South Carolina Minister, Dr. James Henley Thornwell. At different times president of the University of South Carolina, pastor of First Presbyterian Church and professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, he was also one of the chief founders of the Presbyterian Church, Confederate States.

During the first two years of the war, he wrote several pamphlets, and spoke at many public meetings, and also to Confederate soldiers who were leaving for Virginia urging all Southerners to win the war. Here, in a pamphlet entitled, "The Crisis! the Crisis! the Crisis!", Thornwell warns what defeat will mean to the South. His words fit our situation today.

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O'Cain Recognized with SCV's Dixie Award

Kudos to Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Commander Jeff O'Cain, who recently received the National Sons of Confederate Veterans "Dixie Award" for personally recruiting more than 15 men in the past year.

Many of these new compatriots joined camps outside South Carolina, including Moore Matthews, a 76-year-old Texan whose grandfather, Pvt. William Tarpon Matthews, joined the Confederate Army at age 16.

Every Man's Contributions Count in Quest to Build Hampton Camp

As I've thought about the great men associated with the Confederate Army, I have begun to realize that the names most associated with greatness are almost always the generals.

Think about it. Lee, Longstreet, Jackson, Johnston, Hampton and Kershaw are first to come to my mind. But who among us can name a great line officer, NCO or even a lowly private, other than one of our own ancestors?

It seems to me that as the Confederate Army went, so goes our own Camp at times. Sure, members of other Camps in our Confederation may be able to name the current Commander of neighboring Camps. How many of those same men will be able to name someone they know who has never been Commander or Lieutenant Commander of that same Camp?

I bet there are relatively few of us that can, myself included. Each man who contributes to his Camp is just as worthy of note as the current or past Commander, in my opinion. After all, it is the membership of the Camp who installed their officers.

If the Commander receives awards as the representative of the Camp, then it is the membership who has done something right. The least of which was electing a strong leader. If the Commander doesn't please everyone all the time, then it is the right of the membership not to re-elect him at his next term.

We are lucky in this aspect. The soldiers in Mr. Jefferson Davis' Army didn't get to pick their leadership. Sometimes I believe some would have fared better had they been able to do just that. Instead, they went on soldiering and sacrificing in anonymity, often to bring glory only to their leaders.

They didn't break ranks and march away, leaving other comrades and partners to stick

Lieutenant's Ledger

Tommy Rollings

in the fight alone when they disagreed with their leaders. They held together while their leaders came and went, weathering the storm from enemies without and putting up a legendary fight!

So I hope will be the same for our Camp. We have done some great things together the last year and a half. Our leadership is representative of us, and as we change, so will our leaders.

No one man will please every one of us all the time. What is important is to stick together to fight our common enemies wherever they attack us. After all, we are Compatriots of the greatest camp in the Confederation, are we not?

While I am on the subject of the common soldier being shrouded in anonymity while perhaps doing the most important jobs, I'd like each of you to remember the Camp's staff. We're all pretty familiar with the Company Commanders, Executive Officers, Quartermasters and the great job they do.

The guys I'm talking about are the folks like Ken and Randy Felder. These guys are usually the first to arrive and the last to leave our monthly meetings. We shouldn't take them for granted. Because of their hard work, we arrive in our banquet room every month to see the tables set the way we like them and the room set-up in a way that says "Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp."

To all of you who contribute to make the Camp what it is... Thanks guys! See y'all on the 18th for an enthusiastic Rebel Yell!!!

Research Problems?

The SCV can help. For complete assistance in all aspects of lineage & genealogy contact:

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Memphis Mayor Vows to Leave Statues Untouched

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The mayor of Memphis has rejected calls to rename three parks that honor the Confederacy, saying the city should focus on being part of the New South and stop worrying about remnants of the Old South.

Mayor Willie Herenton, who like 60 percent of Memphis residents is black, said public fighting over the parks would only hurt the city's image, which is still tarnished by the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

"We do not need another event that portrays Memphis nationally as a city still racially polarized and fighting the Civil War all over again," he said.

Forrest Park, Confederate Park and Jefferson Davis Park contain statues of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Southern Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, an early leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

Herenton said he will ask the City Council to give the parks to the University of Tennessee and a nonprofit corporation

The Sons of Confederate Veterans argue that the parks represent a key part of the city's history and should be left alone.

helping develop the city's riverfront. The park bearing Forrest's name is beside the campus of the university's medical school.

If the university or the development corporation want to rename the parks, "that's their decision," the mayor said.

The university issued a statement reserving comment until the mayor's proposal could be reviewed.

As an example of the trouble the squabble could cause, Herenton held up a letter "from some guy in the Ku Klux Klan" that threatened a funeral for Forrest "in full KKK regalia" if his statue is moved.

Forrest's remains and those of his wife

were relocated from a cemetery and placed beneath the statue when the park was named for him 100 years ago.

Proponents of changing the park names and moving the statues have also promised protests and have invited such activists as Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton to join them.

Those critics, many of whom are black, argue that the parks should not honor figures who supported slavery and fought to destroy the Union.

Others, including the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a Southern heritage group, and some of Forrest's descendants, argue that the parks represent a key part of the city's history and should be left alone.

The Center City Commission, which promotes downtown development, asked the City Council last month to rename the parks. But the council sidestepped a contentious vote when its attorney said only Herenton had the authority to change the names.

-The Associated Press

Reunion

Veterans (a Texas nonprofit corporation). This was done because Texas law is less restrictive than Mississippi law in regard to corporations and their boards of directors. Our Judge Advocate-in-Chief, Samuel Currin, said Texas does not interfere in the operating procedures of corporations based in the Lone Star State.

An attempt to make the National Executive Committee smaller by removing the second and third past commanders-in-chief as ex officio non-voting members of the GEC was voted down.

A personal amendment offered at the end of the last business meeting that would have expelled additional members involved in the recent "coup" was defeated after Ron Wilson and Chris Sullivan made appeals to "stop the bleeding and begin the healing process."

Citadel

The Citadel's connection to The War Between The States goes back before even Fort Sumter's fall.

In early January 1861, the merchant vessel Star of the West, carrying 200 federal soldiers and supplies for Fort Sumter, passed within sight of the Confederate batteries of Morris Island. A battery manned by Citadel cadets fired upon the ship, striking it twice. Later, numerous Citadel graduates and undergrads would take up the Confederate colors, and many would fall in defense of their nation.

Also, Don Gordon will give the Battle Brief on the men of The Citadel.

We are also scheduled to have as a special guest John O'Connor, the State newspaper reporter who wrote the great front page article about the Battle For Columbia. And if that's not enough, Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer will come to present the Camp a three-flag statehouse print and join as an associate member.



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Mark Twain Recounts Action on the Mississippi River

Noted American author Mark Twain's masterpiece Life on the Mississippi included this excerpt, titled "The Pilot's First Battle," recounting naval action on the Mississippi River midway through the War Between The States.

It was the 7th of November. The fight began at seven in the morning. I was on the 'R. H. W. Hill.' Took over a load of troops from Columbus. Came back, and took over a battery of artillery. My partner said he was going to see the fight; wanted me to go along. I said, no, I wasn't anxious, I would look at it from the pilot-house. He said I was a coward, and left.

That fight was an awful sight. General Cheatham made his men strip their coats off and throw them in a pile, and said, 'Now follow me to hell or victory!' I heard him say that from the pilot-house; and then he galloped in, at the head of his troops. Old General Pillow, with his white hair, mounted on a white horse, sailed in, too, leading his troops as lively as a boy. By and by the Federals chased the rebels back, and here they came! tearing along, everybody for himself and Devil take the hindmost! and down under the bank they scrambled, and took shelter.

From the Front

A Contemporary Account

I was sitting with my legs hanging out of the pilot-house window. All at once I noticed a whizzing sound passing my ear. Judged it was a bullet. I didn't stop to think about anything, I just tilted over backwards and landed on the floor, and staid there. The balls came booming around. Three cannon-balls went through the chimney; one ball took off the corner of the pilot-house; shells were screaming and bursting all around. Mighty warm times - I wished I hadn't come.

I lay there on the pilot-house floor, while the shots came faster and faster. I crept in behind the big stove, in the middle of the pilot-house. Presently a minieball came through the stove, and just grazed my head, and cut my hat. I judged it was time to go away from there. The captain was on the roof with a red-headed major from Memphis - a fine-looking man.

I heard him say he wanted to leave here,

but 'that pilot is killed.' I crept over to the star-board side to pull the bell to set her back; raised up and took a look, and I saw about fifteen shot holes through the window panes; had come so lively I hadn't noticed them.

I glanced out on the water, and the spattering shot were like a hailstorm. I thought best to get out of that place. I went down the pilot-house guy, head first - not feet first but head first - slid down - before I struck the deck, the captain said we must leave there. So I climbed up the guy and got on the floor again. About that time, they collared my partner and were bringing him up to the pilot-house between two soldiers.

Somebody had said I was killed. He put his head in and saw me on the floor reaching for the backing bells. He said, 'Oh, hell, he ain't shot,' and jerked away from the men who had him by the collar, and ran below. We were there until three o'clock in the afternoon, and then got away all right.

Next day General Polk sent for me, and praised me for my bravery and gallant conduct. I never said anything, I let it go at that. I judged it wasn't so, but it was not for me to contradict a general officer.

Abbeville

It ain't likely that there's anybody from either group still around.

But don't tell that to Johnson Dorn. According to the story, Dorn, "a white whose family has been in South Carolina nine generations, told how his great-grandfather had fought in the Civil War, then came home and joined the Red Shirts, whose actions, he said, helped paved the way for lynching in South Carolina."

Besides the scurrilous and historically incorrect attack on the Red Shirts, who helped put an end to period of great graft and corruption in S.C., Dorn took it upon himself to issue a blanket indictment of all white South Carolinians, claiming all S.C. whites, whether they participated in lynchings or not, bear re-

sponsibility for the prejudices of the past.

"Tonight I need deliverance from that history!" he told the assembly.

Here's what I'd like deliverance from:

- dimwits who don't understand, or don't want to understand, history;
- race hustlers who never miss an opportunity to gin up mistrust and hatred if it's to their benefit;
- simple-minded media who let outrageous statements go unchecked because it fits preconceived notions.

To be sure, what happened across the South (and in some Midwestern and Western states) between roughly 1880 and 1940 wasn't pretty. Lynching was a horrible crime that brought out the worst in human emotions.

Although some whites were lynched, a majority of the time it was blacks that felt the brunt of the brutality.

Sometimes the victims were suspected violent criminals pulled from jails, but often they were innocent citizens who were either in the wrong place at the wrong time or the target of a premeditated attacks that sought to eliminate "trouble makers" and/or cow other blacks. But to say that every white South Carolinian alive today bears responsibility for lynchings is ridiculous hyperbole.

It's been nearly 60 years since the last

lynching took place in South Carolina, so it's unlikely that few, if any, who witnessed a lynching are still alive. Strong laws have been in place for years to deter lynching or activities that harken back to the days of lynching. These laws may not always have been enforced with the vigor intended, but they're on the books and have been for some time.

Dorn and others who flagellate themselves and beg forgiveness for something they nor anyone else alive today had any role in is nothing more than maudlin grandstanding. Unfortunately, the media eats it up because it fits neatly into a template that says all non-liberal Southern whites are tyrannical racists and all blacks are oppressed victims. This is the same mindset that equates all Confederate soldiers with slaveholders and all Union soldiers with slave-freeing crusaders.

The only one at the July 12 service who spoke with any shred of common sense was Phil Crawford, who the paper identified as a great-grandson of the man lynched 89 years earlier. Asked if the service helped him forgive, he responded, "You want the truth? I ... forgave already. You can't go forward with malice in your heart."

Too bad the Johnson Dorn, The State and the rest of the soft-minded liberal establishment can't get with the program.

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Chaplain

"But the consequences of success on our part will be very different from consequences of success on the part of the North. If they prevail, the whole character of the Government will be changed, and instead of a federal republic, the common agent of sovereign and independent States, we shall have a central despotism, with the notion of States' Rights forever abolished, deriving its powers from the will, and shaping its policy according to the wishes, of a numerical majority of the people; we shall have, in other words a supreme irresponsible democracy.

"The will of the North will stand for law. The Government does not now recognize itself as an ordinance of God; and, when all the checks and balances of the Constitution are gone, we may easily figure to ourselves the career and the destiny of this godless monster of democratic absolutism.

"The progress of regulated liberty on this continent will be arrested, anarchy will soon succeed, and the end will be a military despotism, which preserves order by the sacrifices of the last vestiges of liberty.

Soldier's Kin Find Peace as Warrior Gets Headstone

FOUR MILE, Ala. - On a grassy rise overlooking the Appalachian foothills and Alabama 21, amid weather-worn tributes to the dead, a smooth, gleaming granite headstone tells the story of a still-unraveling mystery.

"Wm Riley Moore CO K 24 GA Inf CSA Apr. 6, 1824 Feb. 7 1916."

Until several months ago, there was no headstone for William Riley Moore, a Confederate soldier who spent part of the Civil War in a Union military prison. Moore's living descendants didn't even know the man's name and wondered why only an unmarked white rock presided over his grave at the Four Mile United Methodist Church's cemetery for almost 90 years.

Then, last winter, Moore's great-great-granddaughter, Terri Drake, opened one of her mother's century-old Bibles and found the first of many clues. On a page filled with a scrawled family tree of sorts, Drake found Moore's name, date of birth and death. Drake's sister Carolyn Hutchison took the discovery as a sign.

It was finally time to bring dignity to her ancestor's final resting place.

We must place our trust in our Sovereign God and honor our glorious Confederate ancestors by winning the battle to save their good names...

"We are fully persuaded that the triumph of the North in the present conflict will be as disastrous to the hopes of mankind as to our own fortunes.

"They are now fighting the battle of despotism. They have trampled our Constitution of 1787 under their feet; they have annulled its most sacred provisions; and, in defiance of its solemn guarantees, they are now engaged in the halls of Congress, in discussing and maturing bills which make Northern notions of necessity the paramount laws of the land.

"We must therefore win this noble cause in which we are engaged. There is every-

thing in it to rouse the heart and to nerve the arm of the freeman and the patriot; and though it may now seem to be under a cloud, it is too big with the future of our race to be suffered to fail. It cannot fail; it must not fail.

"Our people must not brook the infamy of betraying their sublime trust. This beautiful land we must never suffer to pass into the hands of strangers. Our fields, our homes, our firesides and sepulchers, our cities and temples, our wives and daughters, we must protect at every hazard. The glorious inheritance which our fathers left us we must never betray!"

Now, 140 years later, we are still engaged in the same battle, only at a different time and in a different arena. We must place our trust in our Sovereign God, and honor our glorious Confederate ancestors by winning the battle to save their good names by keeping the Charge given us by General Stephen Dill Lee, so that our posterity might keep our history and heritage alive.

Legionary Looking for a Few Good Stories

The Legionary is looking for a few good men who are willing to put pen to paper, or more likely, fingers to keyboard.

If there's an issue you'd like to write about, a wrong you'd like to right, or a Southerner deserving of attention, the Legionary wants to publish your stories.

Ideal subjects also include family members who fought in the War Between The States, along with later ancestors who met and knew our Confederate forefathers.

Send it to: Legionary Editor, 205 Coopers Hawk Circle, Irmo, SC, 29063, or email it to rdietrich@sc.rr.com.

Attention

The Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Needs You - to Re-enlist!

It's time to re-up, Compatriots. Dues for the upcoming year are now due.

Rates are as follows:

Regular Membership - \$40

Associate Membership - \$20

Division Life Membership - \$35

National Life Membership - \$20

Division and National Life Membership - \$15

After Nov. 1, there will be an additional \$10 charge.

Send checks to Adjutant Eddie Killian,
Box 861, Gaston, S.C., 29053-0861.

In the Confederation

What's Going On

Saluda Camp Planning Stan Clardy Show

The Gen. Richard Herron Anderson Camp No. 48 in Saluda is making plans to present a show featuring Stan Clardy Dec. 3 at the Saluda Theater.

Stan Clardy is a professional entertainer from North Carolina who does several different shows about the circa-1860 South. The performances are funny, factual and entertaining.

Ticket prices are expected to be around \$10, but that hasn't been firmed up yet, according to individuals with the Saluda Camp. A separate dinner may also be part of the evening.

New Novel Looks at Lost Confederate Gold

Thomas Moore, a SCV compatriot, has written a political thriller about the South, when the Confederate government left Richmond, Va., just ahead of Grant's army in early April, 1865, that leads down to our fight to preserve our Southern heritage today.

Once you pick up this book you can't put in down. It is a novel, but based on fact about some of the gold lost from the Confederate Treasury.

This is a fast moving beautifully written story whose Southern rhythms and passion are Celtic to the core. Please ask our Quartermasters to get this book in stock as soon as possible.

-Robert Slimp

Georgia Group Sues to Put Flag on Riverwalk

AUGUSTA (AP) - A Southern heritage group wants the Confederate flag restored to its former place on Riverwalk Augusta and has sued the Augusta Commission and the city's former mayor in the process.

Georgia Heritage Council Inc. filed the lawsuit against the commission and former Mayor Bob Young on July 7. The Gainesville, Ga.-based group argues in its court filing that the Confederate flag constituted a memorial to the state's Civil War veterans.

Important August Dates to Remember

Notable Confederate Birthdays

Aug. 1: Brig. Gen. Maxcy Gregg,* Columbia
Aug. 1: Brig. Gen. William Yarnell Slack*
Aug. 5: Brig. Gen. Carnot Posey*
Aug. 7: Brig. Gen. Evander McIvor Law, Darlington
Aug. 10: Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton
Aug. 12: Maj. Gen. John Horace Forney
Aug. 14: Brig. Gen. Clement Hoffman 'Rock' Stevens*
Aug. 21: Brig. Gen. William Barksdale*
Aug. 24: Brig. Gen. Thomas Fenwick Drayton, Charleston
Aug. 27: Brig. Gen. Roger Weightman 'Old Flintlock' Hanson*
*Died in Confederate service

Coming Events

Aug. 18: Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Meeting, Seawell's, 6 p.m.
Sept. 22: Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp Meeting, Seawell's, 6 p.m.



This turn-of-the-century postcard shows the Confederate White House in better times, before "progress" all but swallowed the majestic symbol of Southern history.

Richmond Masterpiece's Future in Doubt

RICHMOND, Va. - In the 1800s, the idea of a separate Southern nation seemed real enough to warrant a grand executive office - a Confederate answer to the White House that would symbolize the Dixie empire.

Officials chose a hilltop mansion in the Shockoe Hill section, a former doctor's home that dominated the then-sparse landscape. But what was once a Civil War centerpiece is now an afterthought.

Curators of the Museum and White House of the Confederacy say runaway development from nearby Virginia Commonwealth University has all but erased the site, cutting into museum attendance and threatening to elbow the landmark right out of the city.

A group of state lawmakers met Friday to discuss ways to save the 187-year-old site, including moving the entire complex.

"We are simply in their way, and their expansion is simply in our way," Executive Director Waite Rawls III said during the first of four scheduled public meetings.

Rawls told the 11-member panel of the challenges facing the complex, including limited parking, incessant construction noise and looming buildings that leave the historical site lost in the mix. All have hurt museum attendance - from 91,000 in the early 1990s to just 54,000 visitors this past year.

Raised in 1818, the building was scheduled for demolition by the 1890s. Members of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society converted it into a museum.

Society members later restored it as a home in the 1980s; a separate museum housing artifacts such as Confederate flags and period paintings stands next door.

Important Dates in the War of Northern Aggression

- Aug. 2, 1865: After wiping out most of the New Bedford whaling fleet in the Pacific, Capt. James I. Waddell of the *CSS Shenendoah* learns the War is over and heads for England.
- Aug. 9, 1862: Stonewall Jackson and A.P. Hill repulse Federals at Cedar Mountain, Va., giving Robert E. Lee the chance to take the initiative.
- Aug. 10, 1861: Confederates, led by Sterling Price, take control of Southwestern Missouri with victory at Wilson's Creek.
- Aug. 17, 1863: Federal batteries erected on Morris Island open and continue their bombardment of Fort Sumter and the Charleston defenses til Aug. 23. Despite a severe pounding, Fort Sumter's garrison held out.
- Aug. 21, 1864: Maj. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest initiates daring raid on Union-held Memphis, Tenn., capturing 500 prisoners.
- Aug. 26, 1861: Confederates rout Federals at Kessler's Cross Lanes, in what was then western Virginia.
- Aug. 28, 1862: Massed Confederate artillery devastates a Union assault by Fitz John Porter's command and Longstreet's wing of 28,000 men counterattacks in the largest, simultaneous mass assault of the war at Second Manassas, resulting in a major Southern victory.

Words To Remember

"The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth."

- Stonewall Jackson

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, August 18



6 p.m. at Seawell's
Restaurant, on Rosewood

Scripture Thought

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

-Romans 6:23

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