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**1st Brigade Work Shop,
September 15th in Greenwood, MS**

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The Delta General

Commander's Report:

Larry McCluney

My fellow Compatriots,

Wow, if you missed the August meeting, you missed a great event. As we came together for our meeting in August, the men really turned out to show support for our ladies in honoring them by celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Ella Palmer Chapter, MSOCR. Our speaker was Bridget Smith who gave a talk on the death of General Van Dorn and offered for sale her book titled "Where Elephants Fought." I hope those who attended and bought books have received your copy and is reading it. We had a great turnout as well as our summer vacation time begins to end and school has started.



I hope to you will be at our September meeting as we have another great speaker lined up. Also, if you have not done so yet, please remember to pay your dues. I want a 100% renewal which we have never done. Old members have rejoined recently as well. Remember, LIVE THE CHARGE!

Camp Speaker

Our speaker for September is Dr. Chris Walls of Batesville, MS. Dr. Walls is a member of the 1st MS Cavalry and will be talking about "Cavalry Tactics and Equipment" during the war. Please make all efforts to come out and learn more about our ancestors and their experiences.

Dues Renewal Notice

The time to pay your Annual Dues has passed the grace period. If you have not renewed you will need to pay \$50.00 plus \$7.50 late fee. Those of you who are Confederation and/or Division Life Members pay only those dues that apply to your status. Checks can be made out to "B. G. Humphreys # 1625, SCV and mailed to Dan A. McCaskill at 205 Cypress Street; Leland, MS 38756.

First Brigade Workshop to be in Greenwood, September 15

Compatriots,

I am pleased to announce that the Mississippi Division will host the 1st new member/ recruiting and retention workshop on September 15th in Greenwood, MS at the historic Confederate Memorial Building. This will be the first of these workshops. All members of the Division are invited and new members are encouraged to attend. There is no registration cost!

The workshop will start at 9:30 AM and should conclude by 3:00 PM. The ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter OCR will provide refreshments in the morning, and we should break for lunch from 12-1.

Conor Bond, Lt. Commander, MS Division, SCV



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Adjutant's Report by Dan McCaskill — August 4, 2018

The Meeting was called to order by Commander Larry McCluney at 6:00 pm. Camp Chaplain Earl McCown was called upon to open the Meeting with a word of prayer and blessing. This was followed by Color Sergeant Earl Allen leading everyone in the Pledge and salutes to our Flags followed by the reading of "The Charge" given to us by L/G Stephen D. Lee.

Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting and the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, Order of the Confederate Rose. Larry gave a short bio on the Ella Palmer Chapter which was chartered on August 28, 1998. At this time, Larry recessed the meeting and invited our ladies, guests and members to partake in the evening meal provided by the men of the Camp giving the ladies a well-deserved night off.

Program: Because of travel time for our speaker, Bridget Smith, our program was first on the agenda. Bridget's program was based on her book about the assassination of General Earl Van Dorn entitled "Where Elephants Fought". Bridget gave a very interesting forensic investigation into the causes that led to the death of Van Dorn which had some interesting twists and turns. I will not spoil the story for you and you can purchase the book off Amazon where it has a 4 ½ star rating. Bridget informed us there is talk about making the book into a movie. To this day, the descendants of the Peters Family refuse to talk about the incident. You can learn more by going to www.WhereElephantsFought.com.

Officer Reports: The members want to congratulate Larry on being elected the Lt. Commander-in-Chief of the Confederation at the National Reunion in July. 1st Lt. Commander: Zack Kiker was absent; 2nd Lt. Commander: Jimmy Alford did not have a report; Adjutant: Dan McCaskill reported that that annual dues for 31 members, past and present, had been received and Camp membership for Fiscal 2018 currently stands at 34. This number includes three life members and one prorated member from last year. Hopefully, over the next four weeks, dues for the other 10 members who have not paid will be sent to the Adjutant. All National and Division dues have been forwarded. The account balance stands at \$ 1,936.33 with \$ 52.50 in dues to be paid. The balance contains \$ 220 in optional giving and \$ 330 for Initiative 62; Ella Palmer OCR: several members of the Chapter traveled to Franklin, TN for their National Meeting; AOT Commander: Larry reported on the elections at the National Reunion with Paul Grambling elected as the Commander-in-Chief; Larry as Lt. Commander-in-Chief; Jason Boshier from TN as AOT Commander and Jimmy Hill from AL as AOT Councilman. Joe Nokes is now serving on the Cadets Committee and Dan McCaskill is serving on the Graves & Monuments Committee both National Committees. Also, Larry received the Albert Sidney Johnston Award for the most new Camps in a Division.

Camp Business: During the Adjutant's Report, a motion was made by Jimmy Alford to hold on to the I-62 money until October. The motion was seconded by Joe Nokes and passed. The next motion was made by Earl McCown to adopt the July Minutes which was seconded by Joe Nokes and passed. The next item discussed was our Lee-Jackson Banquet in January, 2019. It was decided to hold the banquet at the church with a pot luck dinner on either January 12th or 19th depending on the speaker who will hopefully be Terry Winchell. Next item was Joe Nokes would investigate the possibility of attending the Carrollton Pilgrimage in October. It was reported that Annette McCluney's nephew was being deployed to the Syrian area and the Camp was asked to adopt his unit to send care packages to during their deployment. Earl McCown made the motion which was seconded by Joe Nokes and passed. Larry would have a list of items by next Camp Meeting. Finally, it was announced there will be a 1st Brigade Workshop on September 15th at the Confederate Memorial Hall in Greenwood starting at 10:00 am to discuss Retention and Recruiting by Division Lt. Commander Conor Bond.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to close the business session.

In keeping with the evening's celebration, Larry hit some of the high points in the history of the Ella Palmer Chapter. Remembered this night were the known Chapter members who have "Crossed Over": Janie L. Robertson, Barbara Daigre, Betty Furr, Jeannette McCaskill and Carole Ray. Each Charter Member or descendant of a Charter Member who were present were presented a pin and ribbon by Chapter President Sandra Stillman. Back in 2004, the Chapter had 33 members.

The Ladies held their raffle and "Capture the Yankee". Earl McCown won the raffle and Regina Stone attempted to capture the Yankee. He is still on the loose.

Traveling grace was given by Chaplain Earl McCown. The Meeting was closed with the singing of Dixie. It was a great meeting with a attendance of 28. Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 1st, same time and same place program to be announced.

From the Chaplain's pen ...

There's a lesson to be learned when we realize that most of those who attended local churches in the South during the war – and therefore listened week after week to their local pastor sacralizing the Southern war cause – were women and children. With husbands, sons and fathers off at war, women filled the pews, and in turn, the preachers filled the women's hearts and minds with a new sense of their place in both politics and public action. It would be the women, they understood, who would be keeping the godly "covenant" with their morality, prayers, and home-front support of the war.

The net effect of this was to make the Southern women ferocious in their opposition to the North and their insistence that their men keep fighting. It was their unbending resolve, in part, that caused Northern General William Tecumseh Sherman to feel justified in inflicting enormous civilian damages against the South in his infamous "March to the Sea." As far as Sherman was concerned, the Southern women's sense of outrage and their religious determination to hold out against the North forfeited the protection that decency and the rules of war afforded "civilians."

For their part, the Southern women believed that they, no less than their men, would bear a critical responsibility before God for the outcome of the conflict. When they went to work in the mills and factories left unmanned by war, when they took over the roles of protector and provider at home, they understood themselves as vital players in a divine experiment of Christian nationhood. And when they suffered the afflictions of Northern armies in their backyards and growing number of war dead, they strengthened and consoled themselves with the knowledge that they were doing God's work on earth.

God truly blessed the Southern men by giving them strong, devoted, Christian women to "hold down the fort" at home while they were off fighting. Without them there would have been absolutely nothing for the men to come home to!

God bless the Southern women, and God bless the South!

POTENTIAL FLAG CONSERVATION PROJECTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION,
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

1968.61.1 – 23rd Mississippi Infantry, Co. A, Blount Guards

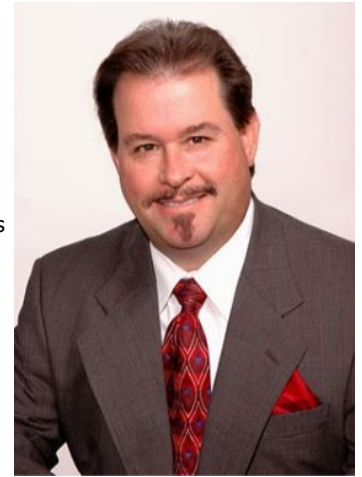
First National pattern flag made of silk. Captain C.G. Blount raised the Blount Guards in August, 1861, in luka in Tippah County. Blount's sister presented the company with this flag shortly before they left to join General Albert Sidney Johnston's forces in Kentucky.

Conservation Estimate: \$27,000



BEAUVOIR INFORMATION

Stephen McKinney chosen as Beauvoir's new Executive Director Friday, June 22nd 2018, By Annie Johnson, Digital Producer ajohnson@wlox.com BILOXI, MS (WLOX) – Beauvoir's Board of Directors named Stephen McKinney as the new Executive Director. The board stated they have great confidence in Mr. McKinney's leadership and management skills. The museum encourages residents to stop by Beauvoir and meet McKinney on July 1 from 9 am to 5 pm. The Auburn University graduate has over 10 years of experience in the museum and tour business, taught college American History and designed and led the U.S. military "Staff Rides".



BEAUVOIR - THE LAST HOME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

Beauvoir, the historic postwar home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi. Friends of Beauvoir For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member

of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop. Bricks for Beauvoir Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate soldier. For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400



You might be surprised by the subject of this interment in the old soldiers graveyard at Beauvoir BY MURELLA POWELL, Special to the Sun Herald

The Oct. 4, 1930, Daily Herald newspaper carried an article titled "Mourn Polly's Death At Beauvoir Home." Who was Polly? She was Polly the mule, Beauvoir's 50-year-old pet and mascot. This photo pictures some of Beauvoir's old soldiers, widows, and employees gathered at Polly's graveside. The article reported that Polly's death had cast gloom and sadness over the old veterans who loved her dearly for her long years of faithful service to them. It was shortly after Beauvoir opened as a home for Confederate veterans and widows in 1903 that Biloxi's former mayor, Harry Howard, donated the then 25-year-old Polly. There were only 15 residents at the time, and the wagon mule was one of their first gifts. But, Polly was not just a pet, she knew her duties well. The wagon driver just had to follow her lead as he kept the yard free of trash, and as she carried coal and ice to dormitories. As she became more beloved, no one was allowed to scold, strike, or drive Polly off of a walk-way. She would never kick or balk or run away. Any unkind word or deed and the driver was fired on the spot. During public events, Polly was brought forward to see and be seen. Her eyes gazed upon every Mississippi governor who held office during her years and many legislators and notable visitors. For 25 years, Polly was shooed by only one blacksmith, Tom Collins, who drove from Biloxi when needed. At Polly's graveside, Beauvoir's superintendent, Elnathan Tartt (second from left) said: "If there is a mule heaven, an eternal paradise for good animals after death, then Polly will surely be there with many stars in her crown." Polly's grave on the north side of Oyster Bayou is marked with a small brick monument, which bears her name.



Murella H. Powell, a local historian, writes the weekly Flashback column. Read more here: <http://www.sunherald.com/living/article177196956.html#storylink=cpy> <http://www.sunherald.com/living/article177196956.html>

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Help Save General Forrest



The Memphis City Council has passed a resolution to remove the Forrest Equestrian Statue from Forrest Park and to dig up the graves of General Forrest and his wife MaryAnn from beneath the statue.

The SCV and the Forrest family descendants must raise money to fight the city in this second attack on General Forrest. We need your help.

Help us to save the graves and monument of General Forrest

Can you, or your camp or Division donate \$100, \$500 or \$1000 to the defense ?

Please sign me up as a supporter. No membership fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contribute through PayPal at our ally at : www.citizenstosaveourparks.org

Please donate to our cause: Amount \$ _____ check number _____

Forrest Park Defense Fund

PO Box 241875, Memphis, TN 38124

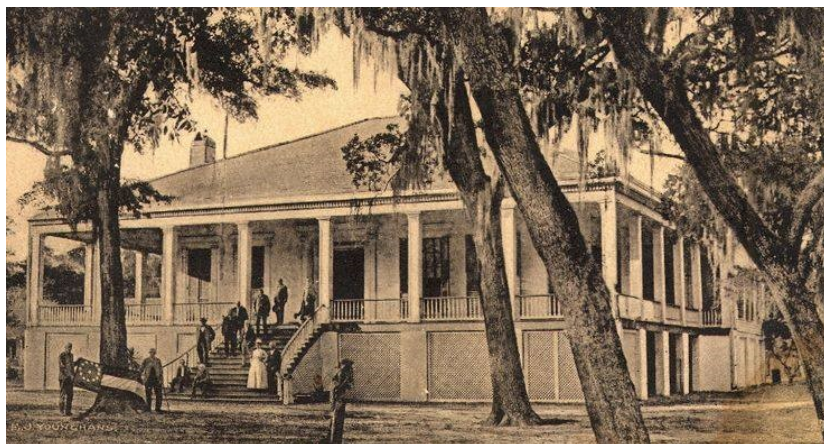
Investigate the Paranormal at Beauvoir

Join us as we embark on a skeptical, scientific investigation of the Beauvoir property. Every third Saturday of each month, learn about the paranormal history of Beauvoir and participate in an investigative tour of the antebellum home, historic grounds, and cemetery. You never know what you'll find when you step into the past at Beauvoir.

We will only allow 30 guests at each investigation, so tickets must be purchased in advance online.

National News

Live the Charge!



Men of the Sons of Confederate Veterans I am humbled by your support in me and the honor of serving as your Lieutenant Commander -in-Chief for the next two years.

This is not an endeavor I take lightly. I look forward to the challenge of working with you to build our organization, preserving the memory of the Confederate Veteran and taking a stand against political correctness running rampant in our nation today. Our Confederate ancestors deserve to be treated with respect and honor for the sacrifices they made, and they deserve the best we can give. For the past several months, I have traveled 13,000 miles talking to many of you, as Sons of Confederate Veterans, about my ideas for the future of the organization. As we look to the future, the biggest sacrifice we can make is to do YOUR PART to insure the completion of the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. This will be one of the biggest memorials that we can create that will insure that the TRUE history of our ancestors is being told. As the building is almost complete, the next phase is the interior. My vision is a state of the art museum and library that will draw academia, writers, and historians from around the country that will educate them with the truth. I want this museum to be a place where we can educate our members with seminars that will benefit the future of this organization.

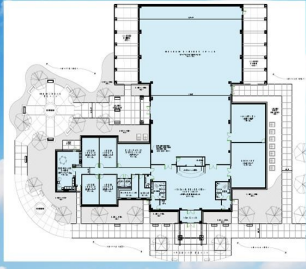
As we look to the future, we need to continue searching for new ways to modernize our organization. Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain has laid that foundation for us. The masses have been made aware of the SCV through social media. It is my plan to continue this policy and explore more 21st century technology to bring in new and younger members into our ranks. However, we must not forget some of the tried and true methods of recruiting and retention. While I've had a lot of experience in recruiting/retention, I do not know everything. I would like to explore what works in our successful camps and why it works. There is a reason these Camps have had success in membership growth and share those ideas with you over the next two years.

The past year has seen an explosion of new members. This is due, mainly, because of the numerous attacks on our Heritage. This brings me to one of my passions educating the masses and telling our story. As a college/high school history instructor for the past 25 years, I believe we owe it to the public and our new members to arm them mentally with the true history about our Ancestors and the purpose of our fraternal organization. Remember, every time the SCV is involved in a heritage violation fight, our numbers swell. Yet, once these new members get their membership certificate and pin, they find themselves left in the dark about what we do as an organization and what is required of us. Remember, these young eager new members are the future of the SCV, and it is OUR duty to groom them in the ways of our organization to prepare these future leaders. I assure you, there will be many more attacks against us, our ancestors and everything Confederate, years from now after you and I are long gone. It is our duty now to prepare these future leaders for those battles.

As Paul Gramling once said when he was Lt. Commander-in-Chief, the very term Confederate will be bashed so profusely, some of our own members will be afraid to use it. We even have some of our members wanting to compromise our symbols because they believe they are archaic in today's world. Compromise is a nasty little word which confronts us daily about our heritage. I do not believe in it because once we give in on one thing, political correctness will still not be satisfied until everything Confederate is erased and future generations of Southerners will grow up hating their heritage. Our ancestors fought for constitutional principles, so any compromise, no matter how small, is telling our enemies we are wrong in defending our ancestors good name. We do NOT make deals with them, because you CANNOT compromise with them. They will never be satisfied. Remember, the anti-Confederate forces don't like us, never have liked us and don't want to like us because we do not fit into their one world order. Those people have envy us because "The South" is not a place on a compass but a way of life and they will do anything to destroy it. They have money, the liberal media, and liberal politicians to back them. What they don't have is the truth. The truth scares them. We have the power to defeat our enemies with the truth and now we must go on the offensive and control the narrative because WE THE SONS of CONFEDERATE VETERANS know the truth and it is time we start telling OUR ancestors story.


While visiting different Division reunions these past few months, someone told me that the membership needs to be motivated. I agree. But more importantly we need to be united and support our leadership and present a strong front. We need to get past the apathy and step up to the plate. Let's realize there are forces in this country which want us GONE because WE do not fit their agenda. Let's stop being armchair generals and unite behind our leadership who will be leading this charge and start living the CHARGE that General Stephen Dill Lee gave us.

Live the Charge my brothers,
Larry McCluney, Jr.
Lt. Commander-in-Chief




This is a rendering and the floorplan for The National Confederate Museum to be built at the our Headquarters in Columbia, TN. Groundbreaking will commence soon, but we have only a small portion of the funds required to build our museum. We need your help! Education is the long term solution to upholding Stephen D. Lee's Charge and our museum will be the penultimate museum dedicated to the Confederate Veteran! Who else will tell the truth about our ancestors? The media? Academia? Schools? No one!

We need you to donate now!



The National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs
Please donate today - our ancestors need their story told truthfully!
Museum Fund, Sons of Confederate Veterans, PO Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402



Confederate statues stored in secret locations

Police in Washington, D.C., are promising tight security for Sunday's "Unite the Right" rally. White nationalists and counter-protesters both plan to gather across from the White House to mark one year since the violent clashes in Charlottesville, Virginia.

One woman was struck and killed by a car driven by a white supremacist. The governor of Virginia has declared a state of emergency in Charlottesville ahead of the anniversary. Last year's rally was to protest a plan to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. That statue still stands in Charlottesville.

Other cities, however, have removed Confederate statues, and they're finding the controversy doesn't end there. Shelby County Commissioner Van Turner met CBS News by a pedestal in a park where a Confederate statue stood until Memphis took it down and hid it last December.

Turner led the drive to remove two statues: one of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, who later became the first leader of the Ku Klux Klan. Turner took CBS News to see the statues — if we promised not to reveal their location.

"Why all the secrecy?" CBS News asked. "You have some people who are very upset," Turner said. Lee Millar, a spokesman for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is one of those who are upset. The group sued to put them back up. "I think it's just a lack of appreciation for American history and the great history that we have and everybody's history should be appreciated," Millar said.

Charlottesville mayor: Trump "bringing to light" hate in America Airbnb, Lyft, Uber allowing service to be denied to Unite the Right marchers. Since the unrest in Charlottesville, 36 cities have removed Confederate symbols. They're hidden in Baltimore, New Orleans and Memphis. But more than 700 still stand nationwide. "We need to wait until the litigation ends, but right now, this is the best place for them," Turner said.

Until a court rules, these statues will stay sealed in a box like a coffin.

COURT DOCS: SPLC Co-Founder Accused of Trying to Molest Step-Daughter With Sex Toy

A recently-uncovered court document from the divorce proceedings of a prominent Southern Poverty Law Center figure alleges horrific conduct on behalf of one of the most influential lawyers in America. Maureene Dees, ex-wife of SPLC co-founder Morris Dees filed for divorce on March 8, 1979 after a decade-long marriage marred by difficulties, according to an appellant brief obtained by *Big League Politics*. The brief was filed by Maury Smith, Julia S. Waters and Charles M. Crook, attorneys for Maureene, in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

According to court testimony, among other perverted sexual behavior, Dees attempted to molest his 18-year-old step-daughter with a sex toy. Holly Buck was Maureene Dees' daughter from a previous marriage.

"Holly testified that, in the summer of 1977, Morris attempted to molest her in the following incident: One night Maureene and Morris were sitting drinking wine and discussing a case Morris was trying," the brief says. "[Holly] was with them. Around eleven or twelve o'clock, Maureene went to bed and Holly stayed up with Morris discussing the case. Morris kept offering Holly wine, some of which she accepted."

Holly testified that she declined, choosing to go to bed instead.

"She went to her room and then went into the bathroom," the document says. "Looking out the window, she saw Morris in the bushes beside the bathroom window looking in. She said 'Morris, is that you', but he said nothing and ran away." Two months later, things got worse.

"[M]orris entered [Holly's] room from [Morris and Maureene's daughter Ellie's] room, through the bathroom, the document says. "He was in his underwear and he sat on the bed where Holly was lying on her stomach facing away from the door. He touched her on the back and woke her up. He told her that he had brought [sic] her a present, and he presented her with a vibrator. He plugged it in and said he had brought it to her. He proceeded to rub it on her back and said 'Let me show you how to use it.'"

According to Holly's testimony, she declined, but Morris proceeded anyway. "[H]e started to place it between he [sic] legs when she raised her voice and said no loudly," according to the brief. He was wearing only a pair of bikini underwear shorts during the incident, according to Holly.

"About two hours later, she had fallen back asleep and he came back in," the brief says. "He brought the vibrator with him, plugged it in and said again, 'Let me show you how to use it.' He tried to show her again by putting it between her legs, but she raised her voice again and he stopped. He took it and left."

Letter from the Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling

Compatriots,

On Monday, August 20, 2018, the purveyors of Southern destruction struck once again in Chapel Hill, NC, on the UNC campus. They demonstrated their ISIS like actions when they toppled the "Silent Sam" monument that stood in honor of the students that answered the call of the Confederacy to protect their homes. "Silent Sam" has stood for over 100 years on the UNC campus. Despite warnings to the UNC administration and requests for police protection of state property, an unruly gang of activists took the law into its own hands.

The National leadership of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans condemn, in the strongest terms, the action that took place in Chapel Hill, NC. However, this is not enough.....because those who wish to eradicate everything Southern, could care less about what we think. We all know the media, politicians, special interest minority groups and the out-of-control-crowd like we witnessed Monday night, control the narrative. This is why I have been working on a plan with Chief of Heritage Operations, Donnie Kennedy, to take back control of the narrative....."The Southern Victory Campaign." This plan will be explained in the next several issues of the Confederate Veteran Magazine. Once you receive this information, we will need you to become a part of the "Confederate Legion."

Right now, our immediate attention is with our brothers in North Carolina. I have every confidence Commander Kevin Stone, as well as the NC Division, is on top of this situation. However, the National leadership stands at the ready to assist if necessary.



To My Fellow Lovers of
Southern Heritage,

Back in 2011, a friend of mine gave me a copy of Col. Tom McKenney's book, "Jack Hinson's, One Man War". I read it from cover to cover and was so inspired that I wrote a song titled "The Ballad Of Captain Jack". When I met Col. McKenney in early 2012, I played the song for him and he fell in love with what he heard. We became fast friends and began to work together to help promote his book and my song jointly.

I made a comment one day that his book should be

made into a movie, so Tom challenged me to write a movie script based on the biography he had written. I accepted the challenge and after reading my completed manuscript, he gave me yet another challenge. Tom wanted me to take my script and turn it into a historical fiction novel. The results have turned into a four book series called, "The Chronicles Of Captain Jack Hinson". The first book titled "In The Hills Of Tennessee" comes out in October of 2018.

Although some creative liberties have been taken, the majority of the book series adheres to historical record. Twenty-six additional historic resources have been utilized, so each book will be filled with new and interesting facts left uncovered until now. Plus, there are over sixty pieces of artwork and rare photographs included in the project.

I invite you to go to my new Facebook page so you can learn more about the book.

If you would like to be informed on the exact release date, just click on the like button and you will automatically be placed on our contact list. <https://www.fb.me/rickrevelthepatriot>

Confederately,

Rick Revel

Letter from Chief of Heritage Operations

Gentlemen:

Below you will find a statement I posted on one of my face-book accounts dealing with issues surrounding the tragic event at Chapel Hill, NC. While I was able to post this, when I tried to "boost" this post-a boosted post will increase the chances of it being read by several hundred times-the boost (which I pay for) was denied by Facebook.

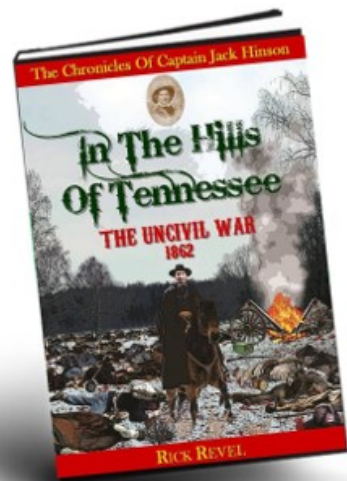
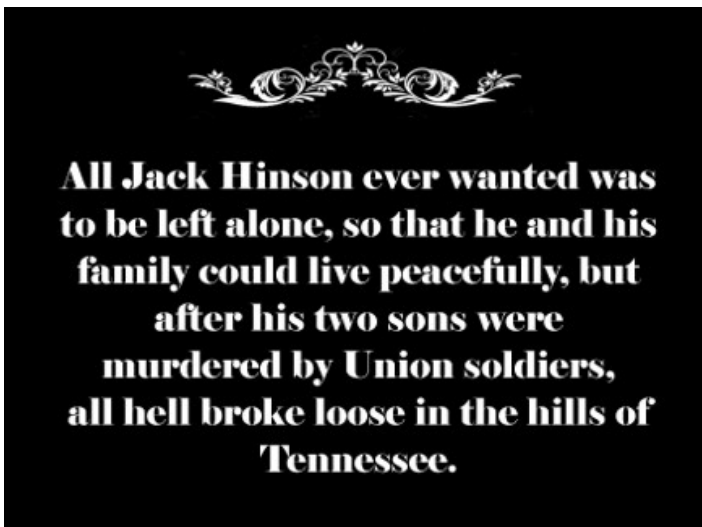
This is the second time this month my boosts have been censored and both times it was dealing with my response to an attack upon the South. The first censored Facebook post was in response to Rush Limbaugh's monthly newsletter in which a cartoon characterization of Nancy Pelosi, dressed as a Southern Belle, and Chuck Schumer dressed in a Confederate Officer's uniform were depicted standing in front of the famous Gone With the Wind mansion, Tara. The title of the article was "The Modern-Day Confederacy." The article then proceeds to describe the Democratic Party as the "present-day Confederacy," and the "Old South" as just part of the slave days and the Confederacy fought a war against the rightful rule of the Federal government so as to be able to continue its "unequal treatment of African Americans." Facebook censored this boost to my post, nevertheless, I did reach over 12,000 people! Likewise, my rejected post by Facebook on the Chapel Hill incident has been censored but I am getting the message out.

Here is my point: If we of the SCV do not build, establish, or acquire the tools necessary to fight back in a modern 21st century manner, we are doomed. We need our own "media resource" list of media outlets that will give an ear to our issue; we need a means to inform John Q. Public who the SCV is and why they should be proud of their Southern heritage, such as planned on Radio Free Dixie; and most importantly, in the 21st century we need a way to monitor what is being said about the SCV and our issues. This includes good, the bad, and the ugly, and a means to respond to these people. If we do not establish a 21st century means of responding to the neo-Marxists, other leftists and, as Limbaugh's newsletter proves, neo-conservative attacks, there will be little to defend within ten years!

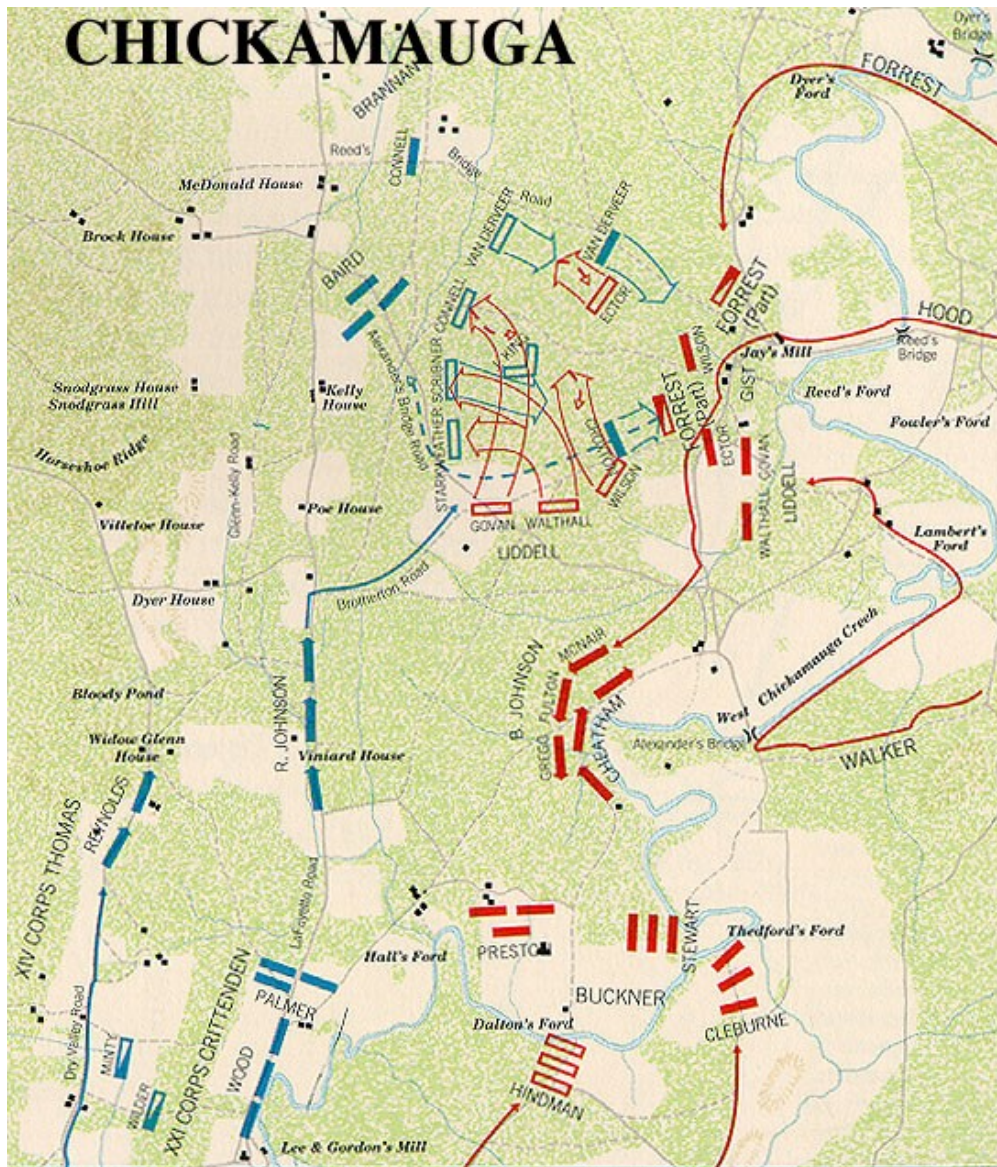
Facebook's Censored Article

The recent neo-Marxist attack upon a veteran's memorial in Chapel Hill, NC is just one more attack upon everything good and decent about America. The South and especially our Confederate Veterans are hated by the lovers of big government because the South has always stood for Christian values and small government. Today the neo-Marxist left assaults Confederate Monuments. If these thugs are not stopped, this Marxist rabble intends to topple everything of American value including the Constitution itself. As the newly appointed Chief of Heritage Operations for the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) let me assure you that we are even now in the process of acquiring the tools necessary to take this fight to the enemy. The GEC of the SCV has already given the go-ahead for Cmd. Gramling's Southern Victory Campaign. In the upcoming 'Confederate Veteran' magazine you can read about the plan and how you can be a part of our "Make Dixie Great Again" campaign. "Southrons! Hear your country call you! Up! Lest worse than death befalls you!"

W. D. Kennedy
Chief of Heritage Operations



CHICKAMAUGA



PRELUDE TO THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA

Major General William S. Rosecrans marched his Union Army of the Cumberland out of its defenses at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on June 23, 1863. His objective was Gen. Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee stationed around the Confederate supply base at Tullahoma near Chattanooga, and thence to capture Chattanooga itself. The two commanders had fought each other at the Battle of Stones River, aka the Battle of Murfreesboro, the previous December 31–January 2. In that battle, Bragg had surprised Rosecrans by attacking his right while Rosecrans was deploying troops on his left to attack Bragg's positions across Stones River, but "Old Rosie" had realigned his troops and won the battle. Bragg planned a similar strategy in Georgia.

Adroitly employing deception and maneuver, in three weeks Rosecrans had taken Chattanooga, with the loss of just six men, four of them dying from accidents. It was a campaign of maneuver unsurpassed at any time during the war. Bragg, realizing he had been outflanked, abandoned the rail center of Chattanooga and withdrew into the mountains of North Georgia.

There, he began his own campaign of deception, sending out scouts to be captured with misinformation and spreading tales among the local population that he was in flight, unable to confront his blue-coated foes. In point of fact, he was planning something similar to the surprise flank attack he'd made at Stones River. He was awaiting the arrival of reinforcements, nine brigades from Virginia under the command of Lieutenant

General James Longstreet, and was hoping to draw an overly confident Rosecrans into a trap.

Rosecrans indeed came to the conclusions Bragg wanted and was advancing into Georgia with his army strung out carelessly. That nearly led to disaster at McLemore's Cove ("cove" in this sense means a hollow or valley between hills) where the Confederates attempted to trap two isolated Union divisions. By this time, however, Bragg faced much dissension among his subordinates. For two days they failed to move, and the prey escaped the trap. A second opportunity was lost for similar reasons at nearby Lee and Gordon's Mill. Rosecrans now recognized his danger and began concentrating his army around that mill at a road juncture near the banks of Chickamauga Creek.

THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE PLAN

Though still waiting for the arrival of Longstreet's troops, Bragg attempted to outflank Rosecrans' left to the north and interpose his army between the Federals and their supply base at Chattanooga. He planned to strike on September 18; that day the first of Longstreet's reinforcements arrived.

He sent Ohio-born brigadier general Bushrod Johnson's division and Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's hard-charging cavalry, supported by Maj. Gen. William H. T. Walker's corps, to cross the Chickamauga at Reed's and Alexander's bridges, which Bragg incorrectly believed would put him north of Rosecrans' position. Striking that left flank, the Confederates would roll up the Union line, force it back into McLemore's Cove, and destroy those who did not surrender. Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's corps would cross at Thedford's Ford, south of the bridges, Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk would assail the enemy around Lee and Gordon's Mill, and Lt. Gen. Daniel Harvey Hill, still farther south, would be held in reserve near Glass Mill. In essence, it was a replay of his attempt to outflank and surprise Rosecrans outside Murfreesboro the previous New Year's Eve, when he had hoped to drive the Federals into Stones River.

Skirmishing began around 7:30 a.m., but Bushrod Johnson did not get his troops across until 4:30 that afternoon. Walker ran into Colonel John Wilder's "Lightning Brigade" of Indiana mounted infantry. Armed with the Spencer repeating carbines they had used so effectively at Hoover's Gap, Tennessee, to open Rosecrans' Tullahoma Campaign and supported by Colonel Eli Lilly's battery, Wilder's men delayed that part of the Confederate advance for five hours. (Lilly would go on to found a major pharmaceutical company after the war.)

During the night both sides prepared for the full-scale battle they knew tomorrow would bring. The Federals were drawn up in line along the LaFayette-Chatanooga Road, approximately parallel to and west of meandering Chickamauga Creek.

THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA BEGINS IN EARNEST

After the previous day's skirmishing, one of Rosecrans' corps commanders, Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas opened the fighting on September 19. He'd heard about an isolated Confederate brigade and sent Brig. Gen. John M. Brannan's division to deal with it. Instead of an isolated brigade, Brannan ran into Forrest's cavalry and a division commanded by Brig. Gen. States Rights Gist—"States Rights" was the name he'd been given at birth—of Walker's corps at Jay's Mill near the two armies' northern flanks. What followed was the beginning of the intense, close-quarters, charge-and-countercharge fighting that would mark the Battle of Chickamauga. By midafternoon, the Federals on this part of the field had been pushed back almost to the LaFayette-Chattanooga Road. Just to the south of where this fighting was taking place and on the west side of the LaFayette-Chattanooga Road lay the division of Brig. Gen. Horatio Van Cleve, currently the oldest brigadier in the Union army. Around 2:30, Confederate major general Alexander P. Stewart slammed into Van Cleve's men with his division, disordering the Federals and forcing them back. Stewart's breakthrough was halted by the divisions of Maj. Gen. James Negley and Brig. Gen. Joseph Jones Reynolds that were hurrying north to rejoin their comrades in Thomas' command. The newcomers wheeled from column to line formation and hit Stewart from the south at about the same time Brannan's battered division, sent by Thomas to stabilize the Union center, struck from the north. Stewart's men fell back to about 100 yards east of the road and took up position in the thick woods.

Hearing this fighting just to the right of his position, Maj. Gen. John Bell Hood, recently arrived from the East with the leading elements of Longstreet's force, sent his men forward on his own initiative. Hood's six veteran brigades slammed into and overlapped three brigades of Brig. Gen. Jefferson C. Davis (a most unfortunate name for a Union general) and quickly drove them westward. As if on cue, another Federal division, under Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Wood, came tramping up from the south, turning Hood's flank. Davis rallied his men back into the fight as another blue division, that of Maj. Gen. Phillip Sheridan, arrived. Adding to the Federal numbers, Wilder's Lightning Brigade arrived with their rapid-fire carbines, and Hood's men were driven back into the woods east of the road.

As the sun set, fighting renewed on the northern flank. Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne had marched his division behind the rest of the Confederate line, crossed Chickamauga Creek, and broke out of the shadows of the woods to fall upon Thomas' beleaguered Northerners. Despite heavy fire by Cleburne's men, the Federals traded space for time, gradually receding until full darkness ended the day's fighting.

An unusually cold night for mid-September added to the distress of wounded and unwounded alike. The Confederates at least had the water of Chickamauga Creek to drink. Other than Crawfish Springs well to the south of most of their line, Union troops had precious little from which to refill their canteens. At a council of war, Thomas repeatedly urged Rosecrans to reinforce the left, deducing correctly that Bragg would continue to try to turn the Union's northern flank.

That night, Longstreet himself arrived and wakened Bragg, who assigned him command of the army's left wing although "Old Pete" had yet to see the battlefield in daylight. In the tangled woods where much of the fighting was taking place, there was little to see anyway.

September 20: Longstreet Breaks the Union Line

Bragg had ordered Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk, commander of the right wing, "to assail the enemy on our extreme right" at dawn, but by 8:00, two hours past sunup, not a shot had been fired. One corps commander, Harvey Hill, said he had been unable to find either Bragg or Polk in the dark of the previous night and had no idea he was supposed to be attacking. Cleburne and Breckinridge were not in attack position; in fact, their men were just being fed. Meanwhile, the Federals worked to improve the hasty works and abatis they had constructed during the night. Not until 9:30 did Breckinridge, followed by Cleburne, move out to the attack on the northern flank.

One of Breckinridge's brigades found themselves standing in open fields trading shots with Federals who were safely behind breastworks constructed during the night, but the other two attacked north of the breastworks. In a repeat of much of the previous day's actions, they drove back the Federals in front of them, only to be repelled by two recently arrived brigades. Bragg had ordered a series of rolling assaults, beginning in the north and working southward along the Union line. He had no reserves to aid Breckinridge. Even Forrest's cavalry were fighting dismounted as part of the attack line.

For the Federals' part, they fired from behind their breastworks, wreaking fearful damage upon their attackers. Three Confederate brigadier generals fell mortally wounded in the space of just one hour. Among them was Benjamin Hardin Helm, son of the Governor of Kentucky and the husband of Emilie (Emily) Todd Helm, half-sister to Abraham Lincoln's wife Mary. Lincoln took the news of his death hard and gave Emilie and one of her daughters refuge in the White House for a few weeks in November and December, although she refused to take a loyalty oath.

On the Federal side, Rosecrans was constantly moving brigades and divisions north to reinforce Thomas. One of Thomas' couriers, who had failed to see Brannan's division where it was deployed in woods, informed Rosecrans there was a gap in the line. "Old Rosie" sent orders to Wood to move his division into the non-existent gap.

Earlier that morning, Wood had been upbraided in front of his staff by Rosecrans for not moving swiftly enough. When he received this new order around 11:00 a.m., he promptly moved his men north—creating an actual gap a quarter-mile wide near the center of the Union line, where none had existed. Shortly thereafter, it was Longstreet's turn to advance in Bragg's rolling plan of attack. The divisions that had been placed under him moved into the hole where Wood's men had been.

Bushrod Johnson was leading one of those divisions. It sliced through the opening in the Union line, disordering the bluecoats and scattering them left and right. The southern flank of Rosecrans' line broke for the rear. The onrushing Confederates overran Rosecrans' headquarters at the Widow Glenn's home, but he was out riding his line. They rolled onward in a whooping, cheering wave until that wave broke against the slopes of Snodgrass Hill.

SNODGRASS HILL AND THE ROCK OF CHICKAMAUGA

Two-thirds of the Union army was in full flight, westward and then north to Chattanooga. Rosecrans galloped with them, trying to halt the rout, he later averred. A golden opportunity had fallen into Confederate hands: they could follow up the fleeing men and bag most of the Army of the Cumberland while it was too disorganized to fight.

Standing in the way of that opportunity was an ad hoc force gathered by Thomas atop an elevation known as Snodgrass Hill. Reinforced by the arrival of Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and Brig. Gen. James Steedman, one of the division commanders in Granger's reserve corps, Thomas' men withstood assaults by Longstreet's troops throughout the afternoon, repulsing each near-breakthrough. Under cover of darkness, the defenders were able to withdraw from their exhausted opponents and work their way back to Chattanooga. Repeating rifles and carbines in the hands of some of the troops played a role in Thomas' successful stand.

A Virginian who had chosen to fight for the North, Thomas would ever after be known as the "Rock of Chickamauga." When Rosecrans was relieved of command the following month and sent to the Department of Missouri, Thomas succeeded him as commander of the Army of the Cumberland. In December 1864, he would use that army to smash John Bell Hood's Army of Tennessee in the Battle of Nashville. Bragg had not won in the manner he had expected to and failed to grasp the near-completeness of his victory. His army occupied the heights overlooking Chattanooga but never attempted to attack the town while the Federals were still disorganized and demoralized. In November, newly arrived Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant would break the siege and then rout the Confederates.

The fighting at Chickamauga was among the most confused and close-quarters battles of the war, thanks to the thick woods and constant shifting of troops. Of the 16,200 Union casualties at Chickamauga, nearly 4,800 were missing in action, compared to less than 1,500 of the Confederates' 18,500 casualties.

Banner image *Battle of Chickamauga*, created by Kurz and Allison, Library of Congress.

7 Arrested as Protests Converge Over Toppled 'Silent Sam' Confederate Statue on UNC Campus

Supporters and opponents of the recent toppling of a Confederate monument in North Carolina turned out in Chapel Hill on Saturday to assert their stances. Seven arrests were made in connection to a gathering on McCorkle Place, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill media relations office said.

"Three arrests were for assault, the fourth for destruction of property and the fifth arrest for resisting an officer. The sixth arrest was for assault, destruction of property and inciting a riot. We are awaiting information on charges for the seventh arrest," the school said. The rival rallies came after 250 protesters knocked over the University of North Carolina's controversial "Silent Sam" Confederate statue at the school on Monday night.

On Saturday people congregated at and near the spot where the statue was torn down, news footage showed. Police were on the scene in numbers as people held banners, chanted and marched. Confederate flags could be seen.

[CNN affiliate WTVD](#) reported a barricade has been placed around the statue site. Protesters chanted "Hey hey ho ho, white supremacy has got to go."

Citing the volatile mood on the campus, the University of North Carolina on Friday urged people not to participate in the event.

"We do not know for sure what groups may attend, but we are mindful that the current atmosphere is highly charged, and protests that begin peacefully do not always remain that way," the university said in a statement Friday.



"For this reason, we urge you not to attend. For those who do attend, please know that we will do all we can to protect and keep everyone safe."

The school also said it learned that students and others have received threats in the wake of the toppling of the statue. It didn't elaborate on the nature of the threats.

The university said it was working with Chapel Hill officials and law enforcement. It said streets might be shut down and traffic rerouted.

Three people have been charged with misdemeanors in connection with the toppling of the statue.

The suspects, none of whom are affiliated with the school, face charges of [misdemeanor riot](#) and misdemeanor [defacing a public monument](#), according to CNN local affiliates. The



people haven't been arrested and were not identified by the affiliates.

Thom Goolsby, a member of the UNC Board of Governors, said on Twitter that "Silent Sam" will be reinstalled in three months time "as required by state law."

The statue is the latest among several Confederate monuments to be removed, as communities continue to deal with the legacy of a contentious chapter in American history.

Silent Sam was not the first Confederate monument to come down in North Carolina. In August 2017, authorities said seven people were arrested in connection with the [toppling of the Confederate Soldiers Monument](#) during a protest in Durham.

The monument came down two days after the [Unite the Right Rally](#) in Charlottesville, Virginia, that left counterprotester [Heather Heyer](#) dead.

Confederate Officers

Most of the Southern states had a strong, cherished, tradition of military service that provided the Confederate Army with a number of able and enthusiastic officers. Many experienced officers serving with the United States Army resigned when their home state seceded or when the conflict actually began. Over 300 actually resigned their United States commissions to serve the

Confederacy. Existing militia units also provided the South with trained officers, while a number of eager young volunteer officers proved themselves on the field of battle. Throughout the war, dedicated officers in gray fought, and often died, for their beliefs in Southern rights.



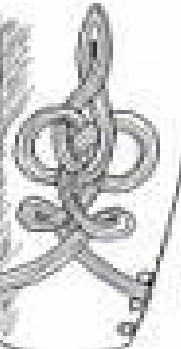
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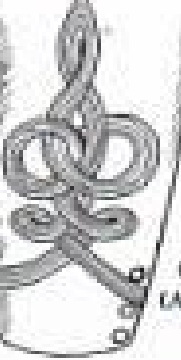
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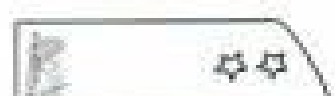
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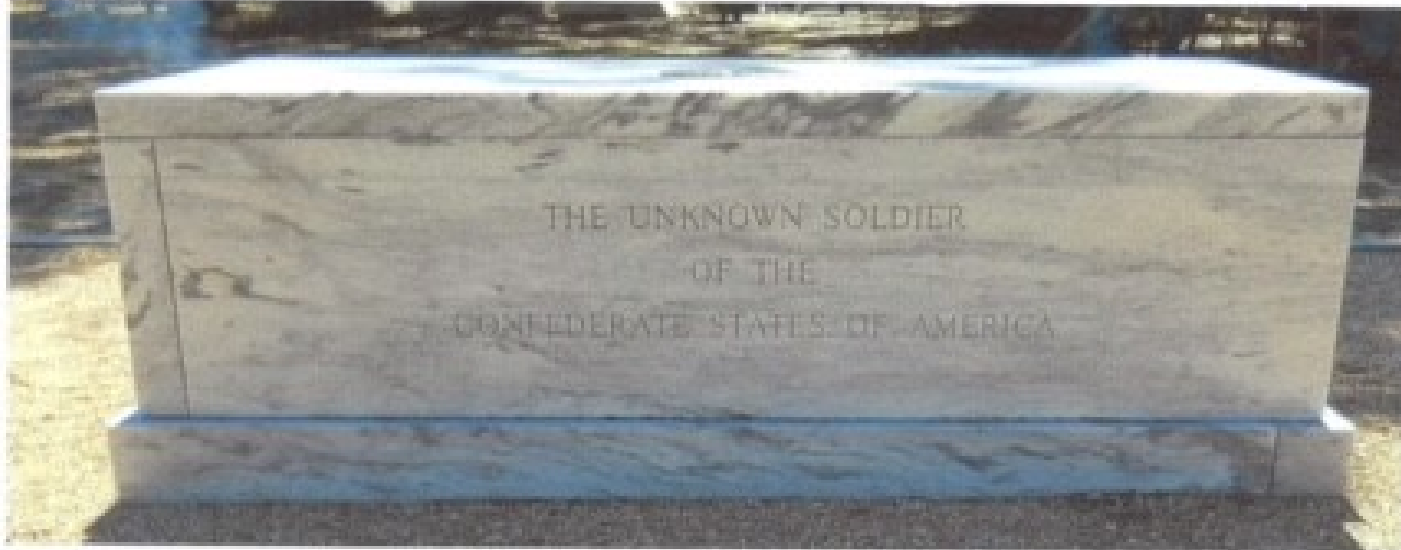
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