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HAS THE SESQUICENTENNIAL BEEN HIJACKED?

By By Len Riedel

The nature of discussion about the American Civil War has changed. We are losing the initiative. The reality is that when the storm has passed there will be a new politically correct interpretation that will tilt the meaning of the war for future generations.

When you examine events through the prism of 150 years of social evolution rather than in the context of the time in which the events took place it is not history but rather social reengineering.

As a proponent of Sesquicentennial Planning, I am sad to report that just nine states have formed sesquicentennial commissions. There is no national commission.

In Virginia, the Blue and Gray Education Society (BGES) planned to be full participants only to discover the state was going to vector all statewide events through one of its universities. During a March meeting at the legislative building in Richmond every idea our organization had, every offer we made and every request we sought was dismissed out of hand.

They were anxious to promote their April conference at the University of Richmond, but made no provisions for any nonprofit groups to display preservation or education-related materials for the assembly of 2,000 people, although I understand they did allow the Civil War Preservation Trust to display.

When we asked about becoming a sesquicentennial partner we were presented a document that required us to be “inclusive and diverse.” What happened to free speech and academic freedom?

A substantial, well-written article in the Chronicle of Higher Education by highly respected Yale University professor David Blight summarized the gathering.

He noted the wonder and wonderment of a group of 16 historians being coached through panel discussions of life in 1859 with the “wink eye” caveat that no one could bring up or justify a point using information that couldn’t **See SESQUICENTENNIAL, PAGE 2**



MESSAGE FROM SC SCV DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Published at the Request of Commander Spigner:

As you know, we have been registering our disapproval with the ACC following their reneging on sending their baseball tournament to Myrtle Beach in 2011-2013. Certainly, this process should continue if any Compatriot has not yet contacted the Commissioner’s office. However, it is now time to move on to Phase 2.

One of the ACC’s “Corporate Partners” is Food Lion. Food Lion LLC operates more than 1,300 supermarkets, either directly or through affiliated entities, under the names of Food Lion, Bloom, Bottom Dollar Food, Harvey’s and Reid’s. Therefore, we need all our men to contact Food Lion and tell them that we do not approve of their financial underwriting of the discriminatory ACC. Contact information is as follows:

Food Lion LLC, Attention: Jennifer Speck, 2110 Executive Drive, P.O. Box 1330, Salisbury, NC 28145-1330

Write a letter (don’t e-mail). The letter should include: (1) A statement of disappointment with Food Lion for their financial support of the ACC; (2) A brief recap of the ACC issue, denouncing them for awarding, then taking away their 2011-2013 baseball tournaments from South Carolina; (3) Your MVP Card – returned to Food Lion; (4) Recent sales receipts from other grocery stores

Subsequent receipts from other stores need to be mailed in as well. Here’s the procedure: (1) Receipts should be collected at camp level on a monthly basis – forward to division collection point with total value of receipts; (2) Division collection point gathers and totals all camp batches monthly and sends on to Food Lion; (3) Be prepared to do this for a while...

IMPORTANT: This might be the only “chink in the armor” of the ACC— with a bad economy and the competitiveness of grocery stores, if we can discipline ourselves to stay with this, we might be effective. 🙏

yet be known — a logical absurdity designed to open a window into the antebellum period from scholars whose entire reason for existence is not to be a reenactor but rather a historian.

Not surprisingly we discovered that in 1859 we were a racist country and that equal rights for Blacks (or for that matter, women) was not a front line agenda item.

Professor Blight has established a solid reputation writing on Race and Memory; however, when delving into areas of lesser interest to him that reputation may substitute in some people's minds for expertise.

Race and Memory is what he goes on tour and talks about — see his Web site. Blight spends a fair amount of time in the article to his peers noting the challenges professional historians face in educating the public.

His pivotal quote in "The Civil War Sesquicentennial: The goal should be an enlightening Commemoration" was, "It is not your father's or your grandmother's Civil War history anymore, even — and especially — in the South. Or is it? We shall see."

Continuing to quote Blight: "The Lost Cause tradition — as both a version of history and as a racial ideology — is certainly still very much alive in neo-Confederate organizations, on numerous Web sites, among white-supremacist groups, in staunch advocates of the Confederate battle flag, and even among some mainstream American politicians. Multitudes still cannot bring themselves to confront the story of slavery as both lived experience and as the central cause of the Civil War."

I have been a military history, strategy and policy, diplomacy and Civil War student for 46 years, hold a master's degree in history and I find the premise of Dr. Blight's article disturbing for the profession.

Nonetheless it is what we have come to expect from organizations such as the American Historical Association where a contemporary panel or speaker at any conference on any antebellum subject other than slavery is rarely seen.

Contrast that with a National Council of Social Studies Teachers conference where teachers are working with students at the secondary level. There is a lot of energy there and conferences, programs and panels present numerous derivatives of basic Civil War themes.

What Blight says is in some measure true, but is an unfair generalization. The Civil War is popular because it is the story of us.

Pride and acceptance can be two sides of a single surgical probe into meaning for people who had blood relations in the war. The same is becoming readily apparent about World War II.

People of extraordinary intellect, who are not "academic historians," have devoted a considerable amount of time in microscopic research in areas that interest them. These independent historians are finding new things all the time.

Blight's focus has been on one of the defining issues of societal evolution and his insights are enlightening. Yet that does not make simpletons of the current students and buffs nor should it denigrate proud but sometimes-misinformed ancestors of war veterans.

Like Dr. Blight, we at the BGES are educators. We don't need to certify we will be inclusive and diverse — just join us for hot July marches in the weeds of northern Arkansas or for the early February falling snow in 15 degrees at Fort Donelson looking for abandoned earthworks.

Talk to the ladies and gentlemen on our programs or, for that matter, join us as we take people to sites where black soldiers fought side by side with others along the south side of Morris Island, in the cornfields in Missouri at Island Mound where the first black soldiers fought and fell in 1862 or at Port Hudson and Honey Hill.

Indeed we have taken people to over 400 different battlefields in 16 years. We study the war and its various components white, black, male, female, soldier and civilian, politician and diplomat.

It is the drama of the battle that initially brings people to the study of the Civil War. Those sites define, inspire and educate us. Have a discussion with a legless veteran in a wheelchair from Iraq on Little Round Top for some perspective. We do it eight or nine times a year.

The tragedy is that the resources of the government and well-funded public agencies are being used to shape the discussion without accepting constructive input from people who are seriously engaged.

The sad retreat of the National Park Service to demands to include a display describing the role of African Americans and slavery at each national Civil War battlefield has created resentment because it is disingenuous.

A battlefield is a battlefield — that is the story. It is pandering to a constituency

that isn't coming anyway and is taking precious display space away from a site that people traveled to see and understand.

Dr. Blight and I would find much to talk about and I have and will continue to learn about things in his area of expertise; but he should seriously consider if there is not a problem within his own profession.

What is really more relevant is why are business associations of colleges and universities, such as the Atlantic Coast Conference, honoring boycotts of South Carolina (ACC Baseball Tournament 2010-2012) over the Confederate Battle Flag when black bikers make an annual weeklong trek to the same state?

One gets the sense that even the black community doesn't understand the issue — only special interest groups such as the NAACP are "enlightened" enough to save well-educated college students from the insidious sting of latent racism.

Recently John Hope Franklin died. So did Michael Jackson. Who was more importance to the society? But who had the largest memorial service? A failure to value the right things? Why is that?

Reality is that the black community has shown little interest in any aspect of the Civil War either from a Civil Rights standpoint or in honor of 180,000-plus black soldiers who contributed the first substantial arguments for equality in this United States.

No amount of pandering by the National Park Service, apologies by Congress or other "inclusive" agencies is going to change that.

If academic historians can teach social studies without bias or destructive intent and in the context of our children's moral and educational development then educated and interested Americans of all races will come to these timeless fields to ponder what was done for them — then we will have achieved success.

What makes a good sesquicentennial? It is not a grants-based issue to be funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and it is not a "Lost Cause" issue.

It is the honest fulfillment and fundamental obligation of the story tellers/historians of our society — a true liberal education. What are historians and what should they be? Acceptance and tolerance goes both ways. 🧐

Source: Edited from *Civil War News*, August 2009. www.civilwarnews.com

I hope that ya'll have had an enjoyable, restful and rejuvenating summer. The season of vacation and heat is about over and school will be starting soon. Now is a good time to think about attending camp meetings again if you have been away for a while. I think we have soon good speakers coming up and I encourage you get back in the saddle and support old Wade Hampton's spirit as well as your camp founded in his honor.

In August we will welcome one of our own as the monthly speaker; Representative Ken Wingate. Compatriot Wingate's topic will be "Faith of Our Fathers", the Emulation of the Virtues of the Cause. The title is enough to spark my interest.

If that were not enough, during the same meeting, the Right Reverend Philip Linder, Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, in Columbia will receive the *highest* award presented by the South Carolina Division to a non SCV member, "the Outstanding Southern Citizens' Award." The award is given to Dean Linder because of his willingness for the Trinity Cathedral Cemetery to be decorated each Confederate Memorial Day, and for allowing our Camp to have our annual Wade Hampton Memorial Service at Trinity Cathedral and for a memorial service at the Wade Hampton Grave Site.

You will not want to miss out the

next meeting!

In planning to attend, please give some thought to inviting a guest to attend with you. Compatriot Scott James is doing a great job with following up on all guests and leads from members, emails and the web page guest book. New members are the life blood of our organization and the more onboard the more affective we will be in supporting the cause.

Speaking of supporting the cause I can think of no better way that to get behind the SCV Sesquicentennial Society! By joining this prestigious group you will help in supporting two projects very important to the future.

1. By erecting a new building on the SCV property at Historic Elm Springs for office space so Elm Springs can be returned to its original grandeur and also to house The Confederate Museum.

2. The SCV needs to leave a legacy for our Compatriots who will be the members and leaders of the SCV when the Bicentennial of the Cause for Southern Independence arrives 50 years from now.

Here is how you can take part. To join it is a minimum payment of \$200. You can certainly give more if you wish! You will receive a handsome SCV Sesquicentennial Society Medal and Certificate. This program will end at the close of the Sesquicentennial. You may pay all at once or you can make non-

refundable installments of \$50. You will receive the medal and certificate when paid in full. Send a check to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans
c/o Sesquicentennial Society
P.O. Box 59

Columbia, TN 38402

Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card.

You may also use the on-line donation page:

<https://scv.secure-sites.us/donation.php>

As fall approaches there is more to be concerned about than football and raking leaves. Each compatriot should begin to give serious thought to who you like to see become the next Commander of the Camp. This is very important to the future of the camp and nominations will be needed. Don't just assume that some is either ready or willing just because they have been active. There is no progressive line to commander. Just as our ancestors elected there officers and noncoms the membership should be active in selecting the person who they feel will take the camp in the direction they would wish it to go. This process should therefore produce more than one nomination. Be sure to find out if the person you have in mind is both willing to run and serve.

I look forward to seeing y'all on August 20th! 🍷

CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

HOWARD HUGHES

It's my own fault.

Ever since I was a third grader rooting for Sen. Robert Kennedy for President, I've been interested in politics. I was the only one at home not backing Governor George Wallace in 1968. After the assassination I threw my influence and support to Richard Nixon. Nothing against my family or Wallace—I was just a spirited, idealistic nine-year-old. My political heroes are numerous and are as diverse as RFK, Nixon, JFK, Herbert Hoover, Barry Goldwater, Jimmy Byrnes, Jeff Davis, Ronald Reagan, Gov. Fritz Hollings, Wade Hampton, Calvin Coolidge, Zeb Vance, George Washington, and two SCV members, US Senators Strom Thurmond and Jesse Helms. Helms is my all-time favorite—Byrnes and Thurmond are closely tied for second.

My sainted father (a fan of Helms and Thurmond who once introduced me to the former) never belittled me on the rare occasions when, as a lad, I politically differed with him. However, knowing his youngest son's tendency to regard himself as all-

knowing and to hero-worship certain politicians, Daddy often cautioned me against putting too much faith in any of them.

My father was a Christian, a recipient of the SCV War Service Medal for WWII—same as Thurmond, incidentally...same SCV camp, too—a faithful citizen and taxpayer of his beloved Carolinas and the United States, and regular voter who knew his stuff. It took me years to realize the latter. Anyway, throughout my adult life I'd been doing pretty well heeding his advice concerning those desirous of my financial contributions and votes, that is, until this summer.

In recent months I've been disappointed to varying degrees by the actions or inaction (depending on the case) of four elected officials whom, to one extent or another, I personally KNOW—the one for whom I work isn't included in this mix, in the event anyone's that curious. The details of those unrelated situations have either been beaten to death by the

news media or are unknown and unimportant publicly and none shall be rehashed here. The point, however, is that in my finite wisdom, time and again I suspended my father's sage advice and got burned each time.

It's important to me to keep up with events, know the score, and always vote (sometimes pinching my snout 'til it aches and putting an X beside the name of some clown about whom I'm not particularly wild because SOMEONE WILL WIN and I prefer a crummy guy in office in lieu of a MORE crummy guy, anytime)> It is also important to remember that fallen humans—neither gods, God Himself, nor people one bit better than we of the hoi-polloi—are the only candidates appearing on any ballots. Daddy was right. Again, he told me, he told me, he told me... 🍷

Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone."

— St. Mark 10:18

By Rev. Robert Slimp

In our last *Legionary*, we were informed that the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) announced that it had decided *against* allowing Myrtle Beach to host a conference baseball tournament. The tournament had already been awarded for the years 2011-13. The reason given for this arbitrary act given by ACC Commissioner John Swofford was that the decision drew criticism from the NAACP. He said the decision would stand unless our Confederate Battle flag, flying at our Soldiers Monument at the State House, was removed. Swofford added, "In the end, given the conference's commitment to diversity, equality and human rights, our institutions have determined that this change should be made."

By so doing, Swofford and his minions may have fired the opening shot in the battle to try to remove our flag. We must not give in to this outrageous move. The flag has nothing to do with slavery or human rights. It has to do with the truth that the War for Southern Independence was fought to defend the Constitution handed down to us by our founding fathers. U.S. President Abe Lincoln was not interested in ending slavery. He wanted to keep the Southern States in the Union to milk them for unjust additional taxes to bring to power an all powerful Central Government. The Confederate flag, with its St. Andrews Cross, is a Christian symbol. William Miles, the flag's designer,

said in 1861 that it "should be a token of humble testimony to the world that our trust is in the Lord our God." The outstanding Southern historian, Shelby Foot, noted that the Southern Cross also came to stand for Law in the sense of a government of Law rather than a government subject to the whim of tyrants or majorities. It stood for limited government and the "States' Rights guaranteed by the Constitution."

We must remember that this flag did not fly over slave quarters, but over brave men in battle, some of which were men of color.

Our flag was placed in that position as a result of a compromise in 2000, which was made to end the controversy *once and for all*. We must not give in to the attacks now being made by a media that obviously believes in selective morality and selective cowardice.

What makes this attack on our flag even worse is that the ACC, and other Colligate Sports organization, believe that they have a right to involve themselves in South Carolina politics and to stick their noses into something which has nothing at all to do with athletics.

I call on all of our compatriots to phone Commissioner Swofford whose office phone number is (336)854-8787 or to send him an e-mail on the form provided at www.theacc.com/feedback/acc-feedback.html. If you prefer to write a letter,



it may be addressed as follows:

Commissioner John Swofford
PO Drawer ACC
Greensboro, NC 27417-6724

Be sure to let him now that many of our North Carolina Compatriots, and many of us from South Carolina as well, will make certain that the Confederate flag *will be viewed* by all of the teams, coaches, players and fans who participate.

This is a fight we must win for our children. Otherwise, these tyrants will not be satisfied until every vestige of our history and culture is destroyed. 🗣️

RICKY LEE BADGER

ADJUTANT'S DESK

The dog-days-of-summer is one of the busiest times of the year for the Wade Hampton Camp. With the National Reunion behind us, our camp officers now look toward a new year. The search for new officers is under way and everyone is once again focused on membership retention.

Since the early nineties the SCV has grown from an organization that defended our Confederate Heritage by drawing a line in the sand and saying "You can take no more" to an organization that is advancing our Confederate Heritage on every front. This can only be done with a strong membership base, both renewing

and new members.

Every day as renewals arrive, I'm overwhelmed with pride knowing that we are members of one of the strongest SCV camps in the Confederation. Working together we can protect and preserve our heritage while carry on the "Charge".

If you have misplaced the renewal package or have not received one, please mail your renewal to the address below.

Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp 273
201 Winding Way
Columbia, SC 29212

New Members: National - \$40.00, this

includes the \$5.00 recording fee and \$5.00 SCV pin; Division - \$10.00; Camp - \$15.00. **Total Cost: \$65.00**

Renewing Members: National - \$30.00; Division - \$10.00; Camp - \$15.00. **Total Cost: \$55.00**

Reinstating Members: National - \$35.00 includes the \$5.00 reinstate fee; Division - \$15.00, includes the \$5.00 reinstate fee; Camp - \$15.00. **Total Cost: \$65.00**

See you at the next meeting and remember...

RENEW EARLY AND RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER!

MISCELLANEA

"Help me to be, to think, to act what is right, make me truthful, honest and honorable in all things; make me intellectually honest for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me." -*Prayer carried by General Robert E. Lee*

"Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me." He added, after a pause, looking me full in the face: "That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave" -*General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson*

"The contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena." "The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form." -*President Jefferson Davis*

PHOTOGRAPHS



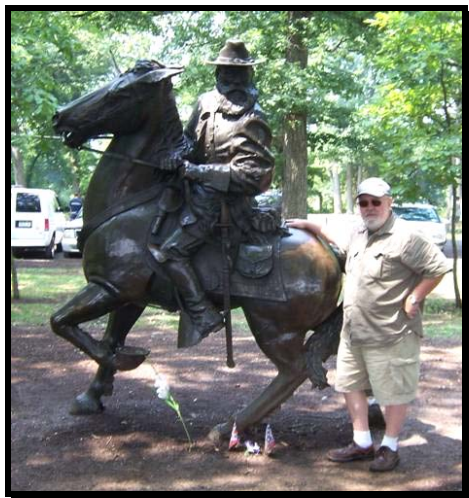
FROM THE CAMP SCRAP BOOK



Comps. Charles Bray, Ricky Badger, and Jeff O'Cain
Grand Confederate Ball, July 25, 2009 - 2009 SCV National Convention, Boiling Springs, AR



Charles & Susan Bray

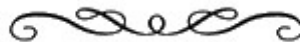


Comp. Layne Waters with new Gen. Longstreet Statue
Gettysburg National Park & Battlefield, August 2009

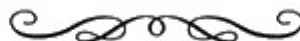


Our Newest Camp Members—William Broome, Michael Calvin, Jr., Tommie Jacobs, Harry Loman, David Moreland, & Jonathan Wetherford—at our July 2009 Camp Meeting

The CHARGE



To you, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, we submit 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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the TRUE HISTORY of the South is PRESENTED to FUTURE GENERATIONS.



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

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

Aug. 01, 1861	Confederate troops skirmish with Apache Indians near Ft. Bliss, TX
Aug. 10, 1861	Battle of Wilson's Creek, MO. Confederates are victorious in the major battle of the war in MO
Aug. 14, 1861	Brig. Gen. Paul O. Herbert is appointed commander of all the Confederate troops in TX
Aug. 05, 1862	Major engagement at Baton Rouge, LA
Aug. 09, 1862	Battle of Cedar Mountain, VA
Aug. 26, 1862	Beginning of the Second Manassas Campaign. Confederate Cavalry enter Manassas Junction and capture the rail point, supplies, and prisoners.
Aug. 27, 1862	Battle of Second Manassas. Troops under Gen. Jackson destroy Federal stores and facilities at Manassas Junction.
Aug. 28, 1862	For lack of evidence, accused Confederate spy Belle Boyd is released from the Old Capital Prison in Washington
Aug. 29, 1862	Battle of Second Manassas. The Federal drive against Gen. Jackson's troops end in failure.
Aug. 30, 1862	Battle of Second Manassas. Gen. Lee's army is victorious
Aug. 08, 1863	Gen. Lee offers his resignation as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. Offer rejected by Pres. Davis
Aug. 24, 1863	In VA, Gen. Mosby's are active north of the Rappahannock River.
Aug. 05, 1864	Battle of Mobile Bay, AL
Aug. 06, 1864	CSS Tallahassee runs past the Federal blockading fleet and head north to begin raiding northern shipping; destroys 30 ships in two weeks
Aug. 16, 1864	CSS Tallahassee capture five enemy ships off the coast of New England
Aug. 18, 1864	Petersburg Campaign. Battle for the Weldon Railroad begins three days of intensive fighting
Aug. 25, 1864	Battle of Reams' Station, VA

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 20th
6:00 p.m.



Seawell's Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC

SPEAKER:

Compatriot Kenneth Wingate

TOPIC:

"Faith of Our Fathers"

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