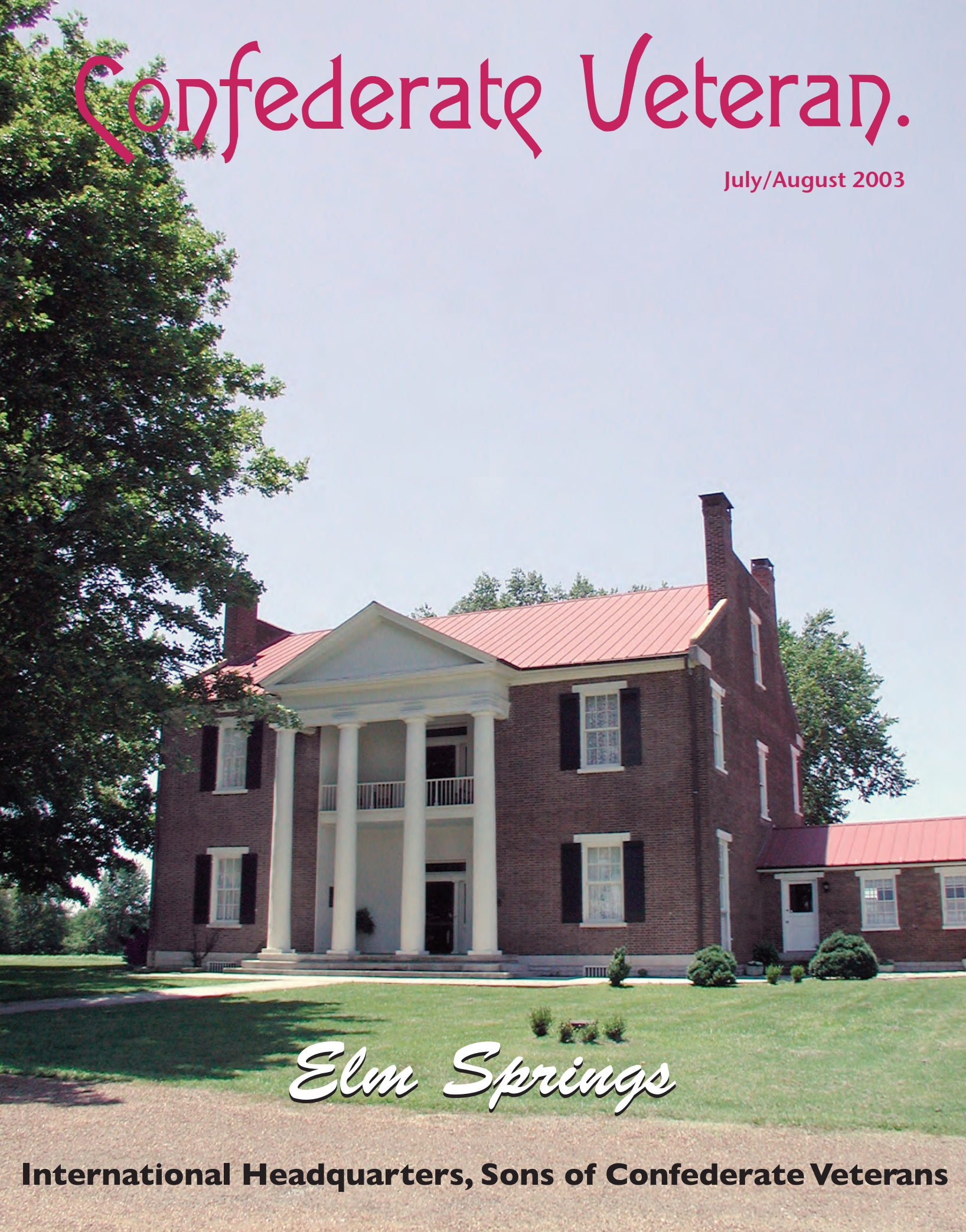


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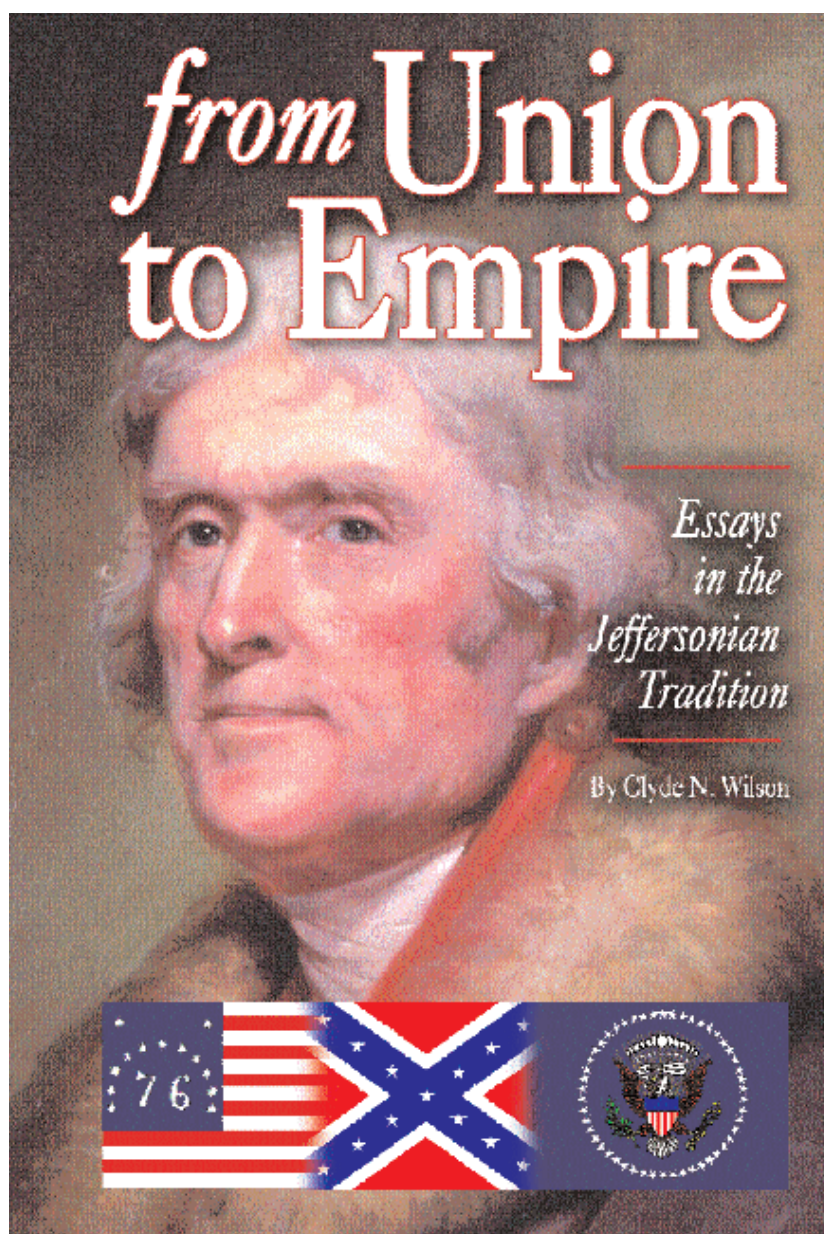
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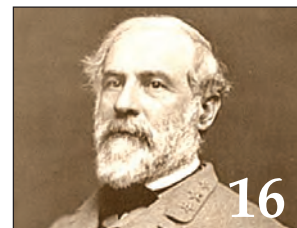
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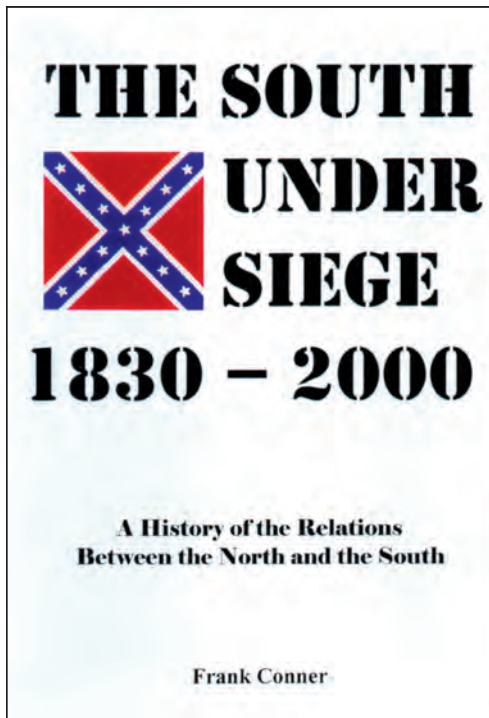


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FROM THE EDITOR



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Greetings, and welcome to the newest edition of the *Confederate Veteran*. First, I would like to thank Commander-in-Chief Wilson for having the faith and trust in my abilities to appoint me to this important position. I enjoyed producing this issue and look forward to many more in the future. Second, I would like to thank Past Editor-in-Chief Jim Vogler for all his hard work and dedication while serving as editor the last 16 years. Jim stepped in and took over the magazine when we were in a pinch and he continued to improve it during his tenure. Like many of you, I looked forward to receiving each issue, and Jim's efforts to produce a high quality magazine was the reason. Thanks, Jim!

You may have already noticed some changes. As you continue to read through, you will notice more. Not change for change sake, but changes for the better. This is not my magazine. The *Confederate Veteran* magazine belongs to you, the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I intend to focus more on camp activities and the work of our members. Camp news has been expanded from six pages to twelve, four for each army department. Please keep sending photos of your camp activities. I want to publish more ancestor memorials, so please write an article on the exploits of your Confederate ancestor and send it in. Don't forget to include a photo. We now have a "Letters to the editor section" and I want to receive lots of letters; however, do not attack your fellow compatriots. Save your ammunition for the enemy.

Feel free to e-mail your questions, articles, photos, and letters to eic@scv.org. If you don't have e-mail, my address is in the masthead on page one. I look forward to hearing from you. Until then, I remain,

Yours in the Cause,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank B. Powell, III". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'F' and a trailing flourish.



REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF R.G. WILSON

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Year End Report

What a year this has been! We have made great progress during the year, and we are larger and tougher than ever. We are prepared to defend our heritage and culture anywhere it is assailed.

This year has had so many firsts and they are listed below:

- Chaplain Conferences – Elm Springs, Tennessee, November 1, 2002; March 21, 2003; August 15, 2003
- *Great Men of the Faith* – Video Tapes 1 & 2 (Great Preachers during the War Between the States)
- Division Commanders Summit - Elm Springs, Tennessee, November 2, 2002 (next one October 18, 2003)
- Field Representatives – Jack Marlar – ANV
Skip Earle – AOT
- Sam Davis Youth Camp - August 3 – 9, 2003 - Mentone, Alabama. Next Year June 27 - July 3, 2004 – Crawfordville, Georgia, A. H. Stephens State Historic Park
- *Southern Mercury* - New bi-monthly magazine published by FPAC.
- *Jesse and Frank James – Missouri Confederates* - Our first SCV Documentary
- TV Recruitment Ads (30 Seconds)
- An Overview of the South (3-hour presentation)

And then we expanded or continued the following programs:

- SCV Cookbook II
- Committee to Exonerate the Name of Henry Wirz
- Media/Public Relations Committee
- Education Committee
- Monuments and Graves Committee

Thanks to so many of you members, this has, indeed, been a great year for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. And along the way we were tested and we were confronted with tough decisions. Those decisions, oftentimes, do not come easy. But we have always tried to do what is in the best interest of the SCV.

It is most inspiring for me to have the opportunity to travel to our camps and see the dedica-

tion and the hours upon hours of work which so many of our members put into the Sons of Confederate Veterans every day. There is no wonder that our organization has and does accomplish so much in the name of our ancestors.

So, as we begin another year, we must remember this struggle in which we are now embroiled was thrust upon us by an enemy which seeks to destroy everything Southern. This is not about diversity; for, if it was — we would be included. No, it is about the destruction of the South and **we must understand it**. I hope and pray that each of us will quickly understand that everything which our grandfathers and great-grandfathers stood for is under the most vicious attack today. We, in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, have the same blood in our veins that flowed in the veins of our ancestors. **We must stand and fight.**

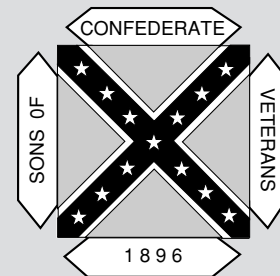
This war can be won; it simply requires our commitment. All of our programs are beginning to bear fruit and over time will make a sufficient difference. I believe this struggle is worth everything; for if we lose, our children and grandchildren will never know the truths, the heritage or the culture that you and I have known. **We simply cannot fail.**

In closing, all of you wonderful members who are contributing so much, in thought and labor and substance, toward saving and then restoring to its former position of great promise a whole Southern civilization which our forefathers created for us, I send the most earnest thanks that I can possibly convey. While to every faithful member, as always, I send once again my sincere regards and continued best wishes, I am,

Your Humble Servant,

R.G. Wilson

Any comments or suggestions are welcome, and you may contact me by phone at 864-605-1019 or email at cic@scv.org. Also, at our Reunion in Asheville, North Carolina, the convention voted to have the Commander-in-Chief's Report printed in the *Confederate Veteran*. That will be done in the next issue. ☒



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Dispatches From the Front

A collection of letters to the editor from our members.

SCV Communications

Sirs:

The greatest weakness of the SCV has always been its lack of internal communications. Therefore I am pleased to see that the *Gray Line* is now telling us what is happening at the national level; that the SCV's *Southern Mercury* magazine will now discuss the problems of heritage defense and the activities of the SCV in today's world; and — especially — that the *Confederate Veteran* is now publishing letters to the editor.

Frank Conner
General William D. McCain
Camp 584
Newnan, Georgia

Now Is The Time

Gentlemen,

"It's summertime, and the livin' is easy; the fish are jumping, and the cotton is high."

Now, I love that song just about as much as anyone; in fact, it has always been one of my most favorite songs of all time. I suppose it's the images it provokes of lazy summer vacations as a child, when all seemed so good and so right, and tomorrow always

seemed to hold the promise of an even better day than today. The only real storm clouds on the horizon seemed to be the ones that were visible to the naked eye, and held only the threat of rain and thunder. Ah, for those days once again.

Unfortunately, for those of us who love our Southern way of life, for those of us who relish in the honoring of our Confederate ancestors, and for those of us who are determined to NOT allow these ideals to be turned into shame and regret by enemy forces both in and outside of our own confederation, there are very real storm clouds on our horizon. What makes us all "Southerners" is under attack. Our very Southern identity is again being threatened. This time the enemy is not as visible and immediate as it was in April of 1861, but it is real nonetheless. It's like those storm clouds we never saw as children; not being aware of them didn't make them go away nor diminish their potential seriousness. And this time the storm has the potential of destroying everything we ever had, and washing us all away.

I am about to admit something to you. I am ashamed to say that I never learned to type. I have used a "4-finger hunt-and-peck" system for far too long, and I am now resolved to break the habit

of my lifetime and learn to type correctly! My wife has shown me how to properly place my fingers on the keyboard and commanded that I practice a thousand times a day typing "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." In so doing (although somewhat less than the requisite 1,000 times), I have grown to truly appreciate that line. In addition to its usefulness to the neophyte typist, it accurately expresses my heartfelt belief about the state of the Confederacy today. Now IS the time for the South's finest to step forward and join the fray. Now is the time for the true descendents of the original Defenders of the South to rise up and join together and restore honor and integrity to our Southern Cause. Our weapons will not be sword and musket, but rather mind and will. If we are true, if we are brave, we will prevail. Otherwise, we might as well just try and return to that time of innocent childhood where we placed our faith in the possibility of a good fairy coming to our rescue and making it all better. And we all know how that will turn out.

Confederately,
Michael Cappel, Commander,
Capt. Thomas O. Benton
Camp 1444
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Thanks to Commander-in-Chief Wilson

I would like to congratulate our Commander-in-Chief Ron Wilson for his efforts and accomplishments in just one year in office. First of all CIC Wilson is a problem solver who has given the SCV encouragement, direction and a definite set of goals. One of his greatest assets, as far as the SCV is concerned, may be his "we can win" attitude. I'd like to share just a few of his accomplishments with our membership.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMS – This has proven to be a very positive step in developing an "infrastructure" within the SCV. These field reps have provided education and assistance to various camps. In addition to spreading the word about SCV programs, the field reps have raised a large amount of money for the SCV.

YOUTH CAMPS – Training our young men in the true history of our people and our region represents an active plan by the SCV to combat the brainwashing they are receiving from the politically correct. In many ways it reminds me of the "hedge schools" that the native Irish set up to prevent the English from teaching lies to Irish youth. The alumni of these Youth camps are the future leaders of the SCV.

PASTOR AND CHAPLAIN'S CONFERENCES – Teaching the ministers of our country about the Christian heritage of the South and the soldiers of the Confederacy is the focus of this program. This training conference encourages and allows the ministers of the South to speak out, from the pulpit, about the positive Christian aspects of our ancestors. This

program has grown from 23 attendees at the initial conference to 83 at the latest conference.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTHERN MERCURY – This publication has been badly needed for some time. The *Mercury* exposes the people and the motives of those anti-Southern bigots who attack our heritage. Be it for financial gain, personal reasons or pursuit of political motives, the *Mercury* exposes these bigots and their motives. The *Mercury* has been the best way to strike back against those who attack us.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN – CIC Wilson made changes to the *Confederate Veteran* magazine which allowed us to hire a professional editor and yet still save the SCV over \$50,000 per year in total overall costs. That is \$50,000 that can now go to heritage defense, memorials, education, etc.

SCV LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM – Under CIC Wilson, our life memberships have soared. This represents a solid commitment in the ranks of the SCV due to CIC Wilson's leadership and initiation of this program.

GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP – Over the past year the SCV has experienced an explosive growth with the net addition of 5,000 new members.

RECRUITING VIDEOS AND RECRUITING TOOLS – All of these have been made available to SCV Camps and the evidence of their success can be seen in the above addition of 5,000 new members. Lt. CIC Sweeney has been working closely with CIC Wilson in developing this programs.

HERITAGE DEFENSE – CIC Wilson has shown a willingness to assist in heritage violations by

meeting our enemies head on. Because of his leadership we have just seen several school systems here in North Carolina and South Carolina lift their ban on the wearing of Confederate items in public schools.

"OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH" PROGRAMS – These are presented by CIC Wilson, himself, to groups of like minded people, some of whom are SCV members and some of whom were not. He has been successful in raising funds and in attracting new members to our ranks. He recently gave a program in Charlotte and Augusta, both of which were wildly successful, not only in terms of attracting new members but in fund raising for the SCV as well.

So after reading this, why would anyone oppose a man who has done so much good for our beloved SCV? Well, some of the opposition comes from those with selfish motives. You saw many of those selfish egos on display at our National Reunion in Asheville a few weeks ago. Some resent his "take charge" style and are now actively attempting to stymie some of these wonderful programs he has set in place. Nothing can move us forward as rapidly and dramatically as these wonderful programs he has put in place.

In closing I'd personally like to commend CIC Wilson and thank him for his devotion and efforts on our behalf. The 270 men of Major Egbert Ross Camp of Charlotte appreciate the direction he has taken the SCV toward an active and spirited defense of our heritage.

Commander Terry Crayton
Major Egbert A. Ross Camp 1423
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A column of helpful tips for Camp, Brigade, and Division operations

Camp Activities

"Meeting Adjourned." Is this the last word you hear from your camp each month? For many camps, the monthly meeting is the end-all-and-be-all of the camp's existence. It's a shame, really, because General Steven Dill Lee's Charge cannot be fulfilled adequately by monthly meetings that do no more than mirror what the local Civil War Round Table or History Book Club does. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is all about fulfilling that Charge, and active participation in Confederate-promoting events is the key to that fulfillment. As extra benefits, active camps are also those that have the highest retention rate, the best recruiting rates, and the lowest member apathy rates. It's a win-win situation all the way around — if you can just get the camp moving.

The Basics

Fortunately, not all camps are that inactive — not by a long shot. Many camps are so active that it appears that they must almost be full-time jobs for the members. We will discuss some of these high-powered activities that super-active camps engage in, but let's talk about basics first. Every camp should have a core of basic programs that are designed to uphold the Charge. Two of the most basic of such programs are memorial services and grave/monument dedications. Basic memorial services during a special Confederate anniversary (such as Confederate Memorial Day or Jefferson Davis's Birthday) are simple to plan and easy to conduct at a local church or cemetery, and small-town newspapers are frequently eager to report on such events. More elaborate services can be planned in conjunction with other events. The United Daughters of the Confederacy is especially good at planning memorial services, and in many locations SCV camps join forces with their UDC sisters to carry out these especially moving ceremonies. The "Roll Call" memorial services are a special favorite of mine and seldom fail to bring a few tears to the eyes of participants.

New grave dedications by themselves are special events. Many camps almost specialize in such events, marking dozens or, in some cases, hundreds of new graves a year. Headstones provided by the Veterans' Affairs Department are the usual method for marking Confederate graves.

Sometimes memorial services and grave dedications can

be combined to provide a truly memorable event. A few years ago, the Felix Robertson Camp 129 of Waco, TX, restored the grave of Confederate General (and ex-Governor) Lawrence "Sul" Ross. The rededication of the grave — complete with color guard, family members, a large contingent of retired Texas Rangers, and SCV members from every camp within 100 miles — was an outstanding event. Many other camps across the South have held similar rededications. Almost every camp should have such an opportunity within their territory, since very few camps are not within a few miles of the grave of a local Confederate hero, a grave that probably needs some restoration anyway.

Finally, under the heading of "Activity Basics" are graveyard cleanups. Almost every Southern community of any age has a local cemetery with Confederate graves that needs a cleanup. If the graveyard is one maintained by a local government entity, you can gain an extra benefit for the camp by using a little trick — have someone complain to the controlling entity that the graveyard is in a sorry state and needs urgent repair/maintenance. Most such entities are underfunded and while they are scratching their heads trying to figure out how to pay for such a cleanup, the local SCV camp — with trumpets blaring and drums rolling — rides to the rescue, thereby saving the government money and establishing themselves as "good guys" in the neighborhood. One camp that uses this strategy successfully reports that they may have fended off potential heritage violations this way.

Upping the Ante

Want something more elaborate? OK, how about camp-sponsored color guards and reenactment units? These are expensive activities (although individual members bear most of the expense), but are very valuable in raising a positive public image about Confederate issues. Many camp color guards are so popular in local events that they find themselves having to turn down events after awhile. Having such a color guard is also a good way to get invited to larger events, such as large-town Veterans' Day Parades. One caution here: don't let the camp become so involved in such events that it loses sight of the fact that it is an SCV camp and must provide activities for all its members, not just the uniformed few.

Joining with local service organizations in cleanup operations, blood drives, charity functions, and the like are

worthwhile activities, but camp commanders should be careful that the camp is not being “used” by the local service organization without building any credits. I know of at least one camp that spent hundreds of hours on community service work, and was never able even to get its logo or name on any of the projects or even a favorable mention in the organization’s publications.

Adopting schools and libraries is a popular event. Providing these organizations with pro-Confederate material can really help further our Cause, but they require major commitments of time, since they must be constantly resupplied. Many libraries will accept our handouts (usually in the genealogy section), but these materials must be restocked weekly.

Reaching the Peak

Camps that want to climb even taller mountains can go for the Big Event. These major enterprises involve lots of planning, huge amounts of money, and hundreds of hours of volunteer time. In some cases, they can also be major sources of revenue for the camp. Here are just a few of the Big Events that I know of:

- Monument-Building – Building a new Confederate monument is not a task for the faint of heart. The Grimes County Greys Camp 924 of Anderson, TX, for example, spent several years building one of the finest Confederate memorial plazas I’ve ever seen, with a life-size statue of a Confederate soldier by a noted sculptor. The camp overcame many unforeseen obstacles — when the county denied them a

corner of the courthouse square, the camp bought a lot across the street and built their plaza there.

- Confederate Balls – Several camps hold elaborate, formal balls once a year in luxury settings (complete with horse-drawn carriages, etc.) that are attended by hundreds of participants.
- Ghost/Cemetery Tours – The General Joseph E. Johnston Camp 28 of Nashville, TN, sponsors a very successful ghost/cemetery tour of historic Mt. Olivet Cemetery each year. Camp members dress in period clothing, stand near historic graves, and give first-person, living history accounts of that person’s life. The tour regularly sells out and the camp has raised many thousands of dollars for cemetery restoration.
- Civil War Sales – A very successful multi-vendor artifact sale, held in a large warehouse-type building, has been run by the James R. Chalmers Camp 1312 camp of Memphis, TN, for years.
- Major Restorations – Some camps have undertaken restorations of entire forts, huge monuments, historic houses, and other historic works.
- Keeping Our Flag – The ultimate SCV Big Event of the last few years has to have been the effort by the Mississippi camps to save their state flag. What a great example of multi-camp effort — and what great results!

I received so many great suggestions on camp activities that I am planning another article on this subject later in the year.

Thanks to the many compatriots who contributed their suggestions and comments to the writing of this article. Some samples:

Annually, the Grimes County Greys 924 have involved the youth of the Anderson 4H and high school in its December Community food drive. At the Grimes County Youth Fair, our members serve breakfast to youth that are “prepping” their entries for the day’s judging. These two events have been excellent vehicles to remove the PC teachings and the stigma that public education is indoctrinating our youth with.

— Dal Dreher, Grimes County Greys 24, Anderson, TX

Our camp is very active in community events. We honor our ancestors continually and let the community know of our deep respect and honor of our Confederate Ancestors. We have a good working relationship with members of our community, groups, and the leadership of our county. We almost never refuse to do anything when called upon to do so.

— Richard D. Lockhart, Camp 1694, Princeton, WV

Our camp has a spring and fall field trip to the different battlefields in our area. None of these events would be successful if it were not for 1) an exciting place or event 2) advertising through camp and division newsletters and websites and, most important, 3) planning. If a camp is going to have a field trip or other event, it must be planned out rather than just showing up and going without direction.

— Bryan Green, Major General Trimble Camp 1836

We sponsor a mounted Color Guard and take part in the many parades and festivals here in Cochise County, Arizona. The Color Guard is always impressive — especially since it is mounted.

At each camp meeting, we either have a pot luck supper or meet at a local restaurant where an inexpensive meal can be served. We always include the ladies and the kids!

The key to a successful camp is to have activities that, while centered around our Charge, involve each member and his family. The “meet, eat and retreat” method just doesn’t work.

— Curt Tipton, Past Commander, AZ Division, Adjutant, Camp 1710 ☒

Your input is needed

Next Issue’s Subject: Fundraising

Future Subjects: Overcoming Member Apathy

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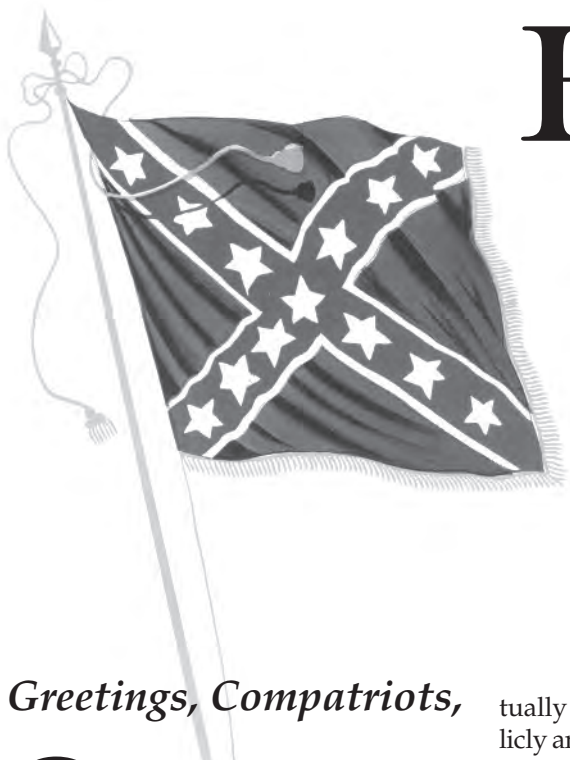
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A REPORT FROM THE HERITAGE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Greetings, Compatriots,

One responsibility of the Chief of Heritage Defense is rather mundane: the filing of an annual report, which is made available at the national reunion. Although it hardly seems possible, a year has indeed passed since I and the members of your heritage defense committee accepted our appointments and got to work. In an ideal world where Confederate heritage received the respect it deserves, there would be little for us to do. That unfortunately is not the case, as you will read below.

Major Heritage Violations

Less than two weeks had elapsed since the conclusion of the Memphis reunion when it was reported that the Scana Corporation of South Carolina had instituted a ban on the display of Confederate symbols in their work places. This corporation holds a near-monopoly on the supply of public utilities (gas, electricity, water) in the state, and operates as a quasi-governmental entity. Public opposition, spearheaded by SCV members, was intense. State Senator McConnell, himself an SCV member, promised to investigate the situation in the legislature and also threatened to introduce legislation repealing the corporation's exclusive status. Scana spokesmen soon began denying they had ever instituted or even ac-

tually considered the ban they had publicly announced. With this development, the heritage committee considered the matter concluded, but are continuing to monitor the situation.

By far the most numerous reports of instances of disrespect to Confederate heritage came from the parents of public school students whose children had been arbitrarily denied the right to wear clothing displaying Confederate symbols in school. These reports were received from all areas of the South and from as far away as Pennsylvania. However, in September a favorable settlement was reached in the case of *Castorina v. Madison County (Kentucky) School Board*. The settlement, which carries the weight of law in the 6th Circuit of US Court of Appeals and is of highly persuasive value in other circuits, essentially stipulated that clothing containing Confederate symbols cannot be arbitrarily banned in public schools in the absence of any actual disruption caused, or claimed to be caused, by the symbols on display. Armed with "kits" of legal opinions and other materials of an informative and persuasive nature, SCV members throughout the Confederation met with school officials to persuade them of the errors of their ways. Reports of clothing bans continued to be received up until the schools dismissed for the summer, but these reports were balanced by others announcing a change in policy in one school sys-

tem after another. We feel that the tide is turning. For example, in June an article in *Parade Magazine* (included with Sunday newspapers nationwide) reported that school principals are not allowed to arbitrarily ban clothing of a controversial nature. The article used the example of an anti-Bush slogan t-shirt banned during the Iraqi War rather than a Confederate Flag, but the principles of law described are identical.

Also in September, citing the need to be sensitive to a "diversity" which does not apparently include those proud of their Confederate heritage, Vanderbilt University in Nashville announced that it would remove the word "Confederate" from the name of Confederate Memorial Hall, a residence hall on campus. In 1935, the United Daughters of the Confederacy culminated a decades-long fund drive with the contribution of \$50,000 to George Peabody College for Teachers for construction of an impressive, four-story colonnaded structure. Perpetual contractual issues regarding the name of the building are involved, and suit was filed by the Tennessee Division of the UDC to force Vanderbilt (lineal successor institution to George Peabody College) to retain the name. A trial on the merits is scheduled to begin in December of 2003. In March, the General Executive Council, upon urging by the Heritage Committee, donated \$10,000 to be used to defray legal expenses incurred by the Tennessee UDC.

Another substantial show of financial support for our heritage came in September, with the allocation of \$25,000 (also for legal expenses) from the Heritage Defense Fund for Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans. Their representatives are continuing their fight against the takeover attempt being made by the adjacent University of New Orleans. The university has long coveted the site of the museum even as they publicly disdain the museum's mission and contents. Confederate Memorial Hall is the custodian of the largest collection of Confederate relics in the world other than those held by the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Memorial Hall is seriously outgunned financially, but vows to continue the struggle "to the last ditch." Recent rulings have been less than uniformly favorable, but with the Governor of Louisiana publicly siding with the museum, there is hope that a combination of factors, both legal and political, will ultimately result in a victory for the museum.

A matter of continuing concern involves National Park Service (NPS) plans to revise the interpretation of events in battlefield parks to include more emphasis on slavery and other political and social issues. For more than a century, presentation of those side issues had been (correctly) deemed unnecessary by the War Department (the original operators of the battlefield parks) and the NPS. Now, citing a supposed dearth of minority visitors and the need to be more "inclusive" and "complete," revisionism is running rampant on the hallowed grounds where our forbears fought, suffered, and died. The SCV has long been on record in opposition to these changes, and in support of maintaining the unaligned and apolitical policies of the past, which present history, not en vogue political opinions. This battle is far from over. The most recent example of this course of travesty was the placement in April of a statue of Abraham Lincoln on the grounds of Tredegar Iron Works in the heart of Richmond, a place sacred to the memory of our Confederate ancestors. The NPS was complicit in this event, in spite of literally thousands of letters of protest and credible allegations of impropriety on

the part of NPS officials.

Heritage in Brief

- The Texas Division continues to pursue the restoration of Confederate Memorial plaques in the Texas Supreme Court building.
- The Tennessee Division has joined several others in securing state-issued specialty license plates bearing the SCV logo. The West Virginia Division has retained the services of the Rutherford Institute in an effort to receive similar plates in their state.
- In Alabama, SCV members and other concerned citizens have derailed legislation which would have resulted in a major reinterpretation of Confederate sites throughout the state.
- In Georgia, a two-year effort by SCV members and other citizens outraged by (among other matters) Gov. Roy Barnes' change of the state flag to a design which essentially removed the former flag's prominent Confederate battle emblem resulted in Barnes' defeat when he stood for reelection. New Gov. Perdue has reneged on a pledge to allow a referendum on a new flag which would include as a choice the re-adoption of the old banner, but in the meantime yet another new state flag bearing the Red-White-Red bars of the Confederate First National Flag has replaced the Barnes "Denny's place mat." This situation is ongoing, remains highly charged politically, and is the topic of major news coverage.
- In January of this year in Missouri, Governor Bob Holden ordered Confederate Flags lowered at two historic sites, the Pilot Knob battle site and a cemetery in Higginsville where over 700 Confederate veterans and many of their spouses lay buried. Holden, a Democratic party lackey and former member of Rep. Dick Gephardt's staff took this action in concert with Gephardt's statement, made while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in South Carolina, that the Confederate Flag should not fly "anytime, anywhere." We take considerable offense at the use of our symbols as a political football, and specifically object to this particular instance wherein they were



displayed at the most appropriate of places. SCV members and others in Missouri, concerned with correct, non-partisan historical remembrance, are fighting to have this outrage revoked.

- In Kentucky, SCV members responded immediately and effectively to an abortive effort to remove a statue of Jefferson Davis from the state capitol building. They have also been the point of the spear in defending our symbols in the public schools, having fought for over five years to pursue the positive resolution of the Castorina case. Man for man, there is no more dedicated and effective group in the Confederation than the members of the Kentucky Division.

Conclusion

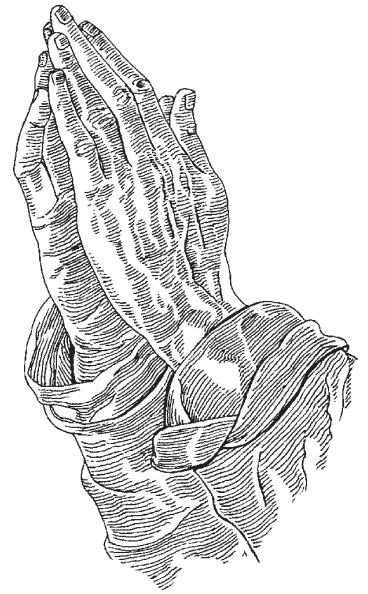
As the brief summary above indicates, those of us who are members of the SCV still face a withering assault on what I prefer to call the Confederate Memory. It takes little effort to track the almost daily belittlement of, and disrespect for, our heritage. Even so, victories have been won, and others can and will be won as long as we care to carry the fight. I have every confidence in our willingness to do so.

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Chaplain's Comments

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Chaplain-in-Chief



A Good Soldier

Good soldiers are few and far between. Yet each of us is called to stand for that which is right and holy. In II Timothy 2: 3-4, God declares, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

God demands our best. He demands our best at all times and in every situation. Consequently, if we are to demonstrate the truthfulness and accuracy of God's Word and the truth of our history and heritage, we must be willing to fight. In fighting as a soldier, hardships are to be expected. Usually there are no "easy victories." If so, they are few and

far between. By and large, in the field the soldier's life is rough, hard, difficult and sacrificial. Therefore, he must be a man of conviction and determination or the way of life that he must face would cause him to give up. Scripture tells us in Proverbs 24:10: "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small."

The chaplains in the Confederate armies were no exception to this truth. General J.E.B. Stuart in looking for a chaplain said: "I do not want a man who is not both able and willing to endure hardness as a good soldier. The man who cannot endure the fatigues, hardships and privations of our rough riding and hard service, and be in place when needed, would be no earthly use to us, and is not wanted at my headquarters."

It is amazing how many men, Christians, preachers and chaplains would not even be able to stand in the shadow of our forefathers. They were men who were ready and willing to sacrifice any and everything for truth and right. Today we might be willing to help, if we could do so comfortably and if it really didn't cost us much. We are not willing to be inconvenienced or made uncomfortable at all. We are much like the Israelites in Hosea's time who were willing to worship and sacrifice only in the "shade." Hosea 4:13 declares: "They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good...."

We must learn what it means to be "a good soldier" and what it means "to endure hardness as a good soldier." We cannot and must not be easily and quickly dissuaded from that which is right and true. We must maintain our stand even under constant, repeated, and relentless attacks from the enemy. No amount of force or

propaganda will destroy the truth. The only thing that force and propaganda can do is discourage us to the point that we are no longer willing to fight for or embrace the truth. Might does not make right, but it can discourage right.

May each of us determine to never give into discouragement or grow tired in the fight for truth and right. May God give us grace and strength to endure whatever needs to be endured so that we may be effective soldiers for righteousness in every area.

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Confederate Images

by C. E. Avery



Pvt. J. T. Prickett Co. I, 23rd Regiment NC Troops (13th Regiment NC Volunteers)

the regiment, minus Companies C, D and H, left Garysburg by train for Richmond, Virginia. Next, they were sent by rail to Manassas Junction on July 21 to participate in the battle at this place. However, the regiment was delayed from reaching the battle in time by breakdowns and switching to sidings for passage of ambulance trains.

After reaching Manassas the 23rd was encamped and placed under Colonel Jubal Early's command. They were brigaded with the 5th Regiment NC Troops, 21st Regiment NC Troops and the 24th Regiment Virginia Infantry. On August 5, the three companies, left behind because they were too sick to move, rejoined the regiment.

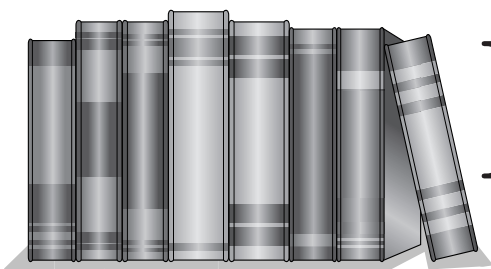
Later in the month of August, the regiment was moved to Fairfax Station, where the 21st NC was replaced by the 20th Georgia. In September, they were again moved to Union Mills.

On November 14, 1861, the 13th Regiment was redesignated the 23rd and remained on picket duty around Union Mills area.

Prickett died on December 14, 1861; exact cause of his death was not reported but was probably from one of the many diseases circulating the camps. ☒

Nothing is known of Prickett's life prior to the war, except he resided in Granville County, North Carolina.

He enlisted in the 13th Regiment, at age 21, on June 17, 1861. This company, known as the Granville Stars, was raised in Granville County and was enlisted at Oak Hill in June. The rest of the regiment was organized at Garysburg, Northampton County, was mustered in for 12 months' service in July. While in training, several of the men became sick with measles. On July 17



Books in Print

With Blood & Fire Life behind Union Lines in Middle Tennessee, 1863-65

The popular view of the War Between the States is one of armies clashing and flags waving while civilians stand clear of the action. Except for events such as Major General William T. Sherman's "March through Georgia" or Major Generals David Hunter and Philip Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, civilians are usually seen as above the fray. The destruction in Georgia and the Shenandoah Valley is looked upon as a



matter of military necessity, an attack on the enemy infrastructure, similar to a modern bombing campaign. Beyond incidental

acts, civilians are not viewed as having been directly affected by the war.

By August of 1863, General Alpheus Williams, whose division was formerly a part of the Army of the Potomac, was in command of defending the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, and he continued on what he considered to be dull and thankless duty until the following spring. When Williams was reassigned to combat duty in 1864, Major General Robert H. Milroy was assigned to command the defenses of the N&C Railroad. After Milroy's arrival, the provost marshal records are filled with accounts of civilian suffering for their pro-Confed-

erate views, misdeeds, and crimes, both proven and alleged. Milroy instituted a program he called "Blood and Fire." In a letter he stated, "Blood and fire is the medicine I use. I shoot the men who are friendly with and harbor bushwhackers and burn their houses."

Milroy's tenure in command became a reign of terror. The records of the provost marshal illustrate a side of the war that varies immensely from the usual battles, campaigns, and marches. For civilians living behind the lines, the war was a story of murder, robbery, and betrayal. It was truly an experience from which they never recovered but that they at best endured.

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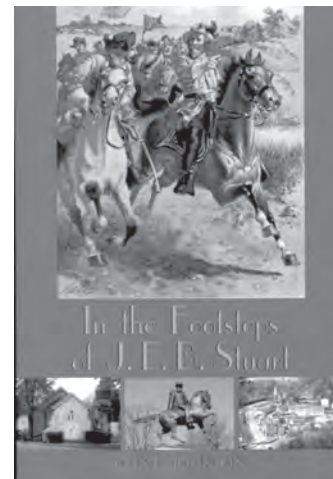
In the Footsteps of J. E. B. Stuart

With his plumed hat, long red beard, and lined cape, General J.E.B. Stuart was not one to be easily forgotten. The leader of the Confederacy's cavalry, Stuart more than earned the sobriquet given to him by biographer Burke Davis: *The Last Cavalier*.

Clint Johnson's new book, *In the Footsteps of J.E.B. Stuart*, gives readers and travelers a chance to relive the long adventure that was Stuart's life, from his Blue Ridge boyhood to his days as an Indian fighter in Kansas to his famous rides and raids during the War Between the States.

"This book follows Stuart's life by visiting sites associated with him from his birth to his death," Johnson writes in his introduction. "Cavalrymen were in constant motion and so left behind little evidence of their passing. Still, there are plenty of sites where you can literally touch what Stuart touched."

One such site is the Lee-Custis mansion on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, where visitors can lift the same door knocker Stuart used to alert Robert E. Lee, then a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, that he had been ordered to Harpers Ferry to put down John Brown's attempted insurrection.



The Harpers Ferry firehouse where Brown had barricaded himself is another such site. Stuart, who volunteered to accompany Lee as his aide, personally delivered the demand for unconditional surrender. When Brown refused, Stuart gave the signal to storm the firehouse.

This was not Stuart's first encounter with either Lee or Brown. *In the Footsteps of J.E.B. Stuart* takes readers to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, where Stuart was a favorite cadet of the superintendent — Robert F. Lee. Stuart's letters home suggest that "he may have been sweet on one of the Lee daughters," Johnson writes, "but... asking the commander of the academy for permission to date his daughter would have likely been too forward even for a cadet as bold as Stuart."

From West Point, *In the Footsteps of J.E.B. Stuart* follows the young cavalryman to his first postings in Texas and Kansas. Most of Stuart's time in the West

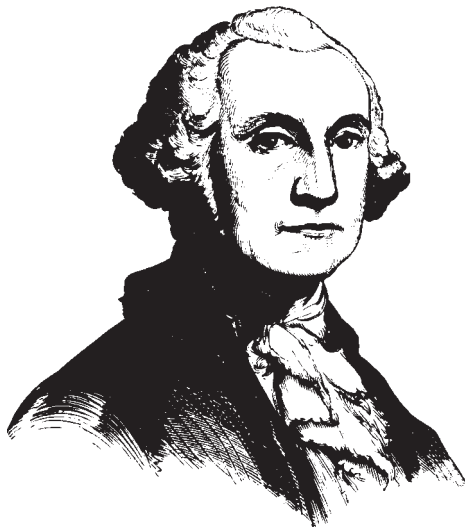
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The Dishonoring of Robert E. Lee

By J.D. Haines

Theodore Roosevelt once said that the two greatest Americans in history were George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Lee married a granddaughter of Washington and carried the first president's pocket watch with him during the War Between the States. Today the reputations of Washington and Lee have both suffered under the climate of political correctness.

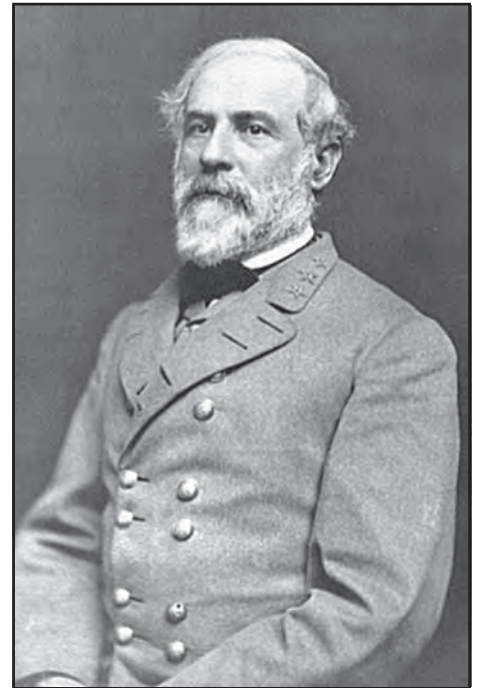
Washington and Lee's names are being removed from schools, streets, buildings, bridges and anything else because of their association with



George Washington

slavery. Like every other large plantation owner of his time, Washington owned slaves. Lee's wife inherited slaves, although he never personally owned any. Lee opposed slavery as immoral, yet believed it was the right of the states to end slavery rather than the federal government.

Despite these facts, those who seek to revise history would like to erase Washington and Lee's enormous contributions to our country because they see it as "the right thing to do." A recent example was the decision of Virginia's Robert E. Lee Council of the Boy Scouts of America to



Robert E. Lee

change their name. Local Scout Executive Robert E. Tuggle stated that Lee's name was considered by some African-Americans as an offensive relic of the past. Removing Lee's name from the council "was the right thing to do."

All this talk of the right thing to do reminds one of the pronouncements of that paragon of virtue, Bill Clinton. Politicians will prostitute themselves to any cause if it yields votes and wins elections. But the denigration of two of our

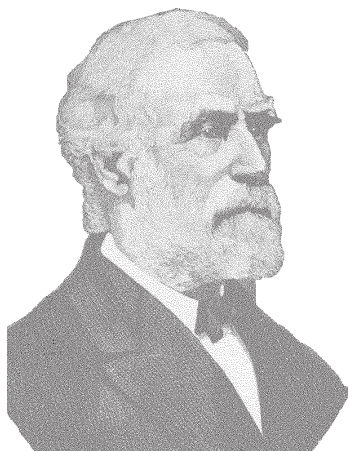
country's greatest heroes is a loss that diminishes us all.

Americans seem tragically ignorant of their own history. As a people, we cannot truly know who we are without knowing where we have been. Southerners seem to instinctively grasp this concept better than those of any other region in America. Perhaps it is because Southerners are the only white Americans to suffer a military defeat followed by an eight-year occupation of their homeland.

To true Southerners, Robert E. Lee is a hero of mythic proportions. Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Greenberg wrote,

"It is that Lee we honor, the general who, for all his legend, could not command events but who was always in command of his response to them. That is why his presence, or just the mention of his name, was once enough to still the air, to lift men's gaze and send them forth again and again. It still is.

"It is no easy thing to make a principle our own if it does not have a name, a countenance, a history and a still-living presence. In that way, Lee



still leads and serves."

It is a sad sign of the politically correct times that one may be disqualified for federal office for praising the heroes of the South. A law cannot be passed to change history, and if history is revised, then it is a lie. And if mistakes were made in the past, how can we learn from them if the truth is not told?

One of the most idiotic displays of political correctness was recently perpetrated in historic Williamsburg, Virginia. Two framed pictures depicting War Between the States battles were covered with sheets because they contained images of the Confederate Battle Flag. The action was taken at the request of a group of judges and court officials from Washington, DC attending a conference at the hotel. Conference planners stated that the covering of the pictures was a "preventative" measure since seeing the Battle Flag could be offensive to conference attendees.

The Yankees who are only content when they are telling others how to live their lives still don't understand the South. The 2003 Profile in

Courage Award given by the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston honored three ex-politicians who were traitors to their Southern heritage. The three came out in opposition to flying the Confed-

erate Battle Flag because "it was the right thing to do." This resulted in two governors being turned out of office by their Southern

constituents and the Boston Yankees giving them an award.

For far too long Southerners have been the whipping boy of the nation. Stories in the Yankee press delight in perpetuating Southern myths and stereotypes that hurt the South. Claiming to be offended by the Battle Flag or the mere mention of Robert E. Lee's name is ridiculous. There is no Constitutional guarantee against being offended, if one chooses to be offended. True Southerners will never be persuaded by Yankees who persist in remaking the South in their own image. Southerners understand that we have a superior culture, but unlike the Yankees, we have no need to impose it on others. ☒

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Captain Henry T. Owen

Co. C, 18th Virginia Infantry

Lee's Army of Northern Virginia

Confederate States of America

*By Graham C. Owen, Commander, Camp 534, Florida Division, and
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Henry Tweatt Owen was a Confederate to the end. The morning of October 8, 1921, at the age of 90, he dressed in his gray uniform, put on his sword and sat down in his favorite chair before an open fireplace and quietly slipped away.

During his last years, he lived with one of his daughters, Harriet Louisa Owen Whiteside, at her Richmond, Virginia, home. He had led an active and productive life and though his estate was small, he left to his twelve children, their children and future generations a priceless heritage.

Born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, on July 28, 1831, he was the seventh and youngest child and the fifth son of William Jack Owen and his wife,

Sallie Marshall Owen. The Owen Plantation in Prince Edward County was a part of the land holdings of Henry's great-grandfather, John Owen, who once owned over three thousand acres in Henrico, Goochland and Prince Edward Counties. John was the son of Thomas Owen and the grandson of William Owen. William Owen was born in Wales in 1635 and migrated to Virginia at the age of fifteen, working his passage over on the ship. William landed in Virginia on August 30, 1650. One year later, his newly

acquired sailing ability was rewarded when he was appointed a chief pilot on the James River by the British Governor of Virginia.

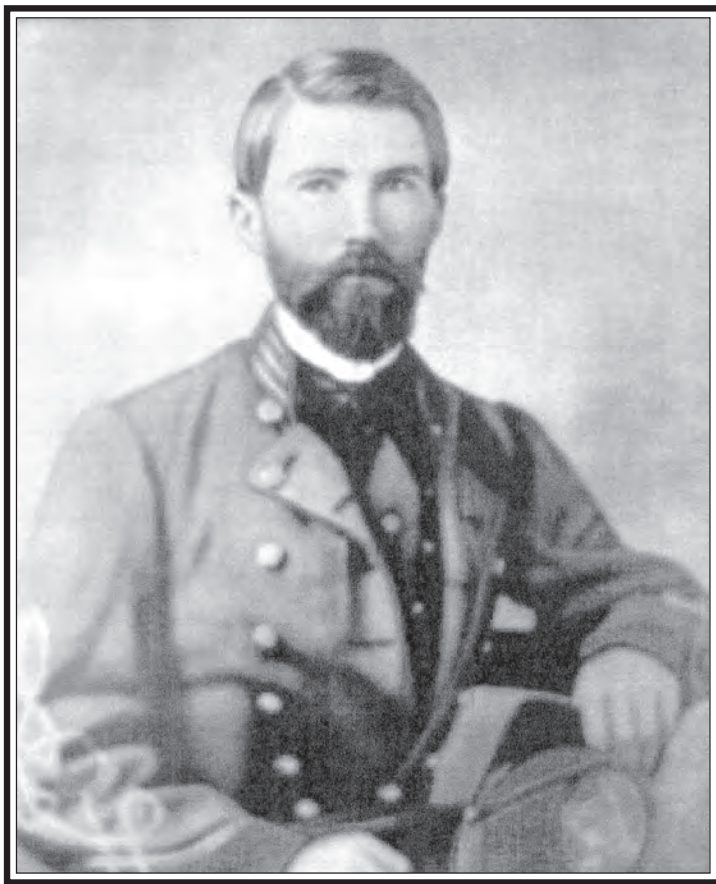
Two days before the tenth birthday of Henry, on July 26, 1841, his father, William Jack Owen, died at the age of fifty-five. For a few years Henry helped his older brothers work the plantation, but disliking the life of a planter, he taught himself to telegraph and at age fifteen became a railroad agent. At age eighteen, in 1849, he became depot agent for the South Side Railway at Nottoway Court House and it was there that he met Harriet Adalena Robertson, the daughter of John Archer Robertson of "Rock Castle," Crewe, Virginia. They were married at Rock Castle



on November 13, 1850.

During the late 1850's Henry realized that a war could come to the South and to Virginia. He formed a small company of men, comprised mostly of his wife's brothers and cousins, and they became known as the "Nottoway Rifle Guards." Henry was an avid reader and studied all of the military books that he could buy or borrow. His company, which was made up of farmers, blacksmiths and businessmen, trained on the grounds of the Nottoway Court House.

On the morning of April 23, 1861, at 1:00 AM, the telegraph at Danville, Virginia, brought a message from Governor John Letcher that all companies were to proceed with dispatch to Richmond. Henry arranged for a retired depot agent to take over his duties and sent one of his brothers-in-law riding across the county to muster the company. They gathered in the early morning hours at Nottoway Court House and Henry gave them the news that they had been ordered to Richmond. Henry also awoke the Reverend Theodore Pryor, pastor of "Old Brick" Presbyterian Church, and asked him to conduct a prayer service for the "Nottoway Rifle Guards." Henry's wife, Harriet, was there with their four small children, Elizabeth Mildred, Henry C., Michael M., and Harriet Louisa. She was very upset that Henry was going off to war, but Henry did his best to console her, promising to return safely and that he would take care of her brothers and cousins in the company. The company then boarded a train for Richmond, leaving their families



Captain Henry T. Owen

who were standing in the courthouse yard.

The Nottoway Rifle Guards became Company C of the 18th Virginia Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia. The Virginia Brigade was under the command of the aging Brigadier General Cocke until December 26, 1862, when he committed suicide. It was then placed under the command of another Virginian, General George B. Pickett and went on to fight at First Manassas, Williamsburg, Gaines Mill, Second Manassas, South Mountain, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg (Pickett's Charge), Sailor's Creek, and many smaller skirmishes. During Pickett's Charge, the 18th suffered the highest losses in the brigade with 50 dead, 77 wounded and 104 missing. Henry later

wrote his wife Harriet that he did not know how he had been spared. He described Pickett's Charge as follows: "On swept the column over ground with dead and dying men where the earth seemed to be on fire, the smoke dense and suffocating, the sun shut out, flames blazing on every side, friend could hardly be distinguished from foe,"

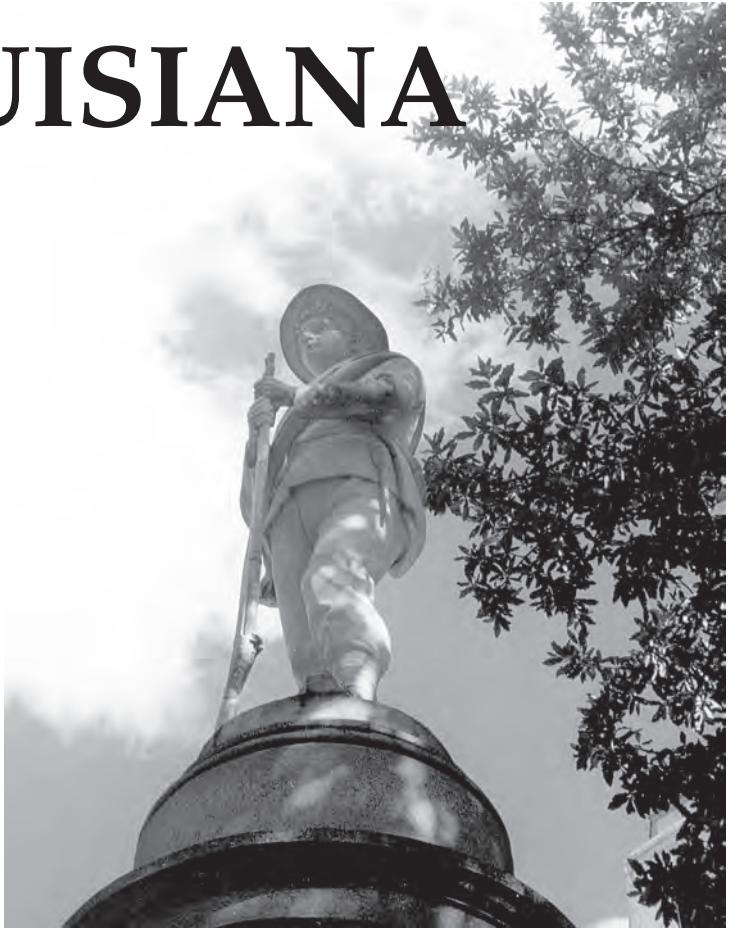
Throughout the War, the 18th suffered the highest losses in the brigade, with 352 killed in action or dead of disease, 490 wounded and 447 taken prisoner. The regiment once numbered 1,521 men but only 43 were present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox.

After the war, he fathered eight more children for a total of twelve. He served as a clerk in the Second Auditor's Office. ❧

MONUMENT BATTLE IN LOUISIANA

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The afternoon was typical for August. The temperature was in the upper 90's and the humidity felt almost suffocating. There was a feeling, though, that soon, things were going to get hotter.



I found a parking spot as close as I could to the Government Plaza building in downtown Shreveport, Louisiana. As my wife and I strolled toward the building, we were accosted by two women, one of them saying, "I know where y'all are going. We would be going too but we have to work."

The t-shirts we were wearing gave away our purpose that day. We had purchased them from the local United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter 237. They are white with a sketch of the Confederate Vet-

erans Monument that stands in front of the Caddo Parish Courthouse. The shirts are also adorned with a Confederate Battle Flag and the slogan "Y'all Keep It Flying."

The Parish Commission was meeting that afternoon and it was possible that they might decide to take some kind of action toward removing the monument. We were going to be there to ensure that our representative to the commission as well as all others knew our opinion on the matter. Leave it alone!

This would not be the first time the commission discussed the fate of the monument. This has been a topic of controversy since the late 1980's. Most recently, in the spring of 2002, Caddo Parish Commissioner Ken Epperson decided that a parish employee should not be used to raise the Third National Flag that flies in front of the monument in the mornings and retire it in the evenings. As a result, Chapter 237 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the owners and caretakers of the monument, de-

cided to leave the flag up twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Not to be deterred, Mr. Epperson called for the removal of the flag and flagpole from what he claims is parish property. However, after some investigating, it appeared that the patch of land that the monument stands on is not parish property. In fact, it looked as if the UDC actually owns the property.

In the recorded minutes from a meeting in 1903, the Caddo Parish Police Jury (the predecessor to the commission) donated the piece of land to the UDC. The minutes read: "The rules were suspended and Mr. W.H. Wise on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy made an earnest appeal for an appropriation of \$1,000 for the Confederate monument, at the same time requesting that the monument association be given the front plat or portion of courthouse square as a site for the monument. Moved by J.S. Young that the \$1,000 be allowed and the front plat of the courthouse be reserved for that purpose, which motion was unanimously adopted."

For the forces of political correctness, though, that isn't good enough. The Parish Commission's attorney was instructed to investigate the ownership claim by the UDC. That investigation determined that the UDC had no legal claim to the land that the monument is

on. Why? No deed can be found. The UDC in response has sought their own legal counsel.

If that's not bad enough, Mr. Epperson, in an article in our local newspaper, *The Times*, in late July of 2002, is now calling for the complete removal of the monument. There has been no legal ruling as to ownership, and he is making inane remarks such as "It's trespassing" and "We'll give them 180 days to come get it. After that, we'll start taking bids for its removal."

That brings us to the August 2002 meeting. One week earlier, the Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor Camp 1308 decided to go on the offensive. We voted to buy airtime on local radio stations calling the citizens of Caddo Parish to action. We also purchased space in *The Times* to inform what could happen at the meeting and urging their support.

Of course, playing the radio spots and placing the newspaper notice was a double-edged sword. The whole effort could have backfired. Instead of having pro-monument supporters,



The Confederate Monument on the courthouse square at Shreveport, Louisiana.



*Bust of Henry Watkins Allen,
wartime governor of Louisiana*

the anti-monument crowd could have come out in force. The gamble paid off, though.

The commission chamber was in a lull. My wife and I took seats on the second row, in full



Bust of General Robert E. Lee

view of Mr. Epperson. I often caught his gaze at our shirts. Past Army of TransMississippi Commander Paul Gramling, who has spoken in front of the commission many times, had already agreed that Camp Commander Ben Head and past National Chief of Staff Chuck McMichael would speak on behalf of the monument. Additionally, two other citizens not associated with the SCV or UDC spoke in favor of the monument. The opposition had a total of three speakers, all of whom are local college students.

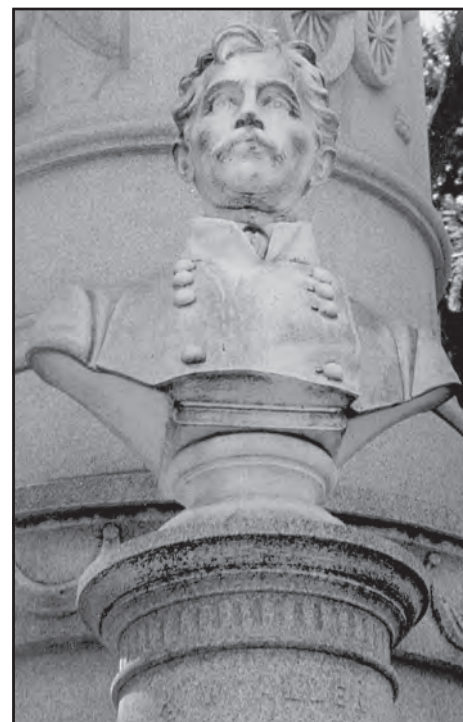
At the beginning of their session, the commission dealt with some of the niceties of politics. Miss Louisiana had dropped by and made some pleasant remarks. Also, representatives from the local General Motors plant discussed expansion plans that are in the works. There was some comical banter between one of the female GM representatives and commission administrator Bill Hanna about a kiss. Mr. Hanna gave her a Hershey candy kiss and in return, she gave him a real kiss.

When the first of the young anti-monument speakers got to the lectern, dressed in a dirty white t-shirt and jeans, he castigated Mr. Hanna for giving the woman a chocolate kiss. His reasoning for this dressing down was that the chocolate was made with the assistance of slave labor. This caused several disconcerted looks, even

among the black members of the commission. The remainder of his time was used spouting the usual left-wing, revisionist, and politically correct drivel.

The other two speakers weren't any better. One, a young black man, had prepared comments. In spite of this, he continued to "accidentally" substitute "neo-Nazi" for Confederate. Their last speaker approached, dressed in a very slovenly state with disheveled hair. He had not prepared any remarks and appeared in awe of where he was. He began with "Um-uh, oh, wow" and ended with "That's about it." In between was nonsensical rambling.

All of the pro-monument speakers were dressed in respect of their intended audience. They each had prepared



Bust of General P.G.T. Beauregard



Bust of General Stonewall Jackson

comments and spoke from their hearts. After each of the pro-monument speeches was given, there was thunderous applause. After each of the anti-monument speeches, there was dead calm.

After the commission had heard both sides and returned to the normal agenda, nearly all of the spectators cleared the chambers. The debate continued out in the lobby of the building. However, the three young men who had spoken inside were no matches for Chuck McMichael who is a high school history teacher. At one point, the young black man became so frustrated he told McMichael, "You can tell you're a racist; just look at how you're dressed. You have all those rebel flags on your tie and

this guy is dressed like a Confederate General." (He was referring to Past ATM Commander Paul Gramling who was standing nearby, not in a uniform, but a regular, modern-day suit.) Chuck McMichael asked him, "Do you know what you're doing when you make an assumption about someone based on their appearance? You're pre-judging, you're being prejudiced."

Our debate session finally broke up, everyone straggling out the doors. The media conducted interviews with Chuck McMichael and the young black man. And, of course, the media used the monument as a backdrop. The only other item on the commission agenda that garnered attention from the media was security for the courthouse and the Government Plaza building. They apparently weren't interested in

much else from the commission that day.

In the end, the commission took no action toward the monument that day. So here we are in legal limbo. The lawyers keep wrangling over who owns a small plat of land that is home to a work of art dedicated to our ancestors. The politically correct and history revisionists continue to push for its removal. The Caddo Parish Commission is divided along racial lines, with one white member not committing one way or the other.

The chief antagonist, Mr. Epperson, is obviously making the monument a political football for his own future political ambitions. Due to term limits, he is not eligible to run for reelection. I'm sure, however, that he will continue to stir the pot. Meanwhile, we wait for his next move. ☒



Past National Chief of Staff Chuck McMichael addresses the Caddo Parish Commission on the Confederate Monument.



2003

Report on the 108th Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion

Asheville, the western capital of North Carolina, nestled in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomed delegates from across the Confederation for our 108th Annual Reunion July 30 – August 2, 2003. Hosted by the Zebulon Vance Camp 15, which also hosted our 84th annual Reunion in 1979, members were made welcome throughout the weekend's festivities.

Things started out with a bang with the SCV General Executive Council meeting at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 30. Four GEC members objected to the seating of ANV Commander Chris Sullivan and Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell. After their objections were noted in the minutes, a motion was made to postpone the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting. After a standing vote was taken, the minutes were approved. Once the dust settled from all of this, the rest of the meeting was uneventful. The day ended with the delegates being treated to a welcoming party and BBQ at the Taylor Ranch.

Thursday dawned bright and clear as we gathered in the main hall of the Renaissance Hotel, headquarters of the reunion, for the opening ceremonies at 8:00 AM. Zebulon Vance Camp 15 Commander Jim

Holbrook opened the convention and welcomed everyone to Asheville. He then turned the podium over to Past Chief of Heritage Defense Roger McCredie, who acted as master of ceremonies. We were treated to an extended history of Southern Flags escorted in one by one with drums and bagpipers after a short history of each flag. Three US veterans began the presentation with the posting of the POW-MIA Flag. Next, Chaplain-in-Chief Rev. John Weaver and Past Chaplain-in-Chief Father Alistar Anderson posted the Christian Flag. The "Betsy Ross" Flag followed, then the Bonnie Blue Flag was posted. The Stars and Bars, or First National, and the 1861 North Carolina Flag came in together. As a prelude to the Battle Flag, the St. Andrews Cross was next. After the Confederate Battle Flag was posted, the 2nd and 3rd

National Flags were escorted in. The future of the SCV was next as about 15 or 20 children came down the center aisle, assembled in front and led everyone in the singing of *Dixie*. The ceremony concluded with the reenactors and bagpipers marching out playing *Dixie*.

After a formal invocation by Chaplain-in-Chief Weaver, the United States, Confederate Battle, and modern North Carolina Flags were posted. The assembly was led in the pledge and salute before the



official greetings began. Greetings were expressed by Charles Worley, mayor of Asheville, ANV Commander Chris Sullivan, NC Division Commander Bryan Carawan, Sons of Union Veterans of the CW, Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim, MOS&B Commander General Jeff Massey, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Registrar General Donna Harris, NC Order of Confederate Rose, President Laura Stallard and President General of the Children of the Confederacy Jonathan Hicks.

SUVCW Commander Grim told us he did have Confederate ancestors and he thought he was the first rebel to be CIC of the SUVCW. C of C President Hicks made quite an impression on the delegates and received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks. At this time the convention was turned over to Commander-in-Chief Ron Wilson who also received a standing ovation from the assembly.

After a brief recess, CIC Wilson read the charge to the SCV. Adjutant-in-Chief John Adams called the roll of general officers. CIC Wilson recognized two real sons in attendance, Woody Plaughter from California and James Brown from Arizona. Both received standing ovations from the delegates.

We next approved the standing rules as printed in the program, with no objections. This was about the only thing that didn't receive an objection during the entire weekend.

Reports from general officers and committee chairmen were next on the agenda. Adjutant-in-Chief John Adams reported we currently have 819 camps, including 52 new camps in the past year. Membership stands at 32,600 plus, an 8.1% increase compared to a 4% increase in the previous year. Our gift shop at Elm Springs had gross sales of \$250,000, a \$75,000 increase from last year. \$43,000 was donated to the

heritage defense fund.

Randy Burbage reported on the burial of the crew of the CSS *Hunley* on April 17, 2004. They are expecting around 50,000-60,000 people to attend the funeral, and he urged people to arrive early.

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Denne Sweeny reported that the SCV would be running radio, TV, and newspapers ads in SC, NC, GA, and VA in the two months preceding the *Hunley* burial to capitalize on this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Chaplain-in-Chief John Weaver stated that the two pastor conferences held in the past year have been a big help. They were videotaped and the tapes are available from IHQ for \$10 each. More conferences are planned for the coming year.

Past VA Division Commander Red Barbour gave a report on his efforts to preserve the unmarked graves on the Bristoe Station battlefield. More than 600 graves have been found so far with magnetic scans from a helicopter and an archaeological team on the ground. He has \$5,800 of the \$20,000 he needs to complete the project, and he urged members to donate to the project.

The editor-in-chief introduced the new magazine published by FPAC, *Southern Mercury*, and urged members to consider subscribing. He explained the *Mercury* would cover more modern-day issues concerning attacks on Southern culture that can't be covered in the *Confederate Veteran*. A few changes in the *Veteran* were announced, including more camp news and a letters-to-the editor section. Members were urged to send in photos of their camp activities and articles, especially ancestor bios.

Allen Sullivant, chief of heritage



Photo by Frank Powell

The Confederate Battle Flag presented to the 2003 Reunion

defense, outlined heritage violations that had occurred during the past year. He announced the emphasis this year would be placed on the National Park Service's attempts to rewrite history at our National Parks.

The Brooks Fund report came next. Chairman Dr. Pat Hardy reported the Brooks Fund had awarded \$450,000 in research grants in the last 24 years. As of June 30, 2003, the market value of the fund was \$2,949,299 and the investment value was \$1,716,816.

As a prelude to the finance committee report, Chairman J.E.B. Stuart, IV, presented our newest life member, his grandson, J.E.B. Stuart, VI.

Virginia Division Commander Brag Bowling reported on the condition of Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, VA. There are 17,000 Confederate soldiers buried there in numbered graves. The city of Richmond currently owns the cemetery and care has been sparse at best. The efforts of the VA Division will be focused on getting ownership of the cemetery.

Richard Lee reported on a project to put murals depicting Confederate cavalry sinking a Federal

gunboat on buildings in Florida.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rick Griffin briefed the delegates on the censorship at the Point Lookout memorial service and the ongoing lawsuits against the Veterans Administration to allow our flag to fly over the graves.

Army of Trans-Mississippi Department Commander John Perry started the army reports. He stated that the ATM has 203 camps and 6,000+ members. Camps are active and fighting for our heritage.

Allen Trapp, commander of the Army of Tennessee Department, reported that the AOT had a very good year. There are now five camps in Ohio, making them our newest division. The Army sponsored a fundraiser for the Nathan Bedford Forrest birthplace at the site. Despite bad weather, it was successful.

Army of Northern Virginia Commander Chris Sullivan informed us that the ANV was alive and well. The army currently has more than 12,000 members.

Next up was what everyone was waiting for, the commander-in-chief's report. Commander-in-Chief Ron Wilson told some of the positive accomplishments of the past year. The first youth camp, Men of Faith video, Jesse James video, the establishment of a committee to clear the name of Henry Wirz, our new magazine *Southern Mercury*, the hiring of our paid professional field staff, and a series of fundraising programs titled "Overview of the South," to be held in various cities across the South. He then discussed some of the negative issues, including the suspensions of seven camps in North Carolina, and the ANV commander and the reasons for these actions.

We were now out of time for the day and recessed until Friday morning.

The rest of the day was taken up with Department meetings and

scheduled tours.

Friday, August 1, 2003

Friday dawned foggy as we gathered for the second business session at 8:00 AM. After brief announcements, we learned that 244 camps had registered as present; we had a quorum. Almost immediately, there was a motion to accept the commander-in-chief's report as it was presented the day before and publish it in the *Confederate Veteran*. A roll call vote was requested and the required seven camps asked for a roll call. The adjutant-in-chief then called the roll. The motion passed 1,032 yes with 626 no. This procedure took close to an hour and a half.

Ed Moon, chairman of the Time and Place Committee, presented New Orleans as the site of our 2006 Reunion. There was no discussion and the committee's recommendation passed unanimously. The budget as presented by the finance committee passed on a voice vote. By this time it was 10:30 AM and we recessed for the day.

The SCV awards luncheon was held in the main hall of the Renaissance at 12:30 PM. First Christian Church, two blocks down the street, was the site of our annual Memorial Service to remember compatriots who passed away during the past year. Reverend John Killian presented an excellent and inspiring sermon. But, this was only a sample of the speech he would give us later in the evening.

A highlight of our reunions is the John Randolph of Roanoke Oratory Contest. Held this year at 10:30 PM because of late tours, members and guests began gathering in the main hall by 10:00 PM in anticipation of great speechifying. We were not disappointed. Master of Ceremonies Rev. John Killian took the podium and introduced the judges: Ed Cailleteau of Louisiana, Bruce Tyson of North Carolina and James Turner

of Tennessee. All of the contestants were good, but last year's winner, Chuck McMichael of Louisiana, was the cream of the crop and successfully defended his title. While the judges were deliberating, Rev. Killian showed why he is the champion emeritus with an awe-inspiring speech that brought the crowd to its feet.

Saturday, August 2, 2003

Saturday was somewhat cloudy and the third business session began at 8:30 AM. The first order of business was approving the minutes from last year's reunion. However, this was the last item most of us could agree on for the rest of the day.

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Burl McCoy took the chair to give the Constitution Committee report and vote on the amendments. Immediately, the parliamentary wrangling and posturing began. The big point of contention was how we would vote on the amendments. A motion was presented to have a written ballot for all the amendments. Of course, a roll call vote was called. After the roll was called, the motion failed with 904 no and 791 yes votes. This meant a roll call would be held on all future votes.

Since this procedure had taken more than a hour and a half, the commander-in-chief placed ANV Commander Chris Sullivan in the chair to handle the amendments. The first amendment considered would limit past commanders-in-chief on the General Executive Council to the preceding three. After a spirited discussion, the roll was called with 1,100.5 votes yes and 626.5 votes no. This was 51 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for passage and the amendment failed.

The next amendment considered would remove the inactive members from the General Executive Council. A short discussion ended with a



This custom painted 18-wheeler was parked outside in the parking lot every day and was a big hit with the delegates. This rig travels across the South participating in tractor pulls. It is based in Fairview, NC.

motion to consider this amendment with a voice vote instead of a roll call. This passed and the amendment was passed by voice vote.

The amendment to delete the commander general of the MOS&B from the SCV General Executive Council passed on a voice vote. However, a division of the house was called for and after a standing vote was not satisfactory, the roll was called. The vote was 815 yes and 773 no; the amendment failed because of a lack of a two-thirds majority.

At this time the rules were suspended for the introduction of a special guest. Ron Maxwell, director of *Gods and Generals* and *Gettysburg*, was introduced to the convention and received a standing ovation punctuated with a chorus of rebel yells.

Commander-in-Chief Wilson introduced our new chaplain's medal and presented the first one to Chaplain-in-Chief John Weaver.

Now, it was back to business. The amendment to change the dates of the general convention passed by a voice vote. Starting in 2007, general conventions must commence between July 13 and July 29.

A motion to adjourn was made

and failed on a voice vote. Commander-in-Chief Wilson then assumed the chair. He stated he would continue fighting for our heritage during the upcoming year and he received a standing ovation. He then asked for a motion to adjourn that passed by a voice vote. We adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Because of the late hour and the fact we didn't break for lunch, the General Executive Council immediately held their post-convention meeting. After the roll call, protests on the seating of ANV Commander Chris Sullivan and Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell were started again with a fifth member joining who was not present during the pre-convention meeting. After this, business could be taken care of. The council passed spending \$7,500 for the Briscoe Station battlefield grave location project, passed the establishment of a Section 125 plan for IHQ employees, passed spending about \$70,000 on repairs and improvements on Elm Springs, approved hiring a professional fundraiser at a cost not to exceed \$43,000. A proposal to adopt a one-time assessment of \$30 on members of the Headquarters Camp failed with a vote of nine *yes* and nine *no*. The council adjourned

at 4:36 PM.

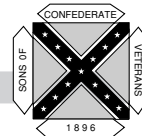
That night, at the Grand Banquet and Ball, Ron Maxwell received the newly established Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee Award. This is the highest award that can be given to a non-member.

Sunday, August 4, 2003

The reunion ended on a sour note when it was discovered early Sunday morning that 13 vehicles had been vandalized in the Best Western parking lot. License plates and bumper stickers were painted with white spray paint and a glass etching foam was sprayed on windows. When the foam was removed, the glass had been permanently etched. The police were called and wrote reports, but had little hope of apprehending the vandals.

There were many other events held during the weekend and your editor could not attend them all, so that's why they are not covered. Once again, congratulations to the members of the Zebulon Baird Vance Camp 15, Asheville, NC, on hosting a successful reunion. Plans are already underway for next year when we will meet in Dalton, GA, on July 28 – 31, 2004. See you there! ☒

Army of Northern Virginia



Members of the **16th Regiment Camp 36**, Greenville, SC, at their annual Memorial Day Observance in historic Springwood Cemetery in Greenville, SC.



The **NC Division SCV** held a Confederate Memorial Service on May 10, 2003, at Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh, NC. Pictured from left, Tom Smith, Boyd Cathey, Frank Powell, NC Division Commander Bryan Carawan, and Commander-in-Chief Ron Wilson.



Members of the **Brig. Gen. M. L. Bonham Camp 48**, Saluda, SC, placed a veteran's headstone on the grave of Pvt. Pinkney W. Smith, Co. D, 2nd SC Vols. Camp members also placed flags on 18 other Confederate graves at the service. The Confederate Memorial Day Service ended with a 4-gun Coehorn mortar salute.



The **Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805**, Spotsylvania Court House, VA, Color Guard and wives attended the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, May 26, 2003, to honor ancestors who died here at the Battle of Fredericksburg on Dec. 13, 1862.



A Confederate Memorial Service was held May 9, 2003, at Rivers Bridge Historic Site. South Carolina Division Commander Robert Roper is at the podium. This service has been an annual event for the last 127 years, sponsored by the **Rivers Bridge Camp 842**.



In December, 2002, the **Arnold Elzey Camp** Commander Jeffrey J. Martins awarded two dedicated camp ladies, Mrs. Joyce Zoch (left) and Mrs. Jacqueline Martins (right) with the SCV Ladies Appreciation Medal. Jacqueline Martins supports the camp and division by forming the first-ever Order of Confederate Rose Chapter in Maryland. Joyce Zoch, a member of Harford County UDC Chapter 114, assists the camp with the OCR, UDC and C of C events.

South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania Divisions



Members and friends of the **Sgt. Adam W. Ballenger Camp 68**, Spartanburg, SC, replacing a Southern cross on an unmarked Confederate grave at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Moore, SC. The original cross had been stolen. L to R (kneeling) Case Chumley (holding Hampton Chumley); Sumter Chumley beside his father, Rob Chumley, Camp Commander; L to R (standing) Taryn Foster, Henry Dobey, Tammy Chumley, Scott Edge, Travis Bright, John Boyter, Faye Chumley, Bill Chumley, Debbie Boyter, and Billy Edge.



The **Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805** members met on Saturday, April 19, 2003, at the Confederate Cemetery in Spotsylvania C. H., VA, to clean grave stones in sections with our brave ancestors from the states of South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia.



General Wade Hampton Camp 273, Columbia, SC, essay winners for 2003: (l to r) Miss Heather Davis (age 16); Mr. Paul E. Miles, III (age 18); Mr. Samuel T. Brown (age 12); Miss Rebecca Bates (age 12).



The **Maryland Brigade Delegation of Camps**, parading down Monument Avenue, April 6, 2003, being led by the Maryland Division Color Guard. Commanding the Color Guard is (far left) Past Division Commander Chris Beck. In front leading the delegation is Mrs. Liz Groszer, Maryland Division President, UDC, with Compa-triot Bob Parker.



A battery of cannons fire a thunderous salute across the James River to close the **2003 Ninth Annual Jefferson Davis Memorial Service**, Saturday, May 31, 2003, in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA.



The **Fincastle Rifles Camp 1326** present the colors for the dedication of a Confederate Monument at Tombstone Cemetery in Roanoke, Virginia.

South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania Divisions



Commander John Sawyer (left) and Color Sergeant Joe Wright (right-descendant) of the **Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805** install grave markers and Confederate Crosses of Honor for Sgt. John Harmon Stone of the Bedford Light Artillery and Sgt. James Fletcher Stone of the 34th Virginia Infantry in Bedford, Virginia.



A Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony was held Saturday, May 31, 2003, at East Hill Cemetery, Salem, Virginia. **The Fincastle Rifles Camp 1326** provided a color guard.



On April 13, 2003, members of the **Gen. States Rights Gist Camp 1451** attended a Memorial and Marker Dedication Service for Ransom Whitehead, Co. C, 18th SC, at Putman Baptist Church in Union, SC. Attending were (front row l to r): Marty Frawell, Jim Crocker, Marty Terry, Jerry Adams, Randon Thomas, Helen Thomas; (back row l to r) Richard Thomas, Phil Bailey, John Moss.



Compatriot Garland Nobles, of the **Sons of Mars Camp 1632** in Laurel Hill, NC, places Confederate Flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day. The camp conducted two ceremonies this year, one in Rockingham, NC, on May 10, 2003 and another in Laurinburg on May 18, 2003. The services were held in memory of Captain B. F. Little of Co. E, 52nd North Carolina.



Floral tributes adorn **Confederate President Jefferson Davis'** gravesite, May 31, 2003, at the **Ninth Annual Memorial Service** in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, VA. Included in the attendees were members from the Mecklenburg County and Brunswick County SCV Camps.



The Scuppernon Grays Camp 1955, Columbia, NC, laid a wreath at the grave of General James Johnston Pettigrew, near Columbia, for Confederate Memorial Day, May 10, 2003. Pictured (l to r) 1st Lt. Cmdr. Don Grimsley, Brad Arnold (kneeling), Chris Grimes, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Creston Simmons (behind flag), Cmdr. Mike Armstrong and Adjutant Rob McClees.



Army of Northern Virginia



Members of the **Arnold Elzey Camp 1940** participate in the Confederate Heritage Parade in Richmond, Virginia, April 6, 2003.



On May 24, 2003, the **Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805**, Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA, posted colors at a ceremony for Joe Wright's (far right) ancestors, Pvt. John and Pvt. James Stone.



Members of **Moultrie Camp 27**, Mt. Pleasant, SC, install one of three SCV signs. The town removed these signs but later returned them after contact from the camp. Pictured (l to r): Bob Matthewes, Clay Martin, Jeff Antley, Kevin Antley, Gene Hogan, Mark Leith and Ben Brown.



The **47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166**, Wake Forest, NC, provided a color guard of Confederate Marines at the Wake Forest Veteran's Memorial Service. Pictured are Dwayne Slaughter, David Henderson and John Perry (behind flag).

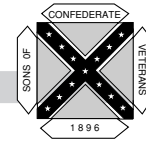


Members of the **Summers-Koontz Camp 490**, Luray, VA, stand near the graves of Surgeon T.B. Amiss, CSA and the camp's first commander and son of T.B. Amiss, Frederick T. Amiss, during flag placement work at Luray's Green Hill Cemetery on May 24, 2003.



The **Pvt. John Wesley Culp Memorial Camp 1961**, Gettysburg, PA, provided a color guard in the Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2003. It was the camp's first public appearance. Pictured are, from left, front row, Suzanne Lewis and Tracey Cromeans. Back row from left, Ben Lewis, Jr., Ben Lewis Sr., Bob Doerr, Rodney Cromeans, Mark Chudley, James Palmisano and Tom Burkhardt.

Army of Tennessee



Pictured from left, Chuck McMichael, Commander-in-Chief Ron G. Wilson and Kelly Barrow at the **2003 National Confederate Memorial Service** in Stone Mountain, GA on April 26.



Members of the **Florida Division** party in the hospitality suite at their Division Reunion on June 26, 2003.



The **Major W. M. Footman Camp 1950** held its Annual Southern Christmas Gathering on December 7, 2002. The grand event is held at the historic home of former Confederate Captain and Florida Pioneer Francis Hendry. Over 150 people attended.



Dillard-Judd Camp 1828, of Cookeville, TN held a Confederate Memorial Day Service in June, 2003, at Cookeville City Cemetery. James Turner, Past Commander of the AOT was guest speaker. Ladies of the UDC attended along with members of Myers-Zollicoffer and Capt. Champ Ferguson.



It was a family affair swearing-in event on May 3, 2003, after descendants of Pvt. Elijah M. McCranie left a graveside service to honor him. McCranie served with Berrien County, GA's Co. K, 29th Regiment, GA Infantry. Joining **John K. McNeill Camp 674**, Moultrie, GA, are (back row l to r): Neal, Ronald, James, Wayne and Derek (all McCranie's); (front row l to r): Brandon, Tony and Jeff (all McCranie's). Their ancestor and his wife are in the small photo.



Pictured are the new officers of the **Major William E. Simmons Camp 96**, Lawrenceville, Georgia, for 2003-2004 (l to r): Dr. Donald Bickers, Surgeon; David Floyd, Adjutant; Bill Seddon, Historian; Dr. Hubert Tucker, Chaplain; Bill Grimes, Sergeant-at-Arms; Charles Brasher, Color Sergeant; Danny Ramey, Past Commander/Quartermaster; Robert Collins, 1st Lt. Commander; Joe Bath, Commander; Doug Drummond, Treasurer; Kenneth Bell, Editor; Chapin Hembree, 2nd Lt. Commander.

Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin Divisions



Compatriot Eugene T. Beals, **Gen. Lloyd Tilghman Camp 1495**, Paducah, KY, and Commander-in-Chief Ron G. Wilson, at the 2003 Kentucky Division Convention in Georgetown, KY.



On June 28, 2003, members of the **Pvt. E. F. Arthur Camp 1783**, Corbin, KY, along with members of the **North Carolina Division SCV** held a joint Marker Dedication honoring Pvt. Conrad Messer of the 29th North Carolina Infantry. Pvt. Messer had to be left with a family in Laurel County after the Battle of Camp Wildcat, KY and subsequently died of wounds. The grave had been unmarked. Over 80 family, friends and SCV members attended.



In a constant rain, members of the **Florida 14th Brigade, MOS&B Hardy Chapter, UDC Chapters 796 and 2246, SCV Camps 471, 1315, 1595, 1599, 1775, the OCR Matron Pember and Mrs. Delity Kelly Chapters, SUVCW 7 and Co. B, 7th Florida Reenactors** traveled 160 miles through 3 counties and 11 cemeteries to decorate Veterans' graves. Through the coordination of Cmdr. Larry Powell and research of Cmdr. Mike Mitchell, graves of Capt. Mizell, 7th Fla. Inf., 2nd Sgt. Campbell of the 7th Fla. Inf., Pvt. Turner, 10th Fla. Inf., and Pvt. Jackson, 14th VA Inf., have finally received their first headstones.



The **Ogeechee Rifles SCV Camp 941**, Statesboro, GA, and the **Brigadier General John C. Carter Camp 207**, Waynesboro, join together to honor Captain George B. Best of Co. E, 5th Georgia Cavalry. Capt. Best was killed during the Battle of Waynesboro in 1864 and is buried at the Waynesboro Confederate Memorial Cemetery.



The **Brig. Gen. John C. Carter Camp 207** of Waynesboro, Georgia, placed a Confederate grave marker for Pvt. Oswald E. Usher of Co. E, Cobb's Georgia Legion, Inf., CSA. Pictured is Camp 207 Adjutant, Ed Eaves.



Confederate Memorial Day Services were held April 26, 2003, at the Confederate Park in Albany, Georgia. The services are jointly sponsored by the **Lt. Tom Nelson Camp, SCV** and the local United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter.

Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin Divisions



Past Commander-in-Chief William D. Hogan at the 2003 Florida Division Reunion.



The **Captain Henry C. Semple Camp 2002** was recently chartered in Montgomery, AL on November 22, 2002. The 31 charter members and their guests held a charter banquet at the Standard Club in Montgomery. Alabama Division Commander David Allen (left) of Tuscaloosa is shown presenting Camp Commander Philip C. Davis with the new camp charter.



Stephen Lambert, of the **Alice Whiting Waterman Camp 1626** in Wisconsin, gave a WBTS presentation to the Sannes Skogdalen Nursing Home in Soldier's Grove, WI.



Pictured are the members of the newly chartered **John Hance O'Steen Camp 770**, Trenton, Florida.



Robert Howard, member of the **Maj. W.M. Footman Camp 1950**, Ft. Myers, FL, lays a wreath at his grandfather's grave, Pvt. Owen R. Blount, on April 26, 2003. Also pictured are Dana Simpkins, Shellie Webber and Mrs. Wiggins.



Pictured from left, Mark McDaniel, Allison Perry, Jerry Powell, Anthony White and George King. Compatriot Powell is the **General Robert A. Toombs Camp 932**, Vidalia, GA, 2003 Confederate of the Year.



Army of Tennessee



A three-state SCV Marker Dedication for Cpl. John A. Thacker of Co. E, 37th Tennessee Infantry was held on May 24, 2003 in Tazewell, TN. Members of the **Pvt. E. F. Arthur Camp 1783**, Corbin, KY; Eastern Kentucky Brigade Division Commander Don Poynter, Sr.; Commander Mike Beck of the Bradford/Rose Camp Morristown, TN; Commander Earl Smith of the Longstreet/Zollicoffer Camp, Knoxville, TN; and Members of the Southwest Virginia Brigade SCV. The grave had been unmarked since the early 1900's. Pictured are members of the Thacker family at the newly erected headstone.



"Drew" Gayle places a Battle Flag on the grave of his great-great-grandfather, Caleb Oliver Gayle, on April 5, 2003, in Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery, AL. The ceremony was sponsored by the **Capt. Henry Semple Camp 2002**. Drew is a member of the Children of the Confederacy Chapter 915 and is assisted by his mother, Julie Gayle.



SCV members (left) Virgil Roberts and (right) brother Webb Roberts, III, of the **Moses Jackson Camp 1915**, Liberty, MS, present a Confederate Battle Flag to their Grandfather Reinhard Petzold in Eilenburg, Germany, during a recent visit with family members. Mr. Petzold was a Panzerjaeger in Rommel's 15th Panzer (Heavy) Division in North Afrika during WWII.

Mrs. Ruth Mallonee of the Dixie Chapter 1008, UDC, displays the headstone shroud made for the occasion honoring J. Richard Quarls. Members of the **Stonewall Jackson Camp 1381**, Petersburg, Florida, were in attendance.

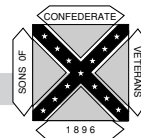


Five members of the **Lt. Tom Nelson Camp**, Albany, GA, were awarded UDC Crosses of Military Service at the recent Confederate Memorial Day Service, April 26, 2003. The service was held at the Confederate Park.



The **Capt. J.J. Dickison Camp 1387**, Melbourne, FL, sponsored a float in the Memorial Day Parade in St. Augustine, FL.

Army of Trans-Mississippi



Compatriot Lynn Foster of Austin, Texas, contacted the **Gen. J. O. Shelby Camp 1414**, Harrison, Arkansas seeking assistance in marking his Confederate ancestor's grave. Last Memorial Day, Pvt. Henry Doshier of Schnabel's Missouri Cavalry received his memorial service. Pictured (front l to r): Cmdr. Larrie Collier, Mark Poley, Marty Garrison, Lynn Foster; (back l to r) Mike Jones, Ben Ratslaff, Everett Burr, Bob Thatcher, Larry Fisher and Joseph Foster.



Members of the **Lt. Dixon-CSS Hunley Sparks Camp 2016** hold possibly the first SCV event in Nevada ever. Camp members gather at the monument of Governor John Sparks, a Confederate Veteran and governor of Nevada from 1903 to his death in 1908.



Frontier Guards Camp 996, Junction, Texas, joins with the Edward Lea Camp SUVCW of Houston, Texas, at a Real Daughter of a Union veteran ceremony in Junction, Texas, on May 4, 2003.



Members of the **Col. Emmett MacDonald Camp 1846** put out Confederate Flags and read Confederate soldiers' names on Memorial Day in Hillcrest Cemetery in Mountain Grove, Missouri. Pictured (l to r) Cmdr. Dave Simpson, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Caudle, Chaplain Wayne Simpson, Trey Odneal, Adj. C. J. Odneal, and Color Sgt. Randy Stout.



East Texas Brigade SCV and members of the Charles B. Harris Chapter 2531 UDC hold a monument rededication ceremony at the Confederate Statue in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.



The Lone Star Color Guard, a unit of the **Gen. Walter P. Lane Camp 1455**, Longview, Texas, prepare to step off in the 56th Annual Historical Pilgrimage parade in Jefferson, Texas, on May 3, 2003. The camp's Drum Corps backs up the Color Guard.

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The J. M. "Matt" Barton Camp 441 presented Miss Charlotte Jones and Mrs. Sandra Noe the Sons of Confederate Veterans Ladies Appreciation Medals April 10th at their meeting. Miss Jones is a teacher at Hawkins School. She has a Confederate living history each year so that her students know the true history of the war.



Members of the Maj. Gen. J.O. Shelby Camp 191, Warrensburg, MO, and the Maj. Thomas J. Key Camp 1920, Kansas City, KS, dedicated this Confederate marker, on March 15, 2003, for Pvt. Charles G. Wortham, Co. H., 2nd Missouri Infantry at Knob Noster Cemetery in Knob Noster, MO. Pictured (standing l to r) Cmdr. Keith Daleen and Andy Kranichfield, both of Camp 191; (kneeling l to r) Adj. Bill Brown of Camp 191 and Adj. Heath Roland of Camp 1920. Pvt. Wortham is the ancestor of Compatriot Roland.



Pictured are members of the newly reorganized Camp J. Patton Anderson 1646, Olympia, Washington. The camp has grown from 6 to more than 36 members in six months. Camp Lee in Seattle, Washington, has also recently reorganized and is now active. These efforts are due in part to the Commander of 1646, Frank Hall, pictured to the left of the podium and Washington Division Commander David Lott, to the right of the podium.



Adjutant Roger Anderson (right) of the Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor Camp 1308 receives the SCV Commendation Medal from Camp Commander Paul Gramling on May 1, 2003. Adjutant Anderson was named "Compatriot of the Year" for the Taylor Camp.



The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710, Sierra Vista, AZ, Color Guard takes its position prior to the Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at Dragoon Springs, AZ. Pictured from left, Lynn Kartchner, John Rogers, Dwaine Bright, Will Ascarza and John Stanford.



Immediate Past President of the Arizona Division UDC Janet Grams and the Commander of the Arizona Division SCV Bobby Morris arrive at the porte cochere of the historic Hassayampa Inn in Prescott, Arizona, to open the 9th Annual Arizona Division Reunion and convention on 14 June 2003.

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Rick Andrews, **E. W. Taylor Camp 1777**, Bedford, Texas, placed a Confederate Cross of Honor on the grave of his great-great-grandfather, Capt. Joseph Michael Gonzales, Co. A, Ogden's Louisiana Cavalry, at the Cornerview Catholic Cemetery in Gonzales, LA.



P. G. T. Beauregard Camp 130, New Orleans, Louisiana, was honored to provide the color guard for General Beauregard's annual Birthday Celebration hosted by the UDC and held at City Park on May 24, 2003. Pictured (l to r) are: Cmdr. Giles Duplechain, Quartermaster Tom Evans, Adjutant Bob Marrero, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Bill Myers and Compatriot Dr. Gaston deLebreton.



The recipients of the **Arizona Division's** two most prestigious awards display the limited-edition statuettes presented to them. Bobby Morris (left) of Capt. Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 received the Division's Distinguished Member Award. John Mangum, Commander of the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710, won the Division's Distinguished Camp Award.



The **Private John Slagle Camp 1972** observed Decoration Day, May 26, 2003, at the Ashland Cemetery in Ashland, OR. Pictured are (l to r): Commander Robert K. Stock, Chaplain Jimmie Roberts, James Yerby and Adjutant Leo Bush. Confederate Battle Flags were placed at the graves of Private George Washington Praytor, Co. G, 1st Mississippi Cavalry and his brother Private John Calhoun Praytor, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, Alabama Light Artillery. This was the first observance of Decoration Day in Southern Oregon.



Members of the **Capt. Sherod Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202**, Tucson, AZ, held a memorial service in Tucson, AZ, for four compatriots. Pictured from left, Paul A. Mears, AZ Division Commander Bobby Morris, John Stanford and William Seymour.



Pictured is one of the four Confederate graves at Dagoon Springs, AZ. The **Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710**, Sierra Vista, AZ, places a Battle Flag and flowers on each grave on Confederate Memorial Day.



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Pictured with UDC officers, Texas Division President Bernice Elgar, Vice President Nancy Fletcher, and Third Vice President Kay Hilburn are members of the **East Texas Brigade**, Sons of Confederate Veterans. These men joined with the UDC in a ceremony honoring two Real Daughters, Ida Poole Stansell and Mahalia Poole Storey, daughters of Albert Jefferson Poole, Co. I, 11th Regiment North Carolina Infantry. These dedications were held at Rose Hill Cemetery and Spring Hill Cemetery in Camp County, Texas.



Members of **Camp J. Patton Anderson 1646** are pictured with other SCV members in front of the Confederate Veteran Memorial at Lakeview Cemetery on April 26, 2003, for a Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony. The monument was purchased and shipped from Stone Mountain, Georgia, in 1926. Included in the photo is Washington Division Commander David Lott, Camp 1646 Commander Frank Hall, and Camp 587 Commander Rick Delcours.



The **Elijah Gates Camp 570**, Fulton, MO, dedicated a new headstone for Pvt. Elijan P. Blankenship, Co. E, 57th Virginia Infantry on May 17, 2003. Pictured from left, back row, Mark Douglas, Billy Conner, Mark White and Rich Williams. Middle row, Martin Northway, Maxine Dickerson, Linda Nezbeth and Hazel Davis. Kneeling, Don Ernst and Noel Crowson.



The **General Felix H. Robertson Camp 129**, Waco, TX, hosted a marker dedication at the Sadler Cemetery near Coryall City, TX on April 26, 2003. Pictured is the 7th Texas. Kneeling from left, Charles D. Oliver, Joe L. Walker, Kevin S. Wilson. Standing from left, Bruce McNutt, Tim R. Bell, Kevin Dally and David Waters.



John Lewis, past commander of the **Father A.J. Ryan Camp 302**, San Diego, CA, received a Military Medal of honor at the California UDC Convention in Irvine, CA. Pictured from left, Farrell D. Cooley, John Lewis and his two daughters, Rev. Lou Carlson, and Steve Madden.

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by Bill Young

THE BAD YANKEE

I was in my room getting dressed when my mother called, “Bill!” “What?” I replied.

“Ma’am,” she corrected. “How many times do I have to tell you to say ma’am and sir?” she asked in exasperation.

“Yes, ma’am,” I said meekly.

Mother appeared in my doorway, stern. “He’ll be here any minute.”

“Yes, ma’am” I replied.

“Hurry up,” she demanded

An old college classmate of my father was coming to dinner, and I dreaded it. He was a professor of history at an ivy league school—and he was a Yankee. Dad appeared in my doorway too. “Now listen, Bill,” he said firmly. “I haven’t seen this man in years, but he is a guest in our house, and like it or not, you’re going to be nice to him. You smile and say ‘Yes, sir’ and ‘no, sir’ and act like you like it. And no arguments about the North and the South.”

“Yes, sir” I said obediently.

Our guest arrived a few minutes later. When my father introduced me to him, I put out my hand and said, “I’m pleased to meet you, sir.”

“Don’t call me sir”, the Yankee said

with disgust. He turned to my parents and asked, “Why do you Southerners insist on teaching your children to say ‘sir’ and ‘maam’? It’s ridiculous.” I stole a look at my mother. She seemed to be in a state of shock. I smiled and resolved not to foul up under any circumstances — as ordered. It was going to be a long evening.

All through dinner the Yankee made it crystal clear that he didn’t like the South in general and the State of Virginia in particular. He taught his history classes that the first permanent English settlement in America was at Plymouth, Massachusetts and not Jamestown, Virginia. The Indians wiped out the Virginia colony in 1622. The oldest church in America was not in Gloucester, Virginia; it was in Boston, Massachusetts. The first thanksgiving was in Massachusetts — not Virginia. The New England states won the American Revolution. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry played only minor roles.

I gritted my teeth and smiled. I said “Yes, sir” and “No, sir” and watched our guest wince each time I used the magic words. We got through the dinner and the after-dinner conversation in the living

room without incident. At long last, our guest stood up and announced that it was time for him to leave. My father turned to him and said, "I want you to see something before you go." He then turned to me and said, "Bill, take Mr. _____ into your room and show him the pictures over your bed."

I did as I was told and pointed out two large portraits of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson in full uniform. My father gave the portraits to me for my birthday. He made the frames himself.

"Who are these people?" the Yankee asked.

My mouth dropped open in disbelief. I swallowed hard and said, "Lee and Jackson, sir."

The Yankee bristled. "Those traitors!" he hissed. "Keep pictures of rebel traitors over your bed?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," I said faintly, and then I whispered a little prayer under my breath, "Please, God, don't let me say what I'm thinking." I said nothing, and before long the Yankee was gone.

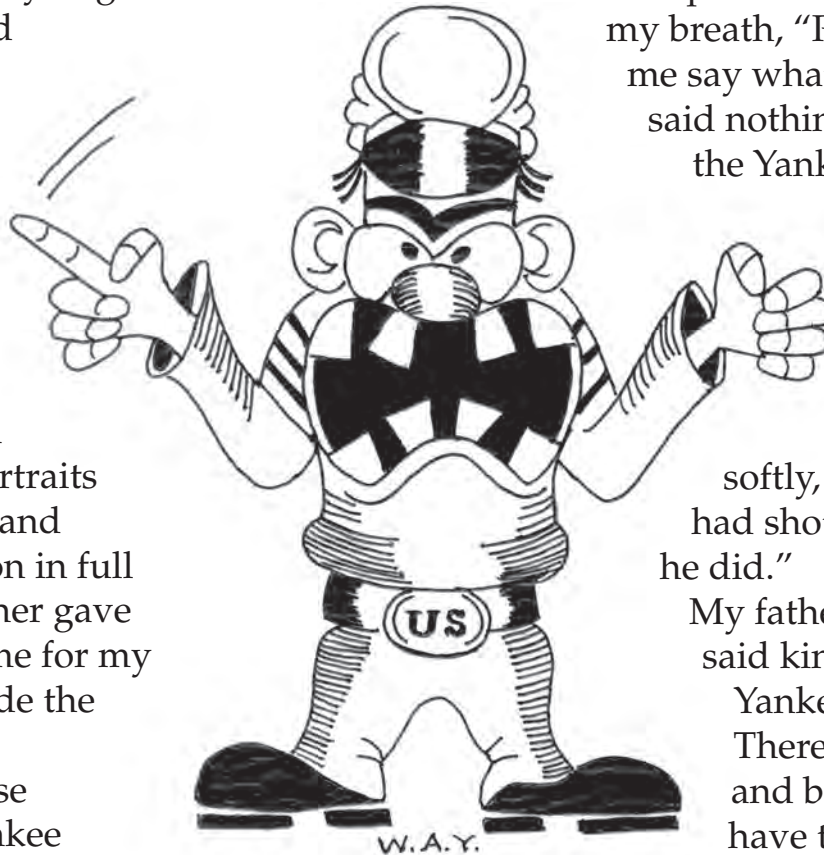
As soon as the front door of the house closed behind our departed guest, my mother said

softly, "I wish grandpa had shot more of them than he did."

My father looked at me and said kindly, "Bill, not all Yankees are like him. There are good Yankees and bad Yankees, but I'll have to admit — that was a bad Yankee."

"Amen," my mother said.

"Amen," I said. "Amen." ☒



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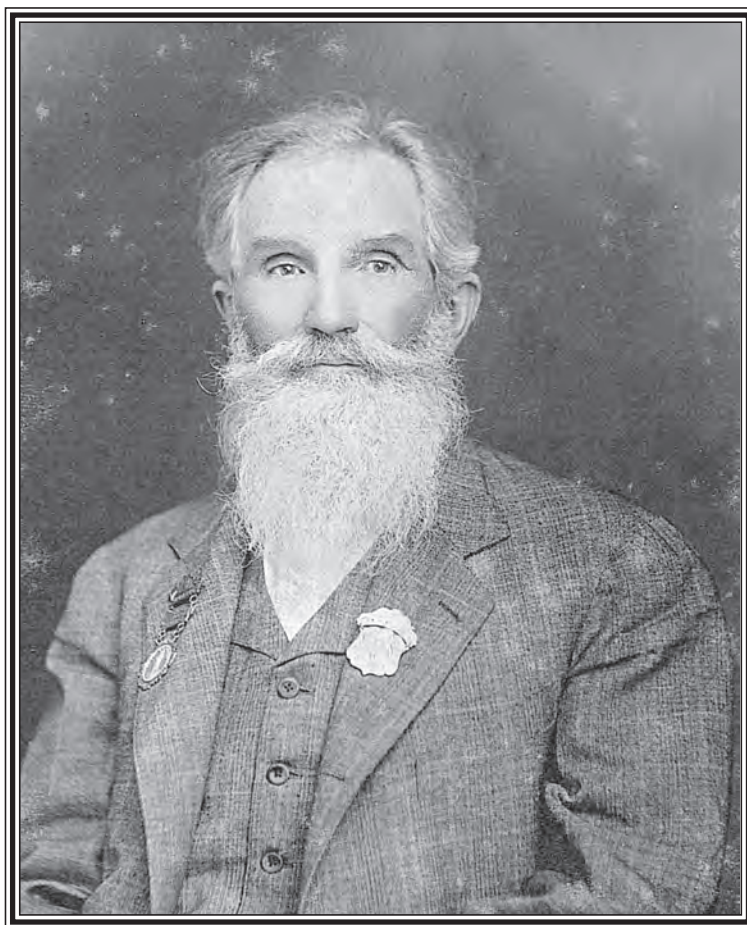
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He Rode With Forrest

(and Ross' Brigade, Too)

by R.L. Flournoy, Ph.D. and John M. Ellis, M.D.

During the War Between The States John Riley Ellis, one brave Texan, rode with Nathan Bedford Forrest and Sull Ross' Brigade. This is John Riley Ellis' story. You can tell how proud Sergeant Ellis was of his CS service by his photograph taken after the war back home in East Texas. Notice he

proudly wore his Forrest Cavalry Corps badge and 27th Texas shield badge with his three-piece Sunday suit when posed by a local photographer on an unknown but obviously post-war date. We do know, however, that shield-type badges with a CS soldier's name and unit were popular in the 1880's and 1890's.

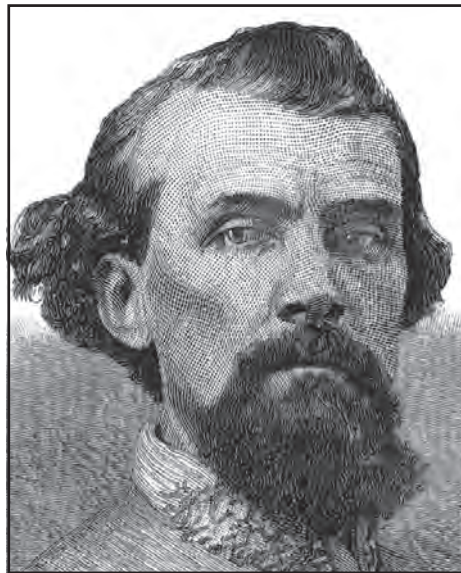
John Riley Ellis was born December 8, 1841, in Tennessee, and his parents moved the family including their three boys and five girls to Texas in 1853 where they settled in the East Texas area of Titus County near Daingerfield, later to settle in Cooper's Chapel community near Mt. Pleasant. John Riley and one brother, Will-

iam Ellis, enlisted in and served in the CS Army as members of First Texas(Whitfield's) Legion Cavalry, also known as the 27th Texas Cavalry, part of Sull Ross' Brigade.

John Riley entered Confederate Service as a private, enlisting on the 4th of July in 1861, at Daingerfield, Texas, in Captain E.R. Hawkins' Company and seeing hard-fought action in several famous battles, wounded twice, and rising through the ranks to sergeant before the War Between The States was over. It does not take much to imagine what kinds of action and fighting John Riley experienced when one realizes he rose through the ranks serving under men like Ross and Forrest!

Sergeant Ellis' Confederate Service Records indicate he was present at Wilson's Creek in August of 1861 with Lt. Col. McRea and others and later that year in December, John Riley was reported "sick at Weightman," the company's camp in Arkansas. He then was present for roll call of Company A again in January through April of 1862. On May 8, 1862, Private Ellis was elected 4th sergeant, Co. A., and in September of 1862 he was appointed 1st sergeant for his company. Company A was known as the Texas Invincibles.

During September of 1862 was a time the Ellis brothers rode with General Nathan Bedford Forrest. September 19, 1862, was the day Sergeant Ellis was listed as Wounded in Action (WIA)—shot through the arm just above the wrist and in the leg above the knee when captured by Union troops at Iuka, Mississippi. He was listed as "absent on parole,



General Nathan B. Forrest

wounded, and captured" for the remainder of September and October that year. His brother William, a private, was KIA (Killed In Action) at age nineteen at that same Battle of Iuka, Mississippi. One can not begin to fathom how the family felt later to hear that one of their sons was killed in action at Iuka and another wounded and taken prisoner. What news for the folks back home!

Service records continue to reflect that John Riley was again "Absent on parole" for the months of November and December 1862, and it wasn't until muster rolls were taken again in March and April of 1863 that we find the sergeant present on a muster roll again. There are no records and few details of Sergeant Ellis' life as a prisoner of war (POW) over those six or seven months spanning 1862-63, except for what his grandson Dr. Ellis recalls. After Iuka, John Riley was taken to Memphis by his captors where he recovered in four weeks and was told to go home! John Riley, called a "soldier de-

luxé" by his grandson, immediately began making his way back to join his comrades in Whitfield's Legion.

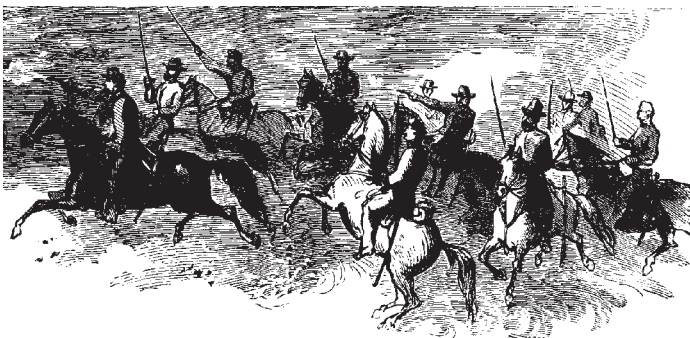
Sergeant Ellis was present for all other muster rolls with his company throughout 1863 and '64 until the end of the War in 1865. From February to May 1865 the Ellis boys rode with Ross' Brigade as part of Forrest's Cavalry Corps. When told the war had ended, John Riley was still in the saddle at the time and simply turned his horse around and headed home for good. One additional record among his Confederate Service Records notes that "J.R. Ellis, Sergt., Co. A., 1." Tex. Cav appears on a list of prisoners of war captured at the battles of Iuka, on the 19th of September, 1862; of Corinth, on the 3rd and 4th, and of Hatchie, on the 5th and 6th of October, 1862; who have been paroled. List dated Headquarters Corinth, Miss., Provost Marshal's office, Oct., 14, 1862."

After the War Between the States, John Riley Ellis returned to his roots in East Texas where he married Margaret Cochran and they had five girls and two boys, plus other children who died as infants. One of their boys was John M. Ellis, Sr., who was the father of one of the authors of this article. John Riley owned several hundred acres of East Texas land on which he was a successful farmer and rancher. Local lore states that he was the first man to introduce registered Hereford cattle into Titus County. A local historian, Traylor Russell, along with co-author, Dr. John M. Ellis, II, earlier wrote that John Riley was very active in all of the area

Confederate Veterans' affairs and reunions and was an active member of the Dudley W. Jones UCV Camp 121 in Mt. Pleasant. That camp of local vets built the Confederate monument that continues to stand tall on the southeast corner of the courthouse square in Mt. Pleasant, with the granite soldier atop still facing north, remaining vigilant in case of another invasion!

Sergeant Ellis continued to be an example of patriotism when World War I started by selling a number of mules to the US government and reinvesting the money in Liberty bonds! This Southern gentleman who rode with Forrest and Ross died with a clear mind on May 17, 1925, after a lingering illness.

Family history records reveal that in his latter days while con-



finied to bed, John Riley dictated some of his personal reminiscences to one of his daughters before he passed on. Among other things, he spoke and she wrote down with occasional misspellings, etc... (Pictured on opposite page).

John Riley Ellis was eighty-three years and five months old at the time of his death. He is buried in a family plot at Coopers Chapel near Mt. Pleasant where his tombstone bears witness to his CSA Service in the 1st Texas

Legion.

Dr. Flournoy is Commander of SCV Camp 441, J.M. "Matt" Barton Camp, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and has authored two other Confederate Vets' articles for our *Confederate Veteran* in 1999. Dr. Ellis is a retired physician and former Medical Director of Clinical Research at Titus Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant who has authored numerous articles and books on the importance of Vitamin B6.

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"In 1861 I joined a Co. of 100 men. went to Missouri. we were sworn in under Gen. Ben McCulloch. Gen. Price in command of the Missouri troops. went onto Kingston. Gen. McCulloch left on the line of Kansas Fighting Jahaukers and Indians. in the winter Fel back to Cane Hill, Ark. for Winter qrts. there we met Major Whitfield with 3 more Co. from Tex. up to this time we had been attached to the 2 Ark., Gen. McIntosh old Regiment... Yanks would not come on us. General Vandorn taken command and made the Fight at Elkhorn a 3 days Fight. lost 2 Gen.. Ben McCulluck and Gen. Mcintosh. Both killed. But fel back to the Ark. Riv. then to reenforc Boragard at Corinth Miss. Dismounted in Ark. Crossed the R. to Memphis, then to Corinth where we lost more men from measles than from Bullets... it rained all the time. nothing for a sick man to eat. I have often drawn Pickled Beef by the Barrel. Call up the boys to Draw Beef and they would not touch it. Pore and salty. A detale was called for one evening from three Co... my Co. had to send 15. All sick not able. when we got to Gen. Vandorn's tent it was raining so hard that he told us to come back in the morning. Supposed to have 3 days Rashions when nothing to start with but Sugar and Flour. out all night. nothing to eat. 5 slipe off and stole a sheep. we dressed it and went in. The Preacher man sayd Boys if you have more than you want let me Have it. You are one of the boys said one. I was heal-ty all the while had to rusle on the retreat from Corinth. Gen Vandorn told us we was the rear of the army and take anything we could find to eat. Fel Back to Tupalo. Brag taken Command. Taken a part of the army to Ky. Price recruted His men a while and mad a run in luka. the Yanks came Back & demanded a surrender of Price 24 hours. Price sent Him word that he would give him 48 to take him and jumped on him and whiped him. Killed his men & take all of his artillery. I was wounded & one Brother killed there. I was captured. The men all surrendered. the town was a hospittle. Yanks and all to gather. they Payroled us. kept us some time. trated us well. Ohio men. I joined my Co. in Tenn. at Spring Hill where Gen Vandorn was killed. I could not give you the details of the fights and chaces a round Franklin and Nasville in a week. From there to Vicksburg by the way Hintsville Doctor Ala. Columbus Miss. then the Fighting taken Place up and down the Riv. in January 1864 the cold est time I ever saw.. Crossed the Yazoo R. Passd through the Blockade by Cutting through the train that was hauling arms & monney to come to this sid of the Miss. R. Boged down in the cut, the next morning Frozen like a Rock. Gen Ross said to the Boys, to get the arms there in time have to take on our Horses 40 miles. I can take 2 my self. You all can take 2 and we will get them there. one of 5 men to cross them over the R. Had to it to do at night, the R Floating with ice, impossible to cross back. had to break the ice and wade it with the monney & arms. in the R. my self and A.M. Rion stayed on this side of the R. 2 days before we could go back to Gen. Ross." ❧

NOTICES *From Around the Confederation*

SCV has been approved for the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The SCV has been notified by Mara T. Paternoster, Director of the Office of CFC Operations, that the SCV has been found eligible for inclusion on the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) National List. The Combined Federal Campaign is the annual fundraising drive conducted by Federal employees in their workplace each fall. Every year, Federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the CFC to benefit thousands of non-profit agencies. Our inclusion in this drive means that ANY Federal Employee, including Armed Forces and Post Office personnel, may donate to the SCV through payroll deduction (similar to United Way campaigns). This year's campaign runs September 1 through December 15, 2003. Funds are solicited ONLY during that period. Our organization will be listed in the National/International Organization brochure and our CFC ID number is 0887. Information has been posted on the national website at www.scv.org, or you can check out the CFC website at www.opm.gov/cfc/. Compatriots, please express your thanks to Don Beck of Maryland and Past CIC Rick Griffin of Maryland, the driving forces behind this project. Both men, along with Executive Director Ben Sewell, were instrumental in making this happen.

First Mansfield Commemorative Weekend October 3-5, 2003

The Battlefield at Mansfield, Louisiana is a treasured site to all who honor our history. It is the site of the largest battle west of the Mississippi and one of the last Confederate victories. Lignite mining operations over the last few years have endangered large parts of the battlefield. Friends of Mansfield Battlefield was formed to help preserve as

much of this sacred ground as possible and to bring more attention to this shrine of Southern valor. On October 3-5th, 2003, the first Mansfield Commemorative Weekend will be held. All funds received from this will go to the betterment of the battlefield.

On Friday the 3rd there will be a reception in the museum for attendees. On Friday reenactors will be set up on the grounds to do programs for school groups.

On Saturday the 4th there will be various speakers at the battle park. Among those scheduled to appear are SCV Commander-in-Chief Ron Wilson and Historian-in-Chief Charles Kelly Barrow. A boxed meal will be provided while attendees view a noontime reenactment. Saturday night there will be musical entertainment.

On Sunday morning the 5th, there will be a memorial service. The cost for the whole package is \$50. This includes the reception, the conference, the noontime meal and the musical entertainment. If any wish to attend only the conference, the speaker portion of the day, they can do onsite registration for \$15. Remember, all proceeds go to improve the Battle Park.

Please send your checks to:
Chuck McMichael
c/o Mansfield Weekend
7734 W Lakeshore Drive
Shreveport, La 71107

Make checks payable to Friends of Mansfield Battlefield. For more information, contact Chuck McMichael 318-929-4848 cm4csa@sprynet.com

If you can take part in the reenacting aspects, contact Paul Gramling 318-925-8354 paul1863@cs.com

North Alabama Civil War Show

The 3rd Annual Southern National – North Alabama Civil War Show & Sale, North Alabama Fairgrounds, Muscle Shoals, AL, October 25 & 26, 2003, Sat-

urday 9-5, Sunday 10-4. Also, living history artillery, infantry and cavalry drill, camp and firing. Admission \$5, accompanied children 12 & under free. Proceeds benefit a monument in honor of General N. B. Forrest to be located at Brice's Cross Roads, Mississippi. Free parking. Awards given. Sponsored by Freeman's Battery, Forrest's Artillery Camp 1939, Sons of Confederate Veterans. For information contact Wayne T. Jaynes, 310 Shelia St., Florence, AL 35633, (256) 766-7528; Riley W. Gunter, 3540 Clifton Rd., Savannah, TN 38372, (731) 689-4114 or (731) 925-7962.

Shiloh Fall Relic & Coin Hunt

2003 Shiloh Fall Relic & Coin Hunt (open to the public). America's largest seeded hunt, over 10,500 quality hits to be found, Saturday, November 8, 2003. Rain or shine. Meet at Shiloh Civil War Relics, 4730 Hwy 22, Shiloh, TN 38376 (next to Shiloh National Military Park) between 7-9 AM. Depart for hunt 9 AM. Hunt starts with firing of original Civil War Cannon at 10 AM, lunch 12:00 to 1:15 PM. Afternoon hunt on different area 1:15 to 3:15 PM. Tokens represent high dollar prizes. All expensive prizes not found will be given away by drawing. This is a quality hunt with outstanding prizes!!! TARGETS: \$2,000 CS OFFICER'S BUCKLE (TONGUE & WREATH), WITH LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY BY STEVE MULLINAX, AUTHOR OF *THE CONFEDERATE BUCKLE BOOK*; YOUR CHOICE: OVM BUCKLE OR \$800, CONFEDERATE "I" BUTTONS, METAL DETECTOR, U.S. BELT BUCKLES, BREAST PLATES, CARTRIDGE BOX PLATES, CANNON BALLS, SPURS, 5,000 MINNIE BALLS, 1,000 CANNON BALL FRAGMENTS, BAYONETS, \$1,000 IN SILVER & CLAD COINS, GOLD COIN, 200 EAGLE BUTTONS, INFANTRY HORN INSIGNIA, BOWIE KNIFE BLADE, PRINTS, REPRO SWORDS, BULLET SHELL CASINGS, CONFEDERATE MONEY, MUS-

KET PARTS & GUN TOOLS, COIN BUTTONS, STIRRUP, CANNISTER, CONFEDERATE STAMPS, QUALITY RELICS, COUNTRY HAMS, SOUVENIRS AND MANY OTHER ITEMS. Early Bird Registration \$70; after October 15, 2003 – \$80, Day of Hunt – \$90. Lunch available – \$6, Proceeds benefit monument in honor of General Joseph Wheeler, to be located in Rogerville, AL, at the Joe Wheeler State Park. Sponsored by Freeman's Battery, Forrest's Artillery Camp 1939, Sons of Confederate Veterans. For information call Shiloh Civil War Relics, Riley Gunter (731) 689-4114, or (731) 925-7962, 4730 Hwy. 22, Shiloh TN 38376. Email: cannonman1861@yahoo.com.

Camp Raising Funds For Mural

The Sgt. Charlie Dickison Camp 534, Satsuma, FL, is raising funds to have a mural placed on the side of a building depicting Capt J.J. Dickison capturing and sinking the US gunboat *Columbine* in the St. Johns River at Horse Landing just south of Palatka, FL.

It is estimated that the mural depicting the Battle Of Horse Landing would cost between \$8-\$10,000. This includes wall preparation and follow-up maintenance. The "Wall Agreements," made between the Conlee Mural Committee, Inc. and the building owners specify that the walls cannot be changed in any way for a period of at least 10 years.

Checks should be made payable to the Conlee Mural Committee, Inc. Please mail to commander Richard Lee, Sgt. Charlie Dickison Camp 534, 351 Buffalo Bluff Road, Satsuma, FL 32189.

Important — SCV Gray Line Changes Announced

As a cost-saving measure after the June 2003 issue, the SCV Gray Line will no longer appear in printed form. It will be sent out by Internet only!! Any member may receive the Gray Line via this method; however, it is vital that camp commanders make sure a current email address is on file at the IHQ. If the camp commander does not have e-mail access, it is very important that the email address of the camp adjutant and/or

newsletter editor be on file. In the unlikely event that none of these people have e-mail, at least forward a current e-mail address for one member of your camp. Don't miss vital information! E-mail the correct address TODAY to exedir@scv.org.

New Jesse James Video Now Available—Will Benefit Heritage Defense Fund

The Sons of Confederate Veterans are proud to announce the release of a new documentary by veteran historical filmmaker and SCV Chief of Staff Ron Casteel that chronicles the lives of Confederate partisans Frank and Jesse James. *Jesse and Frank James: Missouri Confederates* is available on VHS for only \$24.95 from the SCV Gift Shop. This professionally produced 65-minute color presentation contains exclusive footage of the final burial of Jesse James, interviews with James family experts, and visits to historic sites associated with the James brothers. Perfect for a camp meeting program! Learn the facts behind these two Confederate brothers who rode with William Quantrill and "Bloody" Bill Anderson and later became celebrated outlaws. All proceeds go directly into the SCV Heritage Defense Fund. Call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to order.

Confederate Veteran Magazine subscription rate has gone up! Second Notice!

Recently, the commander-in-chief has approved a much-needed increase in the non-member subscription price of our magazine, the *Confederate Veteran*. Effective October 23, 2002, new rates are as

follows: Regular subscriptions \$26.00/year; Bulk subscriptions (sold by Jack Marlar) \$24.00/year; overseas rate \$39.00/year. This was announced in the last issue of the *Confederate Veteran*, but camps are continuing to send in \$15.00 for associate member subscriptions. As of December, this was still being honored by headquarters, but be advised that the new rates are now in effect.

— Second Appeal — Last Confederate Widow Needs Your Help

Last year, an urgent appeal for financial support for our last Confederate widow, Mrs. Alberta Martin, was made. Beginning in 2002, we were short \$500/month in paying all of Mrs. Martin's bills. She is in a nursing facility, and requires around-the-clock care. Camps and compatriots gave generously, and met her financial needs for 2002. Unfortunately, camps and individuals have not been answering the call as eagerly as they did last year, and the money raised from the last fund-drive is quickly dwindling. Mrs. Martin is now 96 years old, and with the recent death of a widow of a Federal soldier, she has be-

come the LAST LIVING widow of any War Between the States soldier. We must fulfill the charge given to the SCV by Gen. Stephen Dill Lee and take care of the widows and children of the Confederate Veterans! Won't your camp at least consider a gift of \$5/month (\$60/year)? Make your checks payable to Sons of Confederate Veterans—the Mrs. Alberta Martin Fund, and send it to Russell Darden, PO Box 340, Courtland, VA 23837. ☒



JUSTICE TO THE CAUSE:



The Confederate States Navy Port Columbus, Georgia

By Skip Earle
SCV Field Representative

Rarely, if ever, does the Confederate American receive, or expect to receive, a balanced interpretation of his or her own history when the words *national* or *civil war* are used together. I am PLEASED to say that such is not the case at the Port Columbus National Civil War Museum! During the course of my travels as SCV Field Rep, I make it a point to visit as many historical sites as possible in the Confederation. I have had the pleasure of being on property at Port Columbus twice in the last ten weeks. My first encounter was on the way to the Florida Division Reunion in May. As Jack Marlar (my counterpart with the ANV) and I do camp meetings that were scheduled during the trip, and after meeting with the 'Rock' Benning Boys of Camp 517, I made a stop by the Port Columbus facility.

Many of you may remember this as the old Confederate Naval Museum that was housed in a dilapidated warehouse. To

avoid going under, the name was changed, funds were raised for a new facility and a non-aligned executive director was brought in. In a shrewd business move, the staff (for the most part from the old museum) was retained, which appears to have borne fruit (final year as CNM, 14,000 people passed through; 1st year as PCNCWM, 28,000 people passed through).

As I got out of my truck and made for the door, I was impressed by the size and shape of the structure ... It's HUGE! Out front, standing watch, is a full complement of Confederate Naval Artillery. While somewhat apprehensive due to the name, I made my way into the facility and there my apprehension was swept away, much as the CSS *Arkansas*, her flag on exhibit, swept all opposition away on her historic fight through to Vicksburg!

The flow of the museum is such that you cannot help but marvel at the creativity and

downright ingenuity of the Confederate Naval apparatus. An interactive map that sets your tour up immediately greets you. From the map, you step into a room the size of a University of Georgia practice football field, to be confronted by the remnants of the 225-foot CSS *Jackson*. This, alone, could be the focal point of the museum, but isn't. From the Jackson Room you follow the tour that takes you by several other Confederate ship remains, with artifact and picture collages conveniently placed to keep the theme of Confederate Naval ingenuity flowing. The information placed right before your eyes about Confederate Naval History is staggering, BUT there is more. There is a mural that includes most ALL Confederate ships that we are familiar with as well as some obscure ones. There are collage displays of the CSS *Virginia*, the CSS *Atlanta* as well as hand-made models. Included with the *Virginia* is the frock coat worn by the ship's commander the day of

the fight with the *Monitor*. After passing through a number of impressive Federal artifacts, you are directed to the real COUP DE GRACE of the museum...the Ironclad Simulator. All I'll say here is if you want to experience the story of the CSS *Albemarle*, it's HERE! Notice I said *experience*.

After taking the tour I sat down with Executive Director Bruce Smith. It was here that I was invited back for the Media Day Promo of the Fox Collection of Confederate Naval Flags. Bruce has done a phenomenal job of presenting a truly BALANCED history of the Confederate States Navy. Talking with him in detail reveals a true historian concerned ONLY with the facts. This is probably why he has been so successful wherever he has been AND why he has been able to obtain one of the most IMPRESSIVE collections of Confederate States Navy flags in the country (a breakdown of the collection follows).

If ever there was an instance of NOT judging a book by its cover, Port Columbus National Civil War Museum is it.

You want to explore one more reason why the Charge of S.D. Lee is so important...check out OUR Southern Naval heritage at Port Columbus National Civil War Museum, where, TRULY, justice to the Cause has been done. Deo Vindice!

Rare flag collection moves to Port Columbus

One of the nation's most significant collections of War Between the States Navy flags was returned to the South by the Mas-

sachusetts Historical Society on Wednesday, May 21, 2003. Receiving the seven rare flags was the Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum of Columbus, Georgia.

Officials at the MHS said the collection was assembled by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy during the War, Augustus Fox, and then brought to Massachusetts and donated to the Society in 1869. The flags have been in storage since that time.

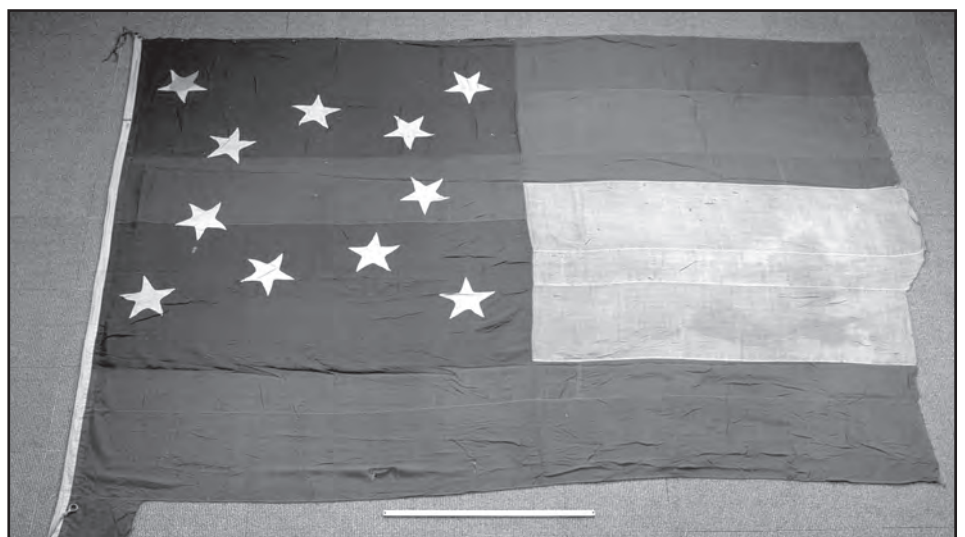
Included in the collection are flags from two of the most famous Confederate Navy ironclad ships, the CSS *Atlanta*, which was captured after a brief battle in Savannah, Georgia, and the CSS *Tennessee*, captured by Admiral David G. Farragut's fleet at Mobile Bay in Alabama.

Also captured on the *Tennessee* was the Confederate Navy's first Admiral, Franklin Buchanan, and his personal flag, which is in this collection. Other flags are from various forts from the east coast and the Mississippi River, all captured by US Navy forces during the war.

"We have been the custodian of this collection for well over 100 years," said MHS Executive Director William Fowler, "and the whole collection has never been on display, nor will it be since it has little to do with Massachusetts history." Fowler said it was time for the flags to be returned to the South, following the precedent set in 1874 when the State of South Carolina returned the captured battle flag of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment.

Port Columbus plans an expensive regimen of conservation and exhibition for the flag collection. "We have a number of Navy flags already on display; but this collection is incredible!" said Bruce Smith, Executive Director of Port Columbus.

Smith said he thought it would take about a year to have the entire flag collection conserved and prepared for exhibit. Two of the larger flags will be conserved in the museum and will be available to view during the process by the public. Tentative plans call for a June 14, 2004, exhibit opening. ☒



Flag of Fort Walker, Port Royal, Hilton Head, SC

Books in Print

was spent fighting in the United States Army's first campaigns against the Plains Indians. In "Bleeding Kansas," however, Stuart was part of a cavalry detachment sent to free a group of settlers taken prisoner by anti-slavery partisans led by John Brown. The site is now commemorated by a small park and a historical marker.

Most of the book, however, follows Stuart through his War Between the States exploits, including his famous "Ride Around McClellan" and the Battle of Brandy Station, one of the last great cavalry battles in military history. Stuart won, of course.

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The First Principle of Government Demonstrated by The Confederate States of America and The War to Prevent Southern Independence

According to Author Pace, the first principle of government is the necessity to limit power. The title of Dr. Pace's monograph declares his thesis and also offers evidence to prove his assertion.

Author Pace has carefully researched the history of our nation's Constitution. The original thirteen colonies formed a confederation based on mutual consent and delegated specific powers to a central government. Dr. Pace asserts that the fatal error of this Constitution was the failure to give the States a counter power to oppose this central government.

Beginning early in the Nineteenth Century, the North levied a series of tariffs that would force the South to pay for this central government, so dear to that section of the country. Big business Northerners and yankee politicians devoted to maintaining their power formulated deliberate plans to bankrupt

the South. They also began an insidious campaign to discredit cherished principles and Christian values of the South. All lies and distortions were fair game in achieving this end result. Besides requiring money from our section of the country, these Northerners acted in large measure from a great hatred of the South and Southerners. Into this mixture, Lincoln and other Yankees bent on ruining our Southland brought a "Red Herring"—the issue of slavery.

Dr. Pace uses specific facts to detail Lincoln's treason and infamy. Lincoln lied that the War was to preserve the "Union" in order to force Northern support for "his" War and whipped up a frenzy of revenge to punish the detested Southland.

The most interesting fact in Author Pace's small book is found on pp. 16-17. "By joint resolution of both Houses, on March 28, 1928, Congress established that the official name of the war of 1861-1865 shall be 'The War Between the States.'" This resolution was news to me and probably to many of our fellow Southerners. Why have we allowed the yankee government and Northern revisionist historians to conceal this fact? If the government were made to abide by this resolution of the United States Congress, we Southerners would no longer be subjected to the hated designation of "Civil War." No longer could we be called Rebels. No longer could scalwags blithely lie and name General Robert E. Lee a "traitor." No longer could we Southerners be made to feel ashamed to honor our beloved Confederate ancestors who fought to preserve the Constitution.

The final pages of Dr. Pace's monograph mingle his personal reminiscences with Southern history. His first conclusion is that the North accomplished the financial ruin of the South by bastardizing the Constitution to continue taxation. Secondly, pressure and lies from the yankee government and

other hate organizations are accomplishing their agenda of destroying the culture and heritage of our South and Southerners. Dr. Pace states, "The Confederate Flag means only one thing: the never-finished fight to limit government." He entreats Southerners to prevent the demise of our beloved Southland.

Charles Taylor Pace has written a most interesting monograph, packed with facts and livened by personal opinions. The First Principle of Government will be an enjoyable hour's read.

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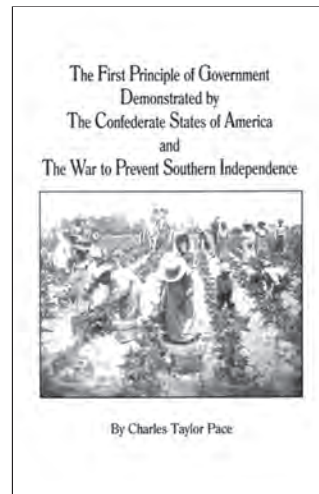
— Reviewed by Ann Rives Zappa

The War of Northern Aggression in Western North Carolina

Derrick Shipman and Jim Howell have compiled a detailed history of the War of Northern Aggression fought in the mountains of Western North Carolina. They published this book in conjunction with the 2003 National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military Order of Stars and Bars. Their book offers an interesting perspective of Asheville and the surrounding countryside during the years of 1861-1865.

Shipman and Howell begin their history with a mid-Nineteenth Century overview of the population and politics of this region. The authors describe the Mountaineer: "He is in every sense an individualist, and most often he has figured out his own way of dealing with the world. He has a reputation for honesty, candor, kindness, hospitality and courtesy. Yet in the same frame, his brain harbors a paradox — there is no people so devious, secretive, anti-social as this, when there is a cause."

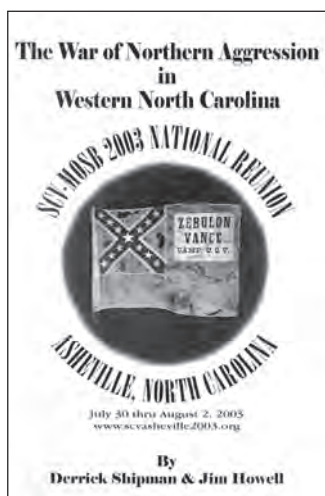
In the late 1850's, reminiscent of the Revolutionary War sentiments in this



area, Scotch-Irish and other early mountain settlers found themselves at odds with one another. After Lincoln's election and secession of the first Southern States, avid secessionists viewed war as the only alternative. Reluctant unionists were finally forced to acknowledge that North Carolina would have to cast her lot with Virginia and join the Confederate States of America.

Shipman and Howell outline the battle of Asheville and defense of the area against Sherman's troops under the command of General Stoneman. They describe in detail the cruelty, brutality, and wanton destruction wreaked on mountain people living in this area, in almost all cases against orders of Union commanders. Western North Carolina citizens suffered the Reconstruction years without help or pity from Federal occupation troops. Governor Holden was also directly responsible for authorizing many of the atrocities.

In their book, Shipman and Howell tell many family stories. They also devote one chapter to the July 13, 1942 dedication of 125,000 trees in Pisgah National Forest. As a living memorial, the



during the War of Northern Aggression.

The authors have included a lengthy chapter tracing the questionable lineage of Lincoln and detailing how he became a less-than-honorable man who committed less-than-honorable deeds. Lincoln first suspended the *Writ of Habeas Corpus* on May 25, 1861 in Maryland. Southern principles and Southern Christianity infuriated him. William H. Herndon said, "Lincoln was a deep-

grounded infidel. He disliked and despised churches. He never entered a church except to scoff and ridicule." In life, Lincoln was responsible for Sherman's orders to wage unconscionable war against women, children, and even beasts of the field. After death, his policies caused much of the financial destruction of the South. Hatred he spawned still haunts the South today.

Shipman and Howell conclude their book with statistics about Western North Carolina during the War of Northern Aggression. One interesting fact is that several Cherokee Indian Companies served with distinction in the Thomas Legion, commanded by Colonel William Holland Thomas.

Readers will enjoy this history of Asheville and the Western North Carolina region, whether or not they attended the recent National Reunion.

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— Reviewed by Ann Rives Zappa

Uniforms of the Alamo and the Texas Revolution and the Men Who Wore Them 1835-1836

Uniforms of the Alamo and the Texas Revolution, and the Men who Wore Them, 1835-1836, is a sequel by popular demand to the first book by Bruce Marshall, *Uniforms of the Republic of Texas, And the Men That Wore Them, 1836-1846*. Both books have been long overdue in dispelling the generally accepted conception that the armies of Texas in the revolution and republic were clad indifferently in rustic frontier garb, homespun and buckskins.

This was true for many during the revolution, but by no means all. Surprisingly, there were uniformed Texas units in all of the major battles of the Texas Revolution, Bexar, the Alamo, Goliad (Coletto), and the final victory at San Jacinto.

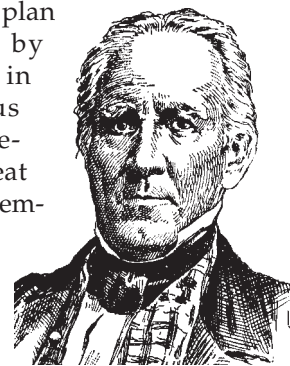
Marshall, an internationally honored artist, provides twenty-one color plates of the uniforms of both the Texan and Mexican armies, and maps of the

Alamo and San Jacinto by his artist son Randy Marshall. The illustrations include depictions of the flag's, weapons and insignia of both armies.

There is a full history of the military campaign and the background leading up to the clash of cultures. Of special interest is the inclusion of considerable long-suppressed testimony by a number of Texas officers and soldiers challenging the generally accepted historical version of the Texas Revolution portraying the Texas commander, General Sam Houston, as a master strategist who, alone, deserved full credit for saving Texas.

Marshall presents credible evidence that Houston was, in fact, a military incompetent, who had no intention of fighting anywhere in Texas, not even at San Jacinto, but intended to retreat to the United States border, hoping the US Army would then inter-

vene. This plan was upset by near-mutiny in his rebellious army, who refused to retreat further and themselves chose the route to San Jacinto. Even in the battle Houston sounded



Sam Houston

retreat, but his officers countermanded his order and continued the battle until total victory. This is quite a different story than the schoolbook version, but backed up by solid research on Marshall's part.

The foreword is by Brigadier General John C.L. Scribner, Command Historian of the Texas National Guard and Director of the Texas Military Forces Museum.

Bruce Marshall is an internationally published writer-artist honored with the especially created title Artist of the 65th Legislature by his home state of Texas and a title of knighthood from European royalty.

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— Reviewed by Rob Jones

Richmond Air Corps

by Henry Kidd

The streets of Richmond heard the footsteps of,
Jackson, Davis and Lee.
I'm proud to say that many of us,
hail from their family tree.

While walking through her hallowed lanes,
I feel a sense of pride.
Richmond's battlefields and monuments,
honor those who died.

I thought of men who gave their lives,
defending her sacred soils.
It's up to us to remember their deeds,
and never forget their toils.

A special place in Richmond,
is known both near and far.
The gun foundry of the Confederacy,
its' name is Tredegar.

Southern steel and Southern guns,
were forged inside her walls.
She armed our soldiers and sailors too,
who answered Dixie's call.

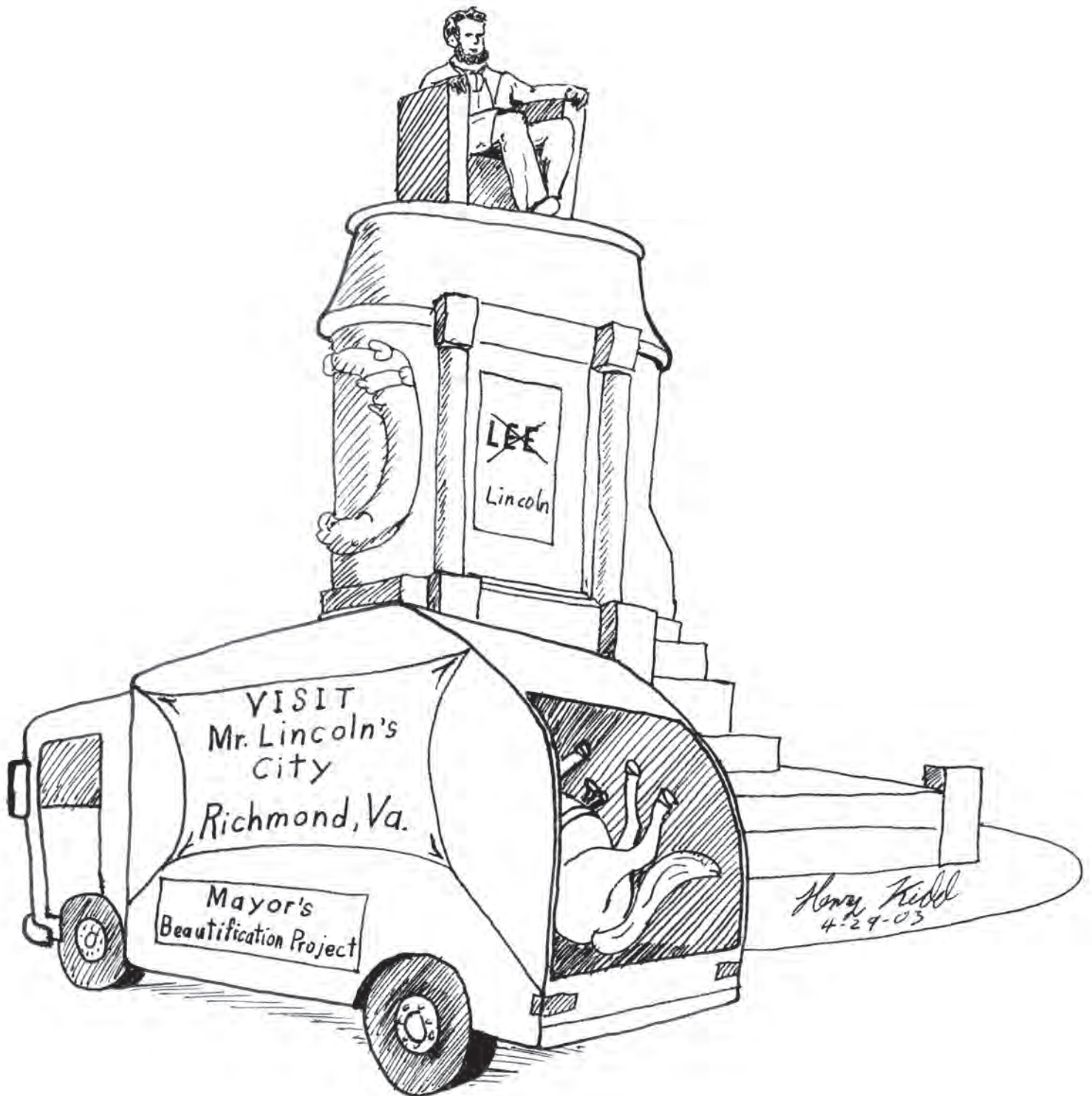
So, why the hell is Lincoln there?
He disgraced this Southern land.
To remove this blight and reclaim our pride,
together we must band.

The seating of this ugly man,
was something forced on us.
The sight of him and his little brat too,
only makes me cuss.

I gathered my nerve and went to see,
how Yankees had shown their ass.
While viewing old Abe, I also saw,
many spots upon the brass.

With closer look, I noticed they were,
the work of pigeon's best.
On Lincoln's head, a proud bird struts,
a Rebel flag upon his breast!

What Next?



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The Battle Flag Forever...

Sir Winston Churchill, an admirer of the Confederacy, noted that "A nation that forgets its past has no future." Our nation's history, and especially Southern History is under increasing attack by the "politically correct." During the 1960's Southerners were universally assailed due to the problems of racial segregation and discrimination. Southerners were on the ropes and in the "spirit of compromise" certain conditions had to be embraced. The First Compromise was that *Dixie* could not be played at public functions and college campuses. (it is a "song of war", we were told). In the 70's, compromise was demanded on names of Confederate schools and public parks. In the 80's it was the monuments and memorials of the Old Confederacy. In the 90's it was the Battle Flag in any depiction on any item, place or thing. The new century brought the disdain any "slave-holder" and down came the portraits of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson (interestingly, this does



not apply to their use of currency depicting Washington, Hamilton, Jackson or US Grant).

I, for one, have decided to "take my stand" with regard to the Confederate Battle Flag, again. I say "again" because periodically I become uncomfortable with those which abuse it before the media or parade it forth for their own agenda. But it is, after all, the Flag of my Confederate ancestors. Father Ryan captured the love for the Confederate Flag in *Conquered Banner*,

but our duty to protect that banner belongs to all Southerners. And so here we go again....

The leadership of the NAACP rails against the concept of history and consequence. NAACP President Julian Bonds wields the intolerance of his administration toward the Confederacy in attacks upon anyone who may

disagree with him. In a March 23, 2003, speech at the University of Pittsburgh, Bond declared, *"In coded racial appeal after appeal, [Republicans] drape themselves in the Confederate Flag, they embrace Confederate leaders as patriots and they wallow in a victim mentality.*

Their idea of equal rights is the American and Confederate Flags flying side by side." In April 2003, when the newest Georgia flag bill was making its way thru the Georgia legislature, Michael Bond, (son of Julian) stated, *"This is a heinous proposal! It's still a Confederate Flag [and] it's completely objectionable."* And in July, at the NAACP convention, Julian screamed that *"They preach racial neutrality and practice racial division. Their idea of reparations is to give war criminal Jefferson Davis a pardon. Their idea of equal rights is the American flag and Confederate swastika flying side by side."*

Compatriots, I cannot, in one written column, begin to condemn these reckless and historically baseless allegations. Bond's

tirade should only embolden our defense of our Confederate heritage. But we do ourselves a great disservice when we read about such travesties, promptly condemn them at the dinner table and then move onto the sports page. **Community leadership and interaction is the only mechanism which is going to save the honor of the Confederate veteran.** When (not if)

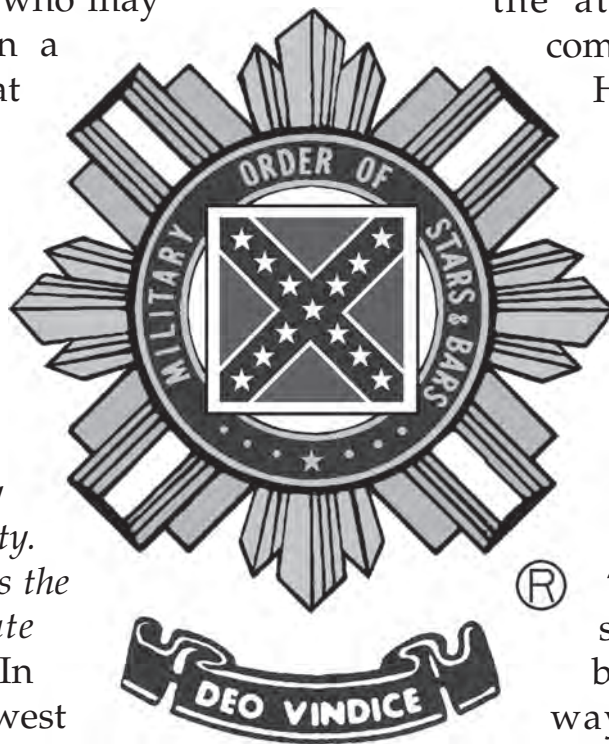
the attack comes into your community, are you prepared?

Have you volunteered at the local historical society? Does your city councilman know your name? Are you active in the affairs of your church/synagogue? Are you helping or hurting the solution?

Proverbs 16:25 states "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." There are

always solutions to every problem. When we are assailed in our community, we must never surrender our heritage or the symbols of that effort. The Battle Flag has been abused, maligned, spat upon, mistreated, hammered, repudiated and denied. In war, combat veterans strive to "leave no one behind", no matter how badly wounded. They would never sacrifice one of their own for expediency. We must adhere to that principle. We shall never abandon the Battle flag from its rightful, historical place.

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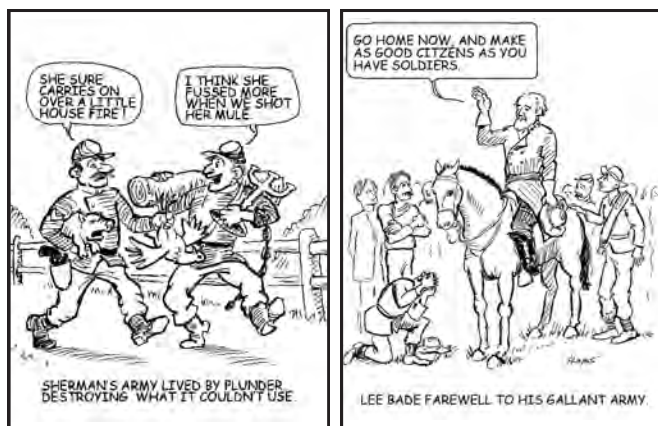
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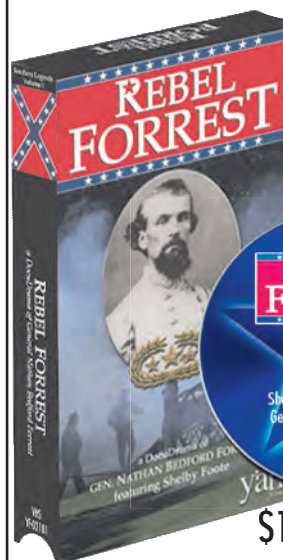
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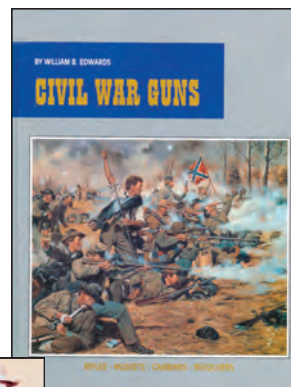
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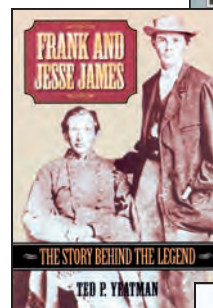
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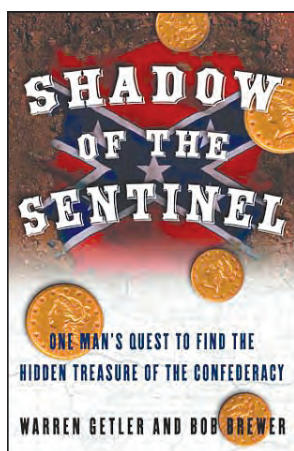
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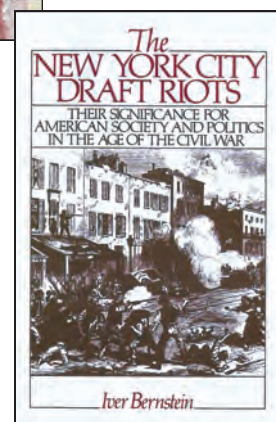
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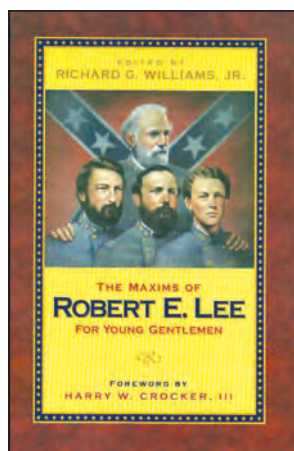
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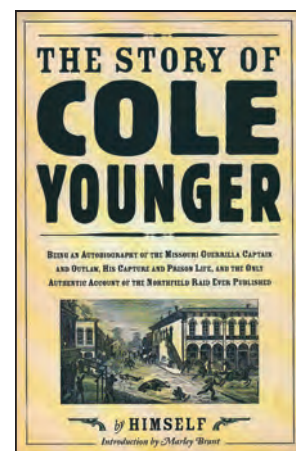
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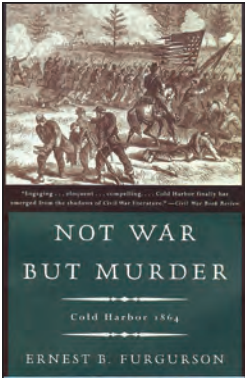
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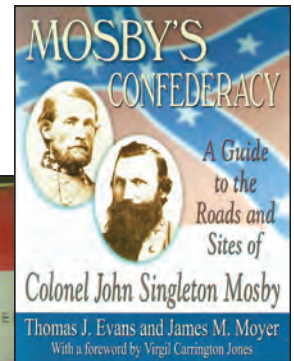
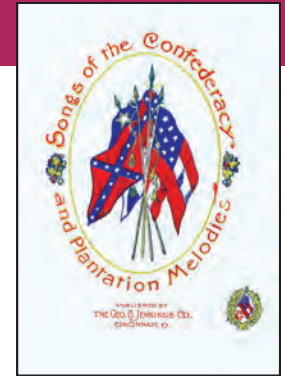
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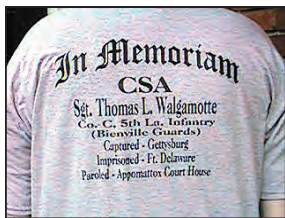
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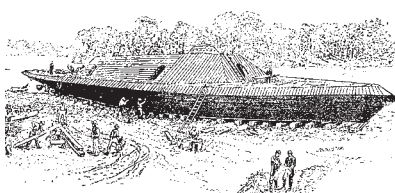
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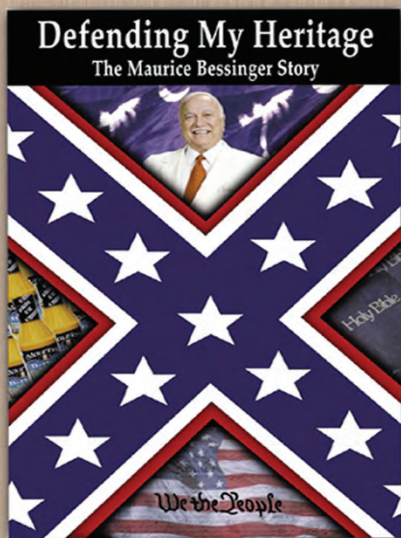


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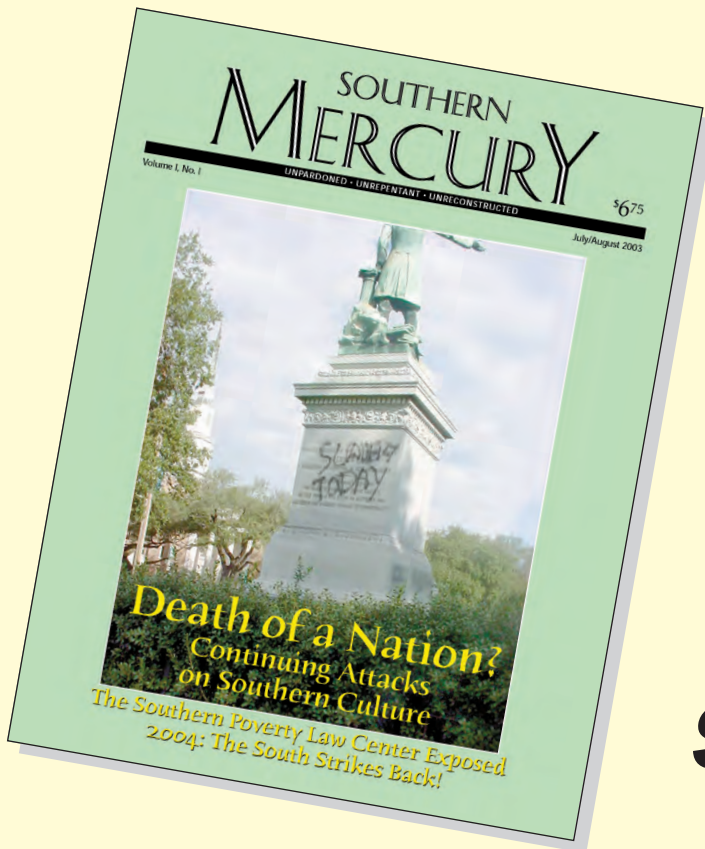


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