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The Delta General

Joe Nokes, Camp Commander

**Flag Fight is
Brewing! Are
you ready?**

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- Camp Meeting – Saturday, August 8, Gen. Humphreys Birthday Picnic at Grand Gulf Park – 11:00 AM
- August 8 – Beauvoir Board meeting at Beauvoir and a Civil War Ball @ Beauvoir
- September 5 – Arts and Crafts @ Beauvoir

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Camp News:

Commander's Report – Joe Nokes

My friends in the Cause,

We have been besieged in recent weeks with numerous attacks on our heritage. You know this already. I, for one, have been so inundated with all of these issues that I have a hard time putting my thoughts to paper in a coherent fashion. Many times in recent weeks, the news or social media showed some new attack on our heritage that provoked me to sit down to write something. But invariably, my emotions would get the better of me, and I would stop. I feel that many of us are in a similar situation. We get so outraged or upset that we could easily become "foamy mouthed lunatics", which is the worst thing we can do. As has been passed along very many times, we must remain calm (in outward appearance), intelligent and articulate, and as always, gentlemanly and ladylike.

We have been doing just that. And trust me, all hope is not lost – no matter what many in the liberal media would like. I would like to quickly relate an incident that happened to me recently. While on social media, an old schoolmate contacted me about the flag issue and asked why I thought the flag was not about hate. She and I had a calm, intelligent discussion while remaining ladylike and gentlemanly (yes, I was the latter). We both stated our thoughts; we both agreed that each other's thoughts were valid. In the end, we both agreed that we disagreed. And then we thanked each other for the whole process and spent some time catching up on family and old friends. In essence, two calm, intelligent, well-raised, and well-mannered adults having a discussion. I just wish what happened to me happened on a broad scale.

On to business, let me remind everyone that on Saturday August 8, we will pilgrimage to Grand Gulf Park and Port Gibson to honor our camp namesake B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys. We will meet at Wal-Mart in Vicksburg at 10 am, get food items, and then drive down. If you have not been to Grand Gulf Military Park or Wintergreen Cemetery in Port Gibson, you are missing two treats.

Also, plans are underway to participate in a couple of upcoming events in September and October. Our goal will be recruitment of new members. We are already growing (as a result of recent events), and we absolutely must take advantage of opportunities to get our message out there and to get like-minded people to join with us.

I know that you all work hard in everyday life, and that you all work hard to make the SCV/OCR and our camp the best that they can be. I appreciate EACH AND EVERY one of you more than you will ever know. Our hard work will NOT be in vain!!!

Deo Vindice!

Lt. Commander's Report – Richard Dillon

Our July meeting will be Movie Night featuring the old and the new NPS movies of - The Battle of Shiloh. I have the following events planned for the coming months:

- August 8th Port Gibson Pilgrimage and
- September Brother Taylor
- Mark Thompson from the Batesville Camp

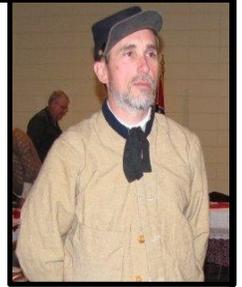
Ella Palmer, OCR Report: Sandra Stillman, President

Dear Ladies if the OCR,

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 Dear Ladies, During July, our Southern cause suffered the loss of two supporters and soldiers. Our hearts mourn with their families as we offer prayers for renewed strength. Charles Smith, 71, of Bruce, MS, died 7/25/15. He served as an SP4 in the U.S. Army, receiving the Bronze Star of Valor for his service in Vietnam. Charles was also a Lieutenant of the Calhoun Avengers, SCV Camp #1969. Through his years of membership, he offered much support and encouragement to, not only his camp's projects, but the growth of the Margery B. Clark Chapter of the OCR. Charles' wife, Sandy, is our State Secretary/Treasurer. We will miss the humor and smiles given by this man. We will miss his strong loyalty to his heritage.

Anthony Hervey, 49, of Oxford, MS, died 7/19/15, in an automobile accident. The incident occurred as he was returning from a Confederate rally in Birmingham, AL. For more than 20 years, Anthony has been known for promoting and honoring the Black soldiers of the Confederacy. A published writer and experienced speaker, Anthony supported efforts to preserve the Confederate flag and monuments. The SCV will honor this man, his voice and his work with a full Confederate military funeral and profession on August 2, 2015, in Oxford, MS. Both Charles Smith and Anthony Hervey were men of strength. And each stood firmly in his convictions and pride in Southern heritage. Rest easy, dear Soldiers. Rest in peace and Grace.

Sandra Stillman, President



Camp Meeting, July 2, 2015

Adjutant's Report – Dan McCaskill

7:00 pm Commander Joe Nokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Meeting was opened with an invocation and blessing by Compatriot Dan McCaskill. Joe welcomed all members and guests attending the Meeting and then invited all to partake in the evening meal provided by the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, OCR. After the meal, Joe reconvened the Meeting. Color Sergeant Jimmy Alford led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and salutes to the Flag of Mississippi and the Battle Flag of the Confederacy and then read "The Charge" given to us by Gen. Stephen D. Lee. Commander Nokes welcomed 1st Brigade Commander Donald Wright to the Meeting.

Program: Our program for the evening was a DVD presentation of the Battle of Shiloh. The movie was pretty accurate and all the re-enactors were in authentic dress for the period plus it was very entertaining.

Announcements: Our next Camp Meeting will be at Grand Gulf Military Park at 11:00 am. The National Reunion will be held in July 15 – 18 in Richmond, VA. Larry McCluney announced he would be speaking at the Leflore County Board of Supervisors Meeting on Monday, July 6th to speak in defense of keeping the observance of Confederate Memorial Day by the county.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Richard Dillon announced that the August the Camp will be making its pilgrimage to Grand Gulf and Port Gibson; in September our speaker will be Brother James Taylor; in October will be Mark Thompson and November may be Alan Palmer. 2nd Lt. Commander Brent Mitchell was absent; Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that the Membership Renewal Statements were at the printer and would go into the mail shortly. Dan presented the name of Zachary Kiker for membership in the Camp. Zach is joining on his Ancestor Private Thomas Rogers of Company G, 4th MS Infantry. Gator Stillman made a motion to accept Zach as a new member. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Ray and passed unanimously. Zach will bring our membership to 53 when he pays his dues. Dan also reported that no funds from the Camp account had been spent since the last Meeting. As Camp Editor, Larry asked if anyone was having trouble with the newsletter. As AOT Commander, Larry reported that with all the attacks on everything Confederate across the country in the aftermath of the South Carolina shooting, Larry presented a 7 point plan of attack by the Camps in the Confederation. National also planned to flood facebook and twitter with pro-confederate articles. Also a website, SCVHeritageDefense.org, will be created for the purpose of reporting all Heritage violations to National Headquarters. MOS&B was absent; Sandra Stillman, no report

Camp Business: With the National Reunion approaching, Larry McCluney and Conor Bond would represent our Camp. Larry McCluney made a motion to make Conor Bond delegate Chairman and was 2nd by Junior Stillman. The motion passed. The Delegation was also given the authority to vote on all matters in the best interest of the Camp. With a Mississippi Flag fight on the horizon, Dan McCaskill suggested that the Camp set a goal of raising \$ 1,000 for the MS Division Heritage Defense Fund. Larry McCluney made a motion to do so and was seconded by Kenneth Ray and the motion passed. \$ 140 was raised that evening. In relation to the Camp Shirt proposed last month, a vote was taken to select a color and the color chosen was Red. The cost for each shirt will be \$ 18.73 plus \$ 4.99 S&H. Delivery time will be 8 days. Those going to the pilgrimage to Port Gibson/Grand Gulf will meet at the Wal Mart parking lot in Vicksburg, purchase food and then proceed to Grand Gulf. Conor Bond inquired if the Camp was interested in setting up a recruiting table at the KA house during Pig Pickin Day at Delta State. This will be considered at the next Camp Meeting.

With no other business coming before the Camp, Commander Nokes turned the meeting over to the ladies of the OCR for the raffle and Capture the Yankee. The Meeting was dismissed with a word of prayer from Junior Stillman. Attendance for the evening was 19.

Camp Save the Flag \$ 1,000 Fundraise

Our fund raising got off to a good start raising \$ 140 at our Camp Meeting. An email was sent to all members who had an email requesting they make a donation to the Save the Flag Fund to help fund the Division in its fight to save the Mississippi Flag. At this writing, \$ 710.00 has been raised for this purpose. This is very good news but the sad news is only 13 of 52 Camp member have made a donation. That is only ¼ of the Camp membership. We were only asking for \$ 20 from each member, more if you can give it, to help in the fight to save our Mississippi Flag. This is one Cause every member should support! What is our State Flag worth to you? Please give, do not let the Liberal Left, the PC folks and outsiders tell us what we should do with our Flag. Please send your donation to me at: Dan McCaskill; 205 Cypress Street; Leland, MS 38756. Please make your check payable to Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625 with Flag Fund in the memo.



Thank You,
Dan McCaskill, Camp Adjutant

Mississippi Division News:

Southern Heritage Conference – August 14-15th – Bethlehem Baptist Church, Laurel, MS

This year will be our 21st, 22nd, or 23rd year! To be honest we have lost count. Anyway it should be another good one. Speakers are being lined up with our Saturday night entertainment and the ever entertaining and informative speaker Dr. John Lillian will be there for certain. Of course the food, as always, will be outstanding and will be served by the nicest young people you will ever meet. Remember, we are fashioning Saturday night after a Scottish Ceilidh where everyone may participate. That means member participation! You can read or tell a short story or poem that you may find amusing or just want to share with others. You can tell jokes, but keep them clean. You can play an instrument, not the radio then do that. This can be spontaneous or planned, it does not matter. Of course we will have our vendors.

Hopefully Jitters Coffee House will be there again with their pastries and jazzed up coffee. Prices for Admission and adds are the same as they have been.

Remember, Pastors, Law Enforcement Officials, Elected Officials, and Teachers do not pay. So be thinking about someone you could bring along to learn more about their Southern History. Sponsors are also needed. Friday night the doors will open at 6:00 PM and the program will begin at 7:00 PM. Saturday the doors will open at 8:00 AM and program begin at 9:00 AM.

Note . . . Registration on pages 4 and 5

Mechanized Cavalry Report

Men of the 1G:

Over the years our Division and other state Division's dates have been in conflict with our Mechanized Cavalry Annual. This has been brought up at the last two Officers Call including the one at Arkansas last week. The SCVMC is now working with all States that have MC Annuals scheduled so that the dates will be changed to not conflict with our Division Annuals. We have more 1G members in the Division leadership than ever and that is where we need to be as SCV members. If I am not mistaken Mississippi Division Annual is always the first weekend of June and the Mechanized Cavalry Annual for 2016 will be 15-18 June 2016 at Cedar Key Florida, so start making plans for both now. Budget your time and money for these two events next year starting today even if you have to miss other events.

The 2015 Mechanized Cavalry Annual in Arkansas was great! As far as I know everyone made it through the week without any accidents and safe at home now. There were a few breakdowns but all were taken care of. 1G was well representative with 7 members. The following are the scheduled Annuals.....

2016 Florida (15-18 Jun 2016 at Cedar Key Florida)

2017 North Carolina

2018 South Carolina

2019 Texas

Note: Chelsey Roberts Reports local events: Aug 8th - Port Gibson Picnic & Pilgrimage; SCVMC semi-annual meeting.; October 17th - Beauvoir Fall Muster.

Buy One Now . . . Show Your Pride in Your Southern Heritage

Gentlemen,

Beginning July 1, 2015 you can now get the original issue Division License plate design for your car again. Simply take the photo attached to this email and show it to the person where you renew your vehicle license plate and request this design. You can use the initials CV along with the picture to let them know which one to get. The additional cost is still \$31 added to your tag's cost.

If you wish to keep the tag with the Beauvoir design you can. The Department of Revenue does not make you turn them in like other tags. However, none of the money from the old Beauvoir tag will go to Beauvoir. They have received permission for their own tag. You would need to contact the people at Beauvoir to find out how to get that tag if you wish to run it on your car.

As in the past money raised from the sale of the Division License plate will go to restore the battle flags in the possession of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Mississippi Flag Rally Set for August 15

There will be a Mississippi Flag Rally at the new Capitol in Jackson, MS on Saturday, August 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM please make all effort to show and bring your flag. The MS Division is supporting this rally and will have a recruiting tent set up.



Crash That Killed Confederate Flag Supporter Anthony Hervey Is Under Investigation



The Mississippi Highway Patrol is asking for the public's help in identifying the vehicle a surviving passenger says drove their car off the road and killed Anthony Hervey

49-year-old **Anthony Hervey** of Oxford, Mississippi, was driving a Ford Explorer with **Julliete Barnum** of Stuart, Oklahoma riding in the passenger seat. They drove westbound on U.S. Route 278 when a fatal crash occurred and Hervey was killed. An investigation into the crash that claimed the life of Hervey shows no physical evidence a second vehicle hit his car. Barnum said a silver vehicle occupied by five Black men was following their car and swerved toward them.

The two were returning from a pro-Confederate flag and Southern history rally in Birmingham, Alabama Sunday, where Hervey spoke at the gathering. Although both Hervey and Barnum are Black, they are Confederate flag supporters and Hervey even wrote a book on the issue.

No contact was made between the two vehicles, but Barnum said the silver vehicle's actions caused the Explorer to leave the roadway. The Explorer then drove off the right shoulder of the road into a ditch and rolled over several times. Barnum told **WREG's Katie Rufenor** on Monday,

I heard him say, 'Hell no!' And he sped up. And this car came up on the passenger side to run him off the road."

The Lafayette County Coroner's Office pronounced Hervey dead at the scene. Barnum survived, but was injured and taken to the hospital. The incident is still under investigation as the silver car has yet to be found.

21st Annual

Southern Heritage Conference

Friday, August 14th

Saturday, August 15th

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Highway 184 East

(Across from Walker's Dairy Barn Hwy 84E.)

Admission:

\$15.00 Individual/\$25.00 Families

Preachers, Teachers, Elected Officials FREE!

Doors Open:

Friday Night 6:00pm. - Saturday 8:30am

**Come hear great speakers
on our Southern Heritage,
culture and the flag issue!**

Meals on Saturday: *

\$10.00 for Luncheon

\$15.00 for Dinner

***Reservations Required By Monday, Aug. 9th**

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Jones County Rosin Heels,

Camp #227, Sons of Confederate Veterans

For More Information/Reservations Call 601-649-1867

Carl D. Ford, Atty. at Law

**21st ANNUAL
SOUTHERN HERITAGE CONFERENCE**

Sponsored by the:

JONES COUNTY ROSIN HEELS

Camp #227, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Bethlehem Baptist Church (Across from Walker's Dairy Bar)

Highway 184 East, Laurel, MS 39440

Friday August 14th and Saturday, August 15th

Doors Open 6:00pm Friday evening/8:30am Saturday morning

YES! I'LL BE THERE!

Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

There will be _____ of us for Lunch on Saturday @ 10.00 ea _____

There will be _____ of us for Dinner on Saturday @15.00 ea _____

Conference Admission _____ For family (\$25.00)

Conference Admission _____ For Individual (\$15.00)

I want to purchase an ad in the Conference Program:

¼ Page \$25.00 _____ Includes admittance to conference for individual

½ Page \$50.00 _____ Includes admittance to conference Family

Full Page \$100.00 _____ Includes admittance to conference for Family

Sponsorships \$250.00 and up _____ (Note, with a sponsorship, your admittance and meals (reservation must still be made) are covered and you have a free full page ad of your choosing!

I enclose a check for _____ (Post dated is OK)

**Make Checks to (No Cash please): Camp #227, SCV,
Indicate SHC Conf. On memo line.
Mail to: Camp #227, SCV, PO Box, 52, Laurel, MS 39440**

Message from Louis Foley, MS Division Commander

MS Division Members:

Our MS Division Executive Board Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Central Independence Baptist Church, 1859 Old Brandon Road, Pearl, MS ...next to Haley Towers... just off Highway 80 behind Larry's Auto Sales. Due to scheduling issues of an event and very limited parking at the War Memorial Building that day ...our venue had to be changed. Plan to see you there to conduct our Division business.

Mississippi flag folded at some public buildings

By Emily Wagster Pettus - Associated Press

JACKSON – Mississippi voters chose to keep a Confederate battle emblem on the state flag in 2001, but that election did not equate to a universal embrace of the banner.

The flag has disappeared in recent years from some public buildings, particularly in majority-black areas, as local officials expressed concern that it represents division rather than unity.

The Mississippi flag has been folded in more places since last month, when the massacre of nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, prompted widespread discussion about displaying Old South symbols on public property. The man charged in the shootings had posed with the Confederate battle flag in photos posted online before what police say was a racially motivated attack.

One section of Mississippi law makes flying the state flag optional, not mandatory: "The state flag may be displayed from all public buildings from sunrise to sunset; however, the state flag may be displayed from all public buildings 24 hours a day if properly illuminated."

A separate section of law says: "The flag of the State of Mississippi and the flag of the United States shall be displayed in close proximity to the school building at all times during the hours of daylight when the school is in session when the weather will permit without damage to the flag." This section says the school board is responsible for providing the flags, but there's no penalty if the flags aren't flown.

Here's a look at some developments:

- Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree on June 25 ordered the Mississippi flag taken down from most city buildings to show respect for those killed in Charleston.
- Clarksdale Mayor Bill Luckett ordered the state flag taken down from City Hall in early July. "We need a flag that unites and does not divide," Luckett told The Associated Press.
- Petal aldermen voted unanimously July 7 to keep the flag aloft at city buildings. "As long as we are part of the state of Mississippi, we will fly that flag," Mayor Hal Marx said, according to the Hattiesburg American.
- The Magnolia City Council voted 3-0 July 7 to remove the flag from city buildings. Joe Cornacchione, an alderman absent during the vote, later said he wants to keep the flag flying because it represents the sacrifice southerners made who fought in the Civil War, according to the Enterprise-Journal. "Are we going to take down the U.S. flag next?" Cornacchione said. "Are we going to replace it with a rainbow flag?" Days after the council vote, protesters marched in Magnolia. Mayor Anthony Witherspoon said of the flag: "It represents the fight to keep slavery. I think it's ironic that the protesters were waving the actual Confederate battle flag, not the actual state flag at the rally."
- The Grenada City Council voted 4-3 on July 13 to remove the state flag from city buildings.
- The Mississippi flag has not flown at Jackson City Hall for years. The City Council unanimously adopted a resolution July 14 calling for a new banner. "The flag, in its present design, vehemently denotes a spirit of racial division, hatred and slavery ideology," the resolution says. "The state of Mississippi will be better served by a new flag design representing inclusion of all people."
- The Gulf Coast Business Council and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce in recent weeks have both endorsed removing the Confederate emblem from the state flag. "It's time for a change," the business council chairman, Ron Peresich, told The Sun Herald. "It offends too many people."

Call for State Flag of Mississippi to be removed in Louisville

In April a memorial in Louisville, Mississippi complete with a state flag was dedicated in honor of 10 tornado victims.

Five of those victims are descendants of slaves and community members are asking that the flag with Confederate emblems be removed.

As community members gather at the latest monument to tornado victims at Memorial Park Cemetery, Elmetra Patterson proudly points to the names of relatives engraved for future generations to see. Such a beautiful monument and dedication honoring those who perished that day.

"However it was very painful to me when they raised the flag, the Mississippi Flag which has within it the Confederate Flag," said Elmetra Patterson of Louisville.

"The purpose of this memorial is to honor those lives. And we need to as, a community embrace that, and if there is something there that represents hatred and negative things to these families. I think that we need to really have these discussions and let everybody be heard," said Mellie Jordan/Louisville.

Surviving tornado victims and others from the community rally support for taking down the flag used since 1894.

"You know we need to have togetherness unity in this country, in the state, in this nation. And to remove something like that flag would be a wonderful thing," said Pastor Willie Goss Jr. of Louisville.

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Greg Stewart Announces New Partnerships with Beauvoir

One new Partner is the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society. With this partnership Beauvoir will be placed in their Bird Watching book that lists all the areas across the United States and Canada. At no cost to Beauvoir. An Audubon sign will be placed in front of Beauvoir that states we are a bird watching site.

The Ms. Chapter will began counting and mapping the birds that are here on our property, from this we will have the photo and written information about all the birds that live here and we will be able to produce a "Birds of Beauvoir" brochure from the counting and mapping that will be done.

We are very pleased with our association with Mississippi Coast Audubon Society and hope to continue to not only help with the conservation of "our" bird population but to let people know that there are many things going on in our community. Beauvoir wants to be both a part of and a supporter as well.

The other new Partner is A-Vets (American Veterans) Gulf Coast Post #1! We are now in a partnership with an organization that is helping our military veterans and their families.

"Beauvoir, a true home for military soldiers of the past, has now opened her heart and reached out her arms. She is now the new home of your "American Veterans" Gulf Coast Post # 1. Our families of the Past as reflected in these walls, struggled, yet survived. So now, today's Veterans and their families can once again come home. At the home of Beauvoir, your "American Veterans" Gulf Coast Chapter #1 can bring, the love and offer the care that the families of today's heroes are in desperate need of. The Veterans of today can find us here, wrapped up in the arms of the Veterans of the past, here at Beauvoir." Commander of A-Vets Gulf Coast Post # 1 Jim "Ski" Strzalkowski June 3, 2015 A-Vets Gulf Coast Post #1 received their charter in our Beauvoir Room. We were honored and privileged to be a part of this news breaking event. There has not been an A-Vets chapter on the Gulf Coast since the 1950's.

The charter will hold their monthly meetings here at Beauvoir and hold several fund raisers on our property. A portion of the money collected will be donated to Beauvoir.

Their first fund raiser will be August 29, 2015, a USO themed Dance. Period dress is not required by encouraged. \$5.00 admission and our own Beauvoir DJ Jay Peterson will provide the music.

Magnolia State Heritage Campaign; Sign the petition to preserve our Identity!



Initiative #46 or the 'Heritage Initiative' would amend the State's Constitution to define Mississippi's Heritage in the following areas: religion, official language, state flag, nickname, song, motto and state university mascots. Designate the month of April "Confederate Heritage Month," and reinstate Mississippi's Constitutional boundaries.

Sign the petition. Let's bring this to vote in 2016!

Proposal is listed on the Secretary of State's website:

www.sos.ms.gov/elections/initiatives/InitiativeInfo.aspx?IId=46

"We passionately believe in the heritage, culture, values, traditions, and Southern hospitality of Mississippi, the Magnolia State"

www.magnoliaheritage.com

Things Happening at Beauvoir

• Ladies Tea & Civil War Ball at Beauvoir

Join us for a bit of southern charm and culture with a Ladies Tea the morning of August 8th at 11am. Tea will be \$10 per person. Then come "Have A Ball" that night literally! We are having a Civil War Ball at 7pm that night! \$25 per person. Period dance classes will even be available. (Times and dates TBA) they will be \$15 per couple.

• Arts & Crafts under the Oaks September 5, 2015 at Beauvoir

Hevendors from the coast come to Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, to sell handmade beautiful items. Come join the fun and the beauty of Beauvoir. Vendor fee \$40.00, free admission to the public for the Arts & Craft Show. Admission to tour Beauvoir will be charged.

• 30th annual Fall Muster Oct. 16-18, 2015 at Beauvoir

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library would like to invite you to join us at our 30th annual Fall Muster event on October 16-18th, 2015 in Biloxi, Mississippi. This show will be a spectacular living history event for the Gulf Coast. It will take place on the Beauvoir grounds, just off of Hwy 90

SCV National News:

The SCV Mourns the Death of Anthony Hervey

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has lost a brave and articulate friend and America has lost an independent voice for racial reconciliation and understanding. Anthony Hervey of Oxford, Mississippi was a warrior for his beliefs and those beliefs were rooted in a passionate and unequivocal understanding that he was a proud Son of the South.

His death, on Sunday, July 19th, appears to be because of the way he lived his life. Mr. Hervey and a companion, Arlene Barnum of Enid, Oklahoma were returning from a Confederate Flag celebration in Birmingham, Alabama when his car was forced off the road near Oxford by a carload of men who apparently were chasing him down. The Ford Explorer he was driving skidded and then rolled over several times, killing Hervey and injuring Ms. Barnum.

We of the Sons are outraged by this murderous act, and expect all law enforcement agencies to vigorously pursue a full investigation and to bring justice for Anthony Hervey and his family. We have called for the United States Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to enter the investigation, for it is clear that he was killed because of his opinions and his race. Mr. Hervey was an African-American, as was his passenger, Ms. Harcum. Anthony Hervey's outspoken support of Confederate Heritage appears to have played a part in this incident.

Hervey was well known as an unapologetic defender of the Confederacy and its symbols. He often appeared on television and radio stating his opinions and debating with any and all. He was the author of "Why I Wave the Confederate Flag:

Written by a Black Man."

We ask that every member pray for justice, understanding, and especially for the family of Mr. Hervey as they endure his passing. We also asked prayers for the brave Arlene Barnum as she heals from the attack. Both she and Mr. Hervey had family members who fought for the Confederacy.

Members also are encouraged to donate to gofundme.com/hervey to help offset funeral expenses.

We will never forget this brave warrior who fought for the healing of the South and helped to build a bridge to brotherhood. For he was indeed our brother.

Statement from Charles Kelly Barrow, Commander-in-Chief, SCV

Compatriots,

Ben Jones has served as Chief of Heritage Operations for over a year. During his tenure, he has taken this position to a new level. His professionalism and his ability to deal with the media have broadened our reach as an organization. He has spent countless hours writing press releases, conducting interviews, and being our face to world. While it is disappointing to announce the resignation of Ben Jones as Chief of Heritage Operations due to health reasons, I am encouraged to know that he will continue to serve the SCV as our National Press Secretary. Mr. Jones said, "thank you for giving me the honor and the opportunity to serve our great organization for the past year. It has been a time of great challenges and wonderful fellowship and camaraderie."

It is my pleasure to announce that Dean Stevens of South Carolina has graciously accepted the position of Chief of Heritage Operations. While I am sure that Mr. Stevens has enormous shoes to fill, I feel he is sufficiently prepared for the job.

Even though we are in turbulent times, this transition will proceed effortlessly.

Please pray for Ben's health and speedy recovery and pray for wisdom for Dean Stevens.

Deo Vindice!

Statement from Charles Kelly Barrow, Commander-in-Chief, SCV

Daily there are new attacks on our Confederate monuments, markers, plaques, etc. all over the United States. At this time, everyone is encouraged, either as an individual or camp, to report these defacements to your law enforcement agency as a Hate Crime. Report the crime so the criminal can do the time.

By posting the violation to scvheritagedefense.org, it will be automatically added to the list so others are made aware of the heinous offense. We, the descendants of those who fought for the ideas found in the Constitution, will not stand by idle while our symbols and rights are attacked.

Scalawag of the Month:

Jefferson Davis Descendant calls for Retiring of the Flag Jerry Mitchell, The Clarion-Ledger June 24, 2015

Confederate President Jefferson Davis' great-great-grandson says the Confederate battle flag should be retired to museums. "This flag has become a symbol that divides our country," Bertram Hayes-Davis told The Clarion-Ledger. While history can't be erased, "symbols that are currently used to create fear or mistrust have no good purpose in this day and time," he said. "It is time for the Confederate battle flag to be part of historical collections and not a public symbol to any one person, group or organization."

Myrlie Evers, whose husband, Medgar, then-Mississippi NAACP field secretary, was assassinated in Jackson in 1963, said the support of Davis' descendant gives her hope that change will indeed come, not only with the flag, but in other ways as well. "It is good to see this emerge after all this tragedy," she said.

The battle flag, which has flown for decades over Southern capitals, appears on its way out in many places in the wake of the June 17 shooting at a Charleston, South Carolina, church that killed nine. Accused killer Dylann Roof posed for pictures in which he held the flag. Walmart, Sears, Amazon and eBay have all nixed the sale of Confederate flags, and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe has ordered the Confederate flag no longer appear on license plates.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is calling for the flag to no longer fly over its Capitol grounds. On Wednesday, Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley ordered the four Confederate battle flags removed from the state Capitol grounds in Montgomery.

Some of Mississippi's top leaders, including House Speaker Philip Gunn and U.S. Rep. Roger Wicker, are now calling for the removal of the battle flag emblem from the state flag of Mississippi — the only state with that emblem.

It would take a vote by the Legislature or referendum by citizens to make such a change. In a 2001 referendum, the vote to change the flag lost by a nearly 2-to-1 margin. Many who oppose changing the flag say the battle flag represents "heritage, not hate."

Hayes-Davis said heritage makes sense "if used in an historical context and placed in the proper perspective and location." He served as director of Beauvoir, the last home of Jefferson Davis, between July 2012 and February 2014. He and two other board members resigned after a conflict over the board's direction for the property, owned by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

He said the problem arises with public display, "opening up wounds of hurt from the past, for many people. The latest catastrophic event, by an individual that supports this flag, has opened another discussion about the right place for the flag and its interpretation."

Leslie B. McLemore, retired political science professor at Jackson State University, sees a parallel between happened in Charleston and what happened in 1963 with the Ku Klux Klan's bombing of a Birmingham church that killed four girls. "It was absolutely unthinkable and unspeakable," he said.

Even before the Charleston shooting, former Gov. William Winter said he had detected a move toward racial reconciliation.

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He remains angered by individuals and organizations that abuse the Confederate battle flag. "It's just creating an image for the state of Mississippi that we don't need," he said. "The state flag ought to be a flag of unity, not a divisive symbol." Hayes-Davis said the flag is connected more directly to Jefferson Davis than anyone else. "Forgotten are the first 52 years of his life as an American patriot," he said. "West Point, US Army, US Representative, Secretary of War and Senator, along with his many great accomplishments for this country, are all forgotten. As you look at the Capitol of the United States today, few know the impact that Jefferson Davis had on making this building what you see today."

All of that history has been lost to focusing on his position as President of the Confederacy and ties to the battle flag, he said. "It is time that this flag be folded and placed in the right historic perspective and locations." After the Civil War, Davis preached "that we have one country and should focus on making it that which God intended," he said. "The time for division is over and we must all come together for the future unity of this country. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. This is my flag, as it should be throughout our entire country."

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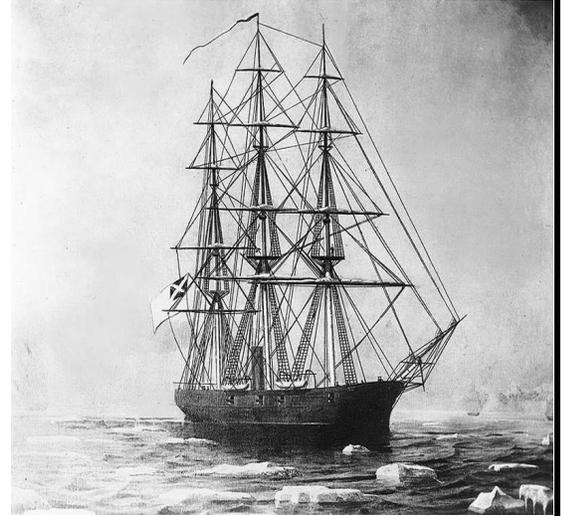
CSS Shenandoah learns the war is over

The captain and crew of the C.S.S. *Shenandoah*, still prowling the waters of the Pacific in search of Yankee whaling ships, is finally informed by a British vessel that the South has lost the war.

The *Shenandoah* was the last major Confederate cruiser to set sail. Launched as a British vessel in September 1863, it was purchased by the Confederates and commissioned in October 1864. The 230-foot-long craft was armed with eight large guns and a crew of 73 sailors. Commanded by Captain James I. Waddell, the *Shenandoah* steered toward the Pacific and targeted Yankee whaling ships. Waddell enjoyed great success, taking six ships in the South Pacific before slipping into Melbourne, Australia, for repairs in January 1865.

Within a month, the *Shenandoah* was back on the loose, wreaking havoc in the waters around Alaska. The Rebel ship captured 32 additional Union vessels, most of which were burned. The damage was estimated at \$1.6 million, a staggering figure in such a short period of time. Although the crew heard rumors that the Confederate armies had surrendered, Waddell continued to fight.

He finally accepted an English captain's report on August 2, 1865. The *Shenandoah* pulled off another remarkable feat by sailing from the northern Pacific all the way to Liverpool, England, without stopping at any ports. Arriving on November 6, Waddell surrendered his ship to British officials.



How Much of the Civil War Was About Slavery?

We call the war of 1861 the Civil War. But is that right? A civil war is a struggle between two or more entities trying to take over the central government. Confederate President Jefferson Davis no more sought to take over Washington, D.C., than George Washington sought to take over London in 1776. Both wars, those of 1776 and 1861, were wars of independence. Such a recognition does not require one to sanction the horrors of slavery. We might ask, How much of the war was about slavery?

Was President Abraham Lincoln really for outlawing slavery? Let's look at his words. In an 1858 letter, Lincoln said, "I have declared a thousand times, and now repeat that, in my opinion neither the General Government, nor any other power outside of the slave states, can constitutionally or rightfully interfere with slaves or slavery where it already exists." In a Springfield, Illinois, speech, he explained: "My declarations upon this subject of Negro slavery may be misrepresented but cannot be misunderstood. I have said that I do not understand the Declaration (of Independence) to mean that all men were created equal in all respects." Debating Sen. Stephen Douglas, Lincoln said, "I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes nor of qualifying them to hold office nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races, which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality."

What about Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation? Here are his words: "I view the matter (of slaves' emancipation) as a practical war measure, to be decided upon according to the advantages or disadvantages it may offer to the suppression of the rebellion." He also wrote: "I will also concede that emancipation would help us in Europe, and convince them that we are incited by something more than ambition." When Lincoln first drafted the proclamation, war was going badly for the Union. London and Paris were considering recognizing the Confederacy and assisting it in its war against the Union.

The Emancipation Proclamation was not a universal declaration. It specifically detailed where slaves were to be freed: only in those states "in rebellion against the United States." Slaves remained slaves in states not in rebellion — such as Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware and Missouri. The hypocrisy of the Emancipation Proclamation came in for heavy criticism. Lincoln's own secretary of state, William Seward, sarcastically said, "We show our sympathy with slavery by emancipating slaves where we cannot reach them and holding them in bondage where we can set them free."

Lincoln did articulate a view of secession that would have been heartily endorsed by the Confederacy: "Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government and form a new one that suits them better.... Nor is this right confined to cases in which the whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion of such people that can may revolutionize and make their own of so much of the territory as they inhabit." Lincoln expressed that view in an 1848 speech in the U.S. House of Representatives, supporting the war with Mexico and the secession of Texas.

Why didn't Lincoln share the same feelings about Southern secession? Following the money might help with an answer. Throughout most of our nation's history, the only sources of federal revenue were excise taxes and tariffs. During the 1850s, tariffs amounted to 90 percent of federal revenue. Southern ports paid 75 percent of tariffs in 1859. What "responsible" politician would let that much revenue go?

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Don't think for a minute your State Flag isn't next!

Controversy is focused on South Carolina and Mississippi, they are not the only states to have the remnants of the Confederacy in its state symbol. There are at least four other states that recently had or still have symbolic references to the Confederate Battle Flag, which, as Charleston Mayor Joe Riley said, "*years and years ago was appropriated as a symbol of hate.*"



The current version was adopted in 2003 after two years of debate over the specifics of the flag, as described in "The New Georgia Encyclopedia". The flag used today is based on the First National Flag of the Confederacy "Stars and Bars", with the Georgia state seal inside the circle of stars and "In God We Trust" written below.



The upper-right corner of the Mississippi Flag is a smaller version of the Confederacy's Battle Flag. The one in use today was first adopted in 1894 and was designed by State Senator E.N. Scudder. His daughter spoke at a convention in 1924 and plainly said that it was in tribute to fallen Confederate Soldiers. "*My father loved the memory of the valor and courage of those brave men who wore the gray,*" Fayssoux Scudder Corneil said in 1924, according to the historical society. "*He told me that it was a simple matter for him to design the flag because he wanted to perpetuate in a legal and lasting way that dear Battle Flag under which so many of our people had so gloriously fought.*"



Though there is no blue and no stars in the Alabama Flag, it does have the bearings of the Confederate ideals. The Alabama State Archives' online database cites the work of Dr. Thomas Owen, a former Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, who noted ties between the State Flag and the Confederate Battle Flag. Shortly before 1915, Owen concluded that the Flag was designed to "*preserve in permanent form some of the more distinctive features of the Confederate Battle Flag, particularly the St. Andrew's Cross,*" the archives state.



The Florida State Flag is very similar to that of Alabama, with the addition of Florida's State Seal in the center. However, the "*stainless banner,*" a white flag with the Battle Flag in the upper-left corner, was removed from the state Capitol in 2001 while Jeb Bush was governor. Bush today said he believes the Confederate Flag should be removed from the South Carolina Capitol. "*My position on how to address the Confederate flag is clear. In Florida, we acted, moving the flag from the state grounds to a museum where it belonged,*" Bush said in a statement released in June.



Stars in the shape of a diamond may hint at the Confederate Battle Flag, but that is actually not the Arkansas State Flag's connection to the Confederacy. Instead, the tie is the single star placed above the state name at the center of the Flag. State historian Dr. John Ferguson said on the Arkansas Secretary of State's website that the star was added in 1924 to represent the state's former membership in the Confederacy.



Though there are visible similarities between the Tennessee State Flag and the Confederate Flags, such as a red background and a circle involving stars, the official state account of the symbolism involved does not list a connection. According to the state website, the Flag was adopted in 1905 and the three stars are used to symbolize the three geographic divisions of the state: the East, the Middle and the West

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