

Those of you who follow this page are probably not very surprised by what has recently happened in Charlottesville, Virginia. I know that I was not.

I want to be very clear about this. As the Commander of the Colorado Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans I strongly condemn what has occurred. I condemn the actions of these self-styled “Nazis” who, I feel confident, know remarkable little about the National SOCIALIST German Workers Party. The SCV makes our position very clear when it comes to people of that ilk: “The SCV is a strictly patriotic, historical, educational, fraternal, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian organization”, as stated in our Constitution. “It neither embraces, nor espouses acts or ideologies of racial and religious bigotry, and further, condemns the misuse of its symbols and flags in the conduct of same.” We, as an organization, have no tolerance for people like this, and when they are discovered in our ranks they are promptly shown the door, and their membership is revoked.

For some reason these “Nazis” thought that they were honoring the memory of a great man by having a 1930’s style torchlight rally and a show of force. Nothing could be further from the truth! General Robert E. Lee was an honorable man whose life is honored not only by Southerners, but others like the United States Army! And these “Nazis” have the arrogance to use the flag that my Great Grandfather fought under – the battle flag of the Army of Tennessee (incorrectly called the “Confederate Flag.”)

It wasn’t the Confederate Army that persecuted Jews during the War, but General U.S. Grant and his Union Army (do a search on Grant’s General Order No. 11. It is what he used to try to expel Jews from his military District in late 1862.) Additionally, the Confederate military was NEVER segregated and had volunteer black units forming as early as 1861; other blacks served with whites as equal Confederate arms-bearing soldiers in the same units. The Union army had no such “liberal” attitude and stayed segregated until the late 1940s. I could go on, but I believe that you get my point. I believe that the “Nazis” are too ignorant to know that they are on the wrong side.

It is disturbing that the opposition to the “Nazis” is only being referred to as “counter-demonstrators” and that, by implication, makes them blameless. Reports show that they went to Charlottesville prepared for battle, and the city government apparently aided and abetted them. Simple steps should have been taken by the city that would have averted violence. Those steps were not taken. They claim to hate Fascism while they use Fascist tactics. They don’t even know what real Fascism is!

As an amateur historian the events of this past weekend reminded me of the street fighting in Germany during the early 1930’s when Communists and Socialists took to the streets to battle the brown-shirted Nazis. We all know how that turned out; all because good people, decent people stayed silent and did nothing.

All of this could have been avoided had the Charlottesville government allowed the monuments to remain unmolested (as President Jefferson Davis said, “We just want to be left alone”), and an education campaign started to teach those who are historically deficient the facts about the War for Southern Independence. But that was not and is not their goal. We are witnessing ethnic cleansing in our own country!

As my college Western Civilization professor would end every class period, “Fight the good fight; ignorance is winning.” How true that is. We must stand firm for what is right. Education is our best weapon.

If you have Confederate ancestry join with us in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. If you do not, join the Friends of the SCV (both men and women are welcome as Friends.) You will receive valuable information on a bi-monthly basis through the Confederate Veteran magazine which you can then use to educate your friends and family of the truth which we hold dear.

Stand with us and fight the good fight!

Commander Don Creamer