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HONOR S.C.'S PAST, DON'T ABOLISH IT

By Randy Bryan

Apparently the S.C. National Association of the Advancement of Colored People intends to pursue its relentless efforts to ban the Confederate battle flag from the Capitol grounds in Columbia. By refusing to underwrite major athletic championships in the Palmetto State, the NCAA has joined the NAACP in efforts to blackmail South Carolina. We are still good enough or profitable enough in Myrtle Beach to host the Beach Ball Classic, but that event may be the next to be threatened by the arm twisting of the NAACP.

Ironically, I saw a lot of black basketball players at the 2007 Classic, including the winner, Duncanville, Texas. I talked to the coaches at Duncanville. Their kids had a great time. My parents once lived in Duncanville, my sister-in-law taught in their public schools, and my brother was valedictorian at D.H.S. many years ago.

Now the NAACP is courting Hollywood (The Sun News, Sept. 23) to shun South Carolina's "efforts to lure film makers." NAACP branches across the Southeast and in Hollywood are united in this attempt to exterminate a symbol honoring the noble spirit of many Southern soldiers, not all white. The "evil flag" flying on our Capitol grounds is not the national flag of the Confederacy but a naval battle flag. My great, great-grandfather James Lafayette Bryan, a private in the 28th of Tennessee, fought under such a banner in places like Chickamauga, Peachtree Creek, Kinnesaw Mountain, Atlanta and Franklin, battlefields where thousands of soldiers lost their lives, Rebs and Yanks alike.

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CIVIL WAR FLAG AND RARE JACKET NOW ON DISPLAY AT CRR&MM

A recently conserved Civil War flag and a newly donated rare Richmond Depot Type II jacket are now on exhibit at the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. Both the Pee Dee Rifles flag and Joseph Brunson jacket have strong Florence connections, and a fascinating story that links the two artifacts.

The Pee Dee Rifles was organized in Florence in 1861 but it was converted to the Pee Dee Light Artillery early in the war. The unit fought in some of the Civil War's most well-known engagements, fighting heavily in Virginia as part of General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The unit surrendered in North Carolina in 1865; however, the color bearer saved the flag from surrender by wrapping it around his body underneath his clothing. The veterans of the unit displayed the flag at annual reunions until 1905 when First Sgt. Joseph W. Brunson presented it to the South Carolina General Assembly. It was then placed into the care of the museum. Joseph W. Brunson, of Florence, was twenty-one



years old when he enlisted in the Pee Dee Rifles. At Chancellorsville, Brunson was appointed as the courier sent to find General J.E.B. Stuart after General "Stonewall" Jackson was mortally wounded. He received commendations for his service during war. Brunson's jacket was probably issued sometime during Fall 1863. Modern historians classify this jacket as a Type II style.

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Compatriots:

As members of the SCV we all have different areas of interest. Some members enjoy reenacting, some the historical aspects of the war, others favor collecting relics, while others sense a responsibility to maintain Confederate graves and others prefer to be involved in heritage issues. With that said, we all have a Confederate ancestor that fought for the Confederacy and in many instances died for the Confederacy. I do not understand why each year at this time there are members that have not paid their dues. Being a member of the SCV is such a small commitment to honoring your ancestor. If our members are not committed to their ancestor, how can we ask the general public, our elected officials, our institutions of learning and our churches to be more supportive. I say all of this because as of this article being written, 44 of our members have not renewed. I would like for each and every one of you to renew because when you joined the SCV you did so to preserve the good name of your ancestor and to ensure the true

history of the South was presented to future generations. Do you not think your ancestor would be proud to know you are working to ensure this is the case? I ask each member that has not renewed to forward your dues to Adjutant Ricky Badger. Additional information can be found in the Adjutant's column.

On November 11th the SCV will be a participant in the Veteran's Day Parade in Columbia. We are asking anyone who is available to participate in this parade to assemble at 9:30 am at Richland and Sumter St. in Columbia.

Our November meeting will be an important meeting as we determine the direction the camp will take over the next year with the election of Commander and Adjutant. With a new Commander comes new officers and staff that lead the camp for the upcoming year. It is unfortunate to report that as of now, a camp of 200+ members, no one has indicated an interest in offering as Commander. Our camp has many qualified men that can serve in this capacity and take our camp to the next level.

The camp is still in need of someone to coordinate the Grave Registration Program. This person would determine which cemetery we research on a given date and inform members of the time and date.

Our Lee-Jackson Banquet will be Friday January 30, 2009 at Seawell's Restaurant. Our program will be provided by Past Chaplain-in-Chief John Weaver whose topic will be Lee and Jackson. This meeting will replace our normal meeting for the month. There will be a flyer in the December and January Legionary with more details. Please put this on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Our meeting for this month will be Thursday October 23, 2009 at Seawell's Restaurant with supper beginning at 6:00 pm. The speaker will be Roy Vandegrift and his topic will be Point Lookout Prison. This should be a most interesting and informative meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you and encourage each of you to make an effort to bring a potential recruit.

CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

- LARRY BATES

October is the month that Gen. Robert E. Lee died, the date being October 12, 1870 at 9:30 am. He had died quietly some 14 days after he had become seriously ill. He is one of the greatest Christians I have ever read about and has captured my attention more so than any individual that took part in the war.

His insight and wisdom, shown in the following statements, still rings true today for a nation that seems so divided on many critical issues and going through a national economic crisis.

"We failed, but in the good providence of God, apparent failure often proves a blessing."

"My experience of men has neither disposed me to think worse of them nor indisposed me to serve them; nor, in spite of failures which I lament, of errors which I now see acknowledge, or of the present aspect of affairs, do I despair of the future. The truth is this: The march of Providence is so slow and our desires so impatient; the work of progress is so immense and our means of aiding it so feeble; the life of

humanity is so long, that of the individual so brief, that we often see only the ebb of the advancing wave and are thus discouraged. It is history that teaches us to hope."

It has always been interesting to me that on the day of Gen. Lee's funeral there was a flood that prevented many of the great generals and army officers of the war from attending. In attendance were the rank and file soldiers who had marched and followed Lee into battle and to a man would have laid down his life for Marse Robert. Real Son, Southal Freeman in his great work, "R.E. Lee", wrote the following about the funeral of Gen. Lee

The service over, the body was carried to the vault, and the committal was read by the chaplain. The flood kept away many of Lee's famous lieutenants who wished to stand by his grave, but their place was taken by simple private soldiers, who had come down from the coves and from the mountains when they heard that he was dead. Some of them were in worn-out shoes and battered hats and threadbare

clothes, but they were men of the sort his leadership had made terrible in battle. They had cheered him at the Chancellor House. About him they had rallied after they had sullenly fallen back from Cemetery Ridge. They had cried "Lee to the rear" in the Wilderness and at the Bloody Angle. Theirs had been the tears that drew his own as they had tried to shake his hands or to touch his garments or to caress the flanks of his steed at Appomattox. And now, at the last, they compassed him about, a multitude on the hillsides. They had been silent as they had filed past in the chapel, for they were men of few words and reserved in their show of emotions, but when a solitary voice began "How Firm a Foundation" – they could sing! To the last bar they did him what honor they might in lines that seemed to echo the brave-hearted loyalty of the last days under his flag:

*I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to
shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.*



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My wife's great-grandfather John D. Vautier, a private in the Pennsylvania 88th out of Reading and Philadelphia, fought at Antietam, Cold Harbour and Petersburg. Both Bryan and Vautier were wounded. Vautier, historian for the 88th, was instrumental in building a monument to the 88th at Gettysburg. Long after the war was over, soldiers from the North and the South would meet at Gettysburg, shake hands, unite in brotherhood and honor each other. It is tragic that we do not continue to honor all of our veteran soldiers from the Civil War, not just those who fought for the Union.

Anyone who has ever read Stephen Crane's "Red Badge of Courage" or Henry Timrod's "Ode to the Confederate Dead" knows of the pride in carrying a regimental flag and the unspeakable grief

of loved ones as they buried dead brothers, sons, husbands and fathers. Henry Fleming, the youth in "Red Badge," came to realize true selflessness and sacrifice as he struggled with a friend over the right to carry the flag they wrested from the hands of the dead color bearer, who even in death would not relinquish that beautiful symbol of camaraderie and pride.

That some people today and in years past have perverted the Confederate flag and perhaps used it for some evil purpose does not diminish the original pride and spirit that accompanied that flag in battle. South Carolina was the first state to secede. The NAACP can try to rewrite history and make ogres out of South Carolinians who carried their flags into battle, but anyone who visits Gettysburg and sees the North Carolina and South Carolina monuments must recognize the

valor of the Carolinians who fought in that monumental battle. Anyone who has read Michael Shaara's "Killer Angels" knows the heartbreak, suffering and death experienced by the soldiers and their leaders.

The NAACP needs to remember slavery existed both in the North and the South. Our nation's history has both a shameful and a glorious past. A flag may represent shame to some, glory to others. Congratulations to Gov. Mark Sanford for refusing to cower to the ridiculous demands of the NAACP, the new "abolitionists," whose goal is to abolish a symbol that, while inglorious to some, is glorious to others. It is an immutable part of our South Carolinian history, a history we should not try to revise or abolish.

Source: *The Sun News* (Myrtle Beach, SC).
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The Type II jackets made of kersey wool were transitional jackets and were issued in limited numbers.

The flag and the jacket are now on display in close proximity to each other. The conservation of the tattered remains of the silk flag was made possible through an initiative by the SC Division of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. The Brunson jacket was donated by the Florence chapter

of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The interwoven history of these two Florence-related artifacts makes them both unique additions to the museum's collection.

Visit www.youtube.com/scrrmm to view videos highlighting the flag and jacket.

Founded in 1896, the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and

Military Museum is the oldest museum in the Columbia area.

The museum focuses on South Carolina's military history from the Revolutionary War to the current War on Terror.

Source: *In the Loop: The Weekly Newsletter for Employees of the Budget & Control Board*, 16 Oct 2008

ADJUTANT'S DESK

- RICKY LEE BADGER

Gentlemen, as of October 3rd, we stand at 78 percent on regular membership renewals and 73 percent on associate membership renewals. We have 205 regular members and 22 associate members.

October 31st will end the membership renewal window for our camp. After that date a reinstatement fee of five dollars will be required for division and national to renew. With the renewal window's end now at hand, please remember the time required for mailing and processing of your renewal. The payment must be received at national on or before October 31st.

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

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201 Winding Way, Columbia, SC
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Renewing Members

National \$30.00

Division \$10.00

Camp \$15.00

Total \$55.00

Reinstating Members

National \$35.00 (includes the \$5.00
reinstatement fee)

Division \$15.00 (includes the \$5.00
reinstatement fee)

Camp \$15.00

Total \$65.00

Renewing Associate Members

Camp \$20.00

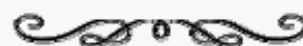
See you at the next meeting and
remember,
RENEW EARLY AND RECRUIT A
NEW MEMBER.



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



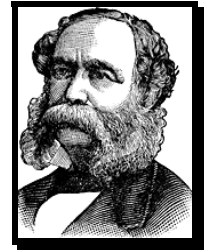
Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact
Compatriot Scott James: Phone (803) 781-1836, E-mail wscottjames@bellsouth.net
WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

Important Dates in *Mr Lincoln's War*:

- Oct. 1, 1864 – General Forrest's cavalry skirmish with Federal garrisons at Athens & Huntsville, AL.
- Oct. 3, 1862 – Battle of Corinth, MS. Gens. Van Dorn & Price inflict severe losses on Federal troops.
- Oct. 9, 1862 – Gen. Stuart leads 1,800 Confederate cavalymen on a raid into Pennsylvania which lasted several days.
- Oct. 10, 1862 – Federal troops and gunboats engage Gen. Forrest on the Tennessee River. The Confederates inflict serious damage to three vessels.
- Oct. 11, 1862 – Stuart's cavalymen begin to circle around the stationary Union army, cutting telegraph wires and destroying military equipment.
- Oct. 12, 1870 – Gen. Robert E. Lee dies in Lexington, VA, at the age of 63.
- Oct. 15, 1863 – In Charleston, SC, the C.S.S. *H.L. Hunley* sinks for a second time during a practice dive. Seven men were killed.
- Oct. 18, 1864 – Pro-Southern ladies of Great Britain hold a benefit for Confederate soldiers at St. George's Hall in Liverpool, England.
- Oct. 21, 1864 – In Missouri, as Price's Confederates leave Lexington, they defeat the Federals on the Little Blue, and the Federals withdraw from Independence.
- Oct. 23, 1828 – Birthday of Brig. Gen. Turner Ashby of VA (1828-1862)
- Oct. 26, 1864 – Confederate guerrilla "Bloody Bill" Anderson killed near Richmond, MO.
- Oct. 29, 1863 – Federal batteries fire 2,691 shells into Confederate held Ft. Sumter, killing 33 defenders

Y'all Come!!!

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, 23 October
6:00 p.m.



Seawell's Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Drive
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Guest Speaker:
Roy Van De Grift

Topic:
"Point Lookout Prison"



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