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Sons of Confederate Veterans

Colorado Division

Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, October 20, 2018 -- 11:00 am

The Spur of the Moment

8885 So Spruce Mountain Rd. Larkspur ((303) 681-2990)

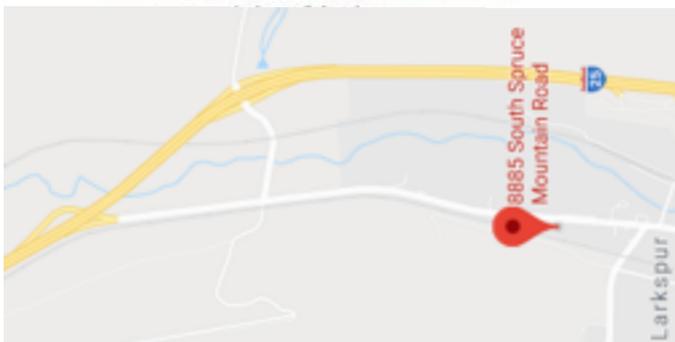


Members Annual Fall Meeting - Oct 20

Every year, members of the Colorado Division of the SCV gather together to plan for the coming year. We have the chance to review our efforts within Colorado, such as the Lee-Jackson Banquet, the Confederate Memorial Day recognition, our Confederate veterans' memorials across the state, education opportunities, and research into the Confederates who called Colorado their home.

Every compatriot and his family, is welcomed to sit in on these discussions. You can add your voice, vote on important issues, and even volunteer for a task in support of your ancestor's heritage.

Join us at 11:00 am in Larkspur at The Spur of the Moment Bar & Grill. We enjoyed their hospitality at our last Confederate Memorial Day event, and they are anxious for the Sons of Confederate Veterans to return.



Attention to Orders: 2018

Oct 2, 1861 John C. Breckinridge escapes to Kentucky to avoid arrest as a traitor.

Oct 16, 5:00 pm [Camp 175 Meeting](#)

[Texas T-bone, N. Academy Blvd. CS](#)

Oct 17, 1859 John Brown breaks into federal armory at Harpers Ferry to steal arms for slaves.

Oct 20 11:00 am Members' Annual Fall Meeting in Larkspur, CO

Oct 22, 1861 Department of Northern Virginia created by CSA

Oct 31, 1861 "Rebel" legislature of Missouri votes to secede and join the Confederacy

Nov 13, 6:00 pm [Camp 676 Meeting](#)

[Bennet's BBQ, Arvada](#)

Nov 20, 5:00 pm [Camp 175 Meeting](#)

[Texas T-bone, N. Academy Blvd. CS](#)

Nov 13, 1864 Sherman's "March to the Sea" begins

Nov 25, 1864 New York City set ablaze

Dec 4, 1863 Lee's Virginia Estate is made a Union Freedman's camp for former slaves

Dec 11, 1863 Pope Pius IX recognizes Jefferson Davis as President of CSA

Dec 17, 1862 Gen Grant issues general Order 11, expelling all Jews from KY, TN, and MS

Dec 18, 5:00 pm [Camp 175 Meeting](#)

[Texas T-bone, N. Academy Blvd. CS](#)

From the Editor,



Not long ago, a loyal Compatriot of the SCV shared his frustration with the lack of hands-on support for “the Charge.”

He had worked up a way to raise money for the many SCV efforts at his camp. All they needed to do was sell a restaurant’s gift card to folks and his Camp would receive a portion of the card’s value.

He had even made it easier by arranging to sell the cards at a local store. All his fellow compatriots had to do, was join him for a Saturday morning, share their commitment to the SCV, and sell a few cards. Any leftover cards would be returned to the restaurant without charge. Simple.

Except for the fact, nobody showed up. He was left holding the cards by himself.

I’d like to suggest that joining the SCV and becoming a part of a local Camp, is not like joining your favorite political party, not like joining AARP, and not like joining your local PBS station.

Take a look at the story in the adjacent column. This is happening all over the nation. We cannot let them win! We must restore our heritage after they attempt to destroy it.

I urge you to spend a few hours at your local cemetery to ensure our hero soldiers are honored. Or maybe volunteer for a fund-raising effort. And certainly, attend our meetings and contribute your ideas and solutions. *Sincerely, Ed*

Confederate graves damaged at North Georgia cemetery

April 30, 2018

By Steve Burns, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution



A reward is being offered after vandals damaged Confederate headstones at a North Georgia cemetery, officials said.

A flagpole also was damaged at the Nathan Anderson Cemetery in Ringgold, according to a report in northwestgeorgianews.com.

An official with the local Sons of Confederate Veterans chapter said he told police about the damage, according to the report. Authorities said the incident happened overnight April 21-22.

"They messed up the Confederate flagpole," Ronald Eslinger said. "Somebody come up there and tore the latch off the pole and stole the flag.

"They broke monuments, turned over some stuff, and stole stick flags from graves. Around the flagpole is where they did all the damage."

Two gravestones were broken and others were kicked over, according to police reports.

"It takes a sorry person to desecrate a grave."

Ringgold Police Chief Dan Bilbrey declined to discuss the incident Monday with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The original portion of the cemetery was dedicated in 1842, according to website information. Cherokees, slaves and Confederate soldiers who lived in Ringgold or died in nearby battles or Civil War hospitals are among those buried there.

Erasing history in American South

Under cover of darkness and with construction crews wearing masks, they drove Old Dixie down in New Orleans.



A statue of Confederate States of America President Jefferson Davis was removed from its podium early Thursday morning, one of four Confederate memorials Democratic Mayor Mitch Landrieu has vowed to banish from the city in the name of “diversity, inclusion and tolerance” in the crime-ridden Louisiana city.

Though the removal of the statue was greeted with a cheer, The Lost Cause was not without its supporters, many of whom waved Confederate battle flags and called for the mayor to be imprisoned.

David Barton, a historian and author of “The Jefferson Lies,” said the crusade against Confederate monuments is simply an attempt by the left to erase history. He said even monuments that some might think are offensive can be used for a good purpose.

“Confederate Memorials would not need to be taken down if we still truly taught American history,” he told WND. “I can stand below the statue of Jefferson Davis, and although there were many good things that he did do, particularly before he joined the Confederacy, I can make his statue a positive helpful lesson by telling what we can learn from his life, including the bad that he did.

“I could explain the devastation, humiliation and tyranny that results from him having a philosophy that sees people not as individuals but only as part of groups, and that tries to interpret the Constitution apart from the values of the Declaration of Independence. Of course, progressives, liberals and the courts are doing that now! I wonder where that will lead? History clearly tells us – if only we still knew that history.”

Barton also believes the Democrats cheering the statues being taken down would be shocked if they knew the history of their own party.

“The city plans to pull down four statues, those of Jefferson Davis, PGT Beauregard, the Crescent City White League and Robert E. Lee,” he noted. “I hope they tell the folks in New Orleans that all of these monuments honor Democrats, and that the Confederacy was led solely by Southern leaders of the Democrat Party. In a Democrat city like New Orleans, I can’t understand why Democrat leaders want old venerated Democrat heroes taken down!”

Scott Greer, author of “No Campus For White Men,” says the answer is obvious. While he agrees with Barton the destruction of the statues is an attempt by the left to erase history, he argues what is happening has nothing to do with political parties but is something more primal.

“It’s an attempt to wipe out any pride Southerners should have in their heritage,” said Greer. “It’s the same kind of process we see on college campuses, where anything white people did in the past tends to be demonized. The left is driven by a desire to interpret all of history through the eyes of 21st century progressive dogma. In their eyes, everything about the American past is bad and shameful and must be driven into the dirt.”

Barton agrees the intolerant atmosphere on leftist dominated college campuses has spread to the larger society. He believes the left’s militancy will eventually backfire.

“We have created a snowflake environment that demands safe spaces for things that challenge the politically correct bias of the month,” he said.

“Soon we’ll have to take down Susan B. Anthony statues because even though she fought for women’s suffrage, she was openly pro-life; and, in today’s women’s movement, no one can be a true woman unless she supports Planned Parenthood and abortion. And of course Harriet Tubman statues will be taken down, for even though she was a leading conductor on the Underground Railroad bringing slaves to freedom, she was also a huge advocate for the right to keep and bear arms. For modern civil rights advocates, guns are anathema, and no true civil rights advocate can be for guns!

“We no longer look at heroes as people or as complex individuals; rather we now judge them solely by one issue, whatever that issue happens to be at the time. We are creating a culture where we believe we have a right not to be offended or even have our misconceptions challenged; and we’re willing to use coercion to keep ‘me’ from being offended, even if that offends ‘you.’ What offends us now is so routinely redefined that probably no statue now will survive more than a generation before it becomes offensive to someone who will demand its removal.”

Barton is no fan of the Confederacy or of certain American leaders such as Andrew Jackson, whom he faulted for being “pro-slavery” and “forcibly taking American lands.” But Barton believes statues should remain to teach students about the American past. He also believes American Founding Fathers such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson can be defended because their work ultimately led to the abolition of slavery.

“Washington and Jefferson both owned slaves, but their state laws made it difficult if not impossible for them to free all their slaves,” said Barton. “Yet there were few Virginia voices more anti-slavery than those two. Both worked to advance abolition laws in their state and both signed federal anti-slavery laws. There is a reason that black civil rights leaders for generations praised both Washington and Jefferson.”

But Greer believes conservatives are underestimating the ferocity of what they are facing.

“Too many conservatives think they will be able to draw this distinction between figures such as Robert E. Lee, or Andrew Jackson or George Washington,” he said. “But to the left, there is no distinction between any of these figures, any of these dead white men they so hate. Conservatives cannot support taking down Confederate monuments and think somehow the statues and monuments to the slave-owning Founding Fathers will still remain up. Nor will it stop there. The anti-Confederate push will eventually swell to consume all of American history. Look what’s happening on college campuses.”

Indeed, Malcolm Suber, an organizer of one of the groups agitating to take down the statues, the Take ‘Em Down NOLA Coalition, is a professor of political science at a historically black college and

was casually identified by the New York Times as “an avowed Marxist-Leninist.”

Suber has previously been a part of activist efforts that successfully renamed a school that originally honored George Washington. He also told the Times he wanted to see the statue of Washington by the New Orleans Public Library be taken down.

Greer pointed out reports the statue dedicated to Joan of Arc had been recently defaced by unknown protesters, though it would be hard to blame Joan of Arc for slavery. He also noted Lee Circle, now being targeted for removal, had been vandalized soon after President Donald Trump’s election by spray-painted slogans including “die whites die” and “black power.”

Furthermore, said Greer, monuments and statues to Thomas Jefferson are also habitually attacked, even at his own alma mater. After Confederate monuments are removed nationwide, suggested Greer, it seems likely Jefferson is next.

“It’s not about politics or ‘limited government’ or Republicans versus Democrats,” said Greer. “Just listen to the words of those agitating for this. They always want more and they aren’t going to stop with the Confederate flag. They aren’t going to stop with George Washington or Thomas Jefferson either. They want to take away our entire history. And unless conservatives stop apologizing and actually start pushing back, they’re probably going to win. The whole country will look like one far-left college campus.”





Compatriots, Friends, and Associates,

On Sunday the 23rd we had 4 Compatriots come out to Riverside to do additional clean-up at our memorial and the graves around the cemetery. Thanks to Roy for his preliminary work, our mystery person who pulled weeds, and Bob, Tom, John , and myself for the Sunday visit.

Everything looks great, the flag is still full color after 3 months flying. Of great note are 3 additional graves now marked in the cemetery, so we are up from the 9 reflected on the map. We'll need to update the map, one grave has a VA stone, the other two are family stones with a small CSA Bronze Marker placed beside the stones.

(Gary, we fixed the large 4x6 US flag in the GAR section as it was only hanging by the bottom grommet. It is temporarily fixed and flying right side up, but you'll need to repair the clip on the rope. In addition the site could use a massive landscape clean-up as it is very weed infested over the brickwork. FYI, with the new light rail line your site is going to get seen by thousands of commuters every day once the line opens so visual impact might be more important than before.

While we fixed the flag we felt it should be the SUV that tackles the site clean-up.)

We are happy to report the main entrance to the cemetery is open again, and no signs of vandalism at all on our site. Even the homeless camp to the west has been totally removed and cleaned up. The Confederate Memorial looks refreshed and we think the current flag should last through the end of the year at least. Camp 676 has purchased 3 additional outdoor nylon, 13-star 1st National flags, so we should be good on flags for the next year or so. We may go back out in the near future and place new small flags at the 12 graves. Looks like most of the graveside flags (including US) have been lost or run over by mowers. No CS flags found at all so the couple I saw in July were stolen or blew away it appear.

Thanks to everyone for your support and we still encourage anyone driving by I-70/Brighton Road or I-25/58th Ave to take an extra 15 minutes and make a drive through Riverside Cemetery to pay respects to our Veterans.

Most Sincerely,

Patrick Gerity





Was Santa Clause a Yankee?

During the American Civil War, Southern children were fed excuses for Santa's absence on Christmas, one excuse was that a Yankee had shot him

Christmas wasn't an official holiday until President Ulysses S. Grant proclaimed it in 1870, attempting to unite the north and the south. During the Civil War, Christmas was celebrated in both the United States and the Confederate States of America.

By the time the American Civil War began, the whole concept of Christmas and the majority of our present-day Christmas customs and traditions were already established, including decorating Christmas trees, giving gifts and anticipating the arrival of the Saint Nicholas.

During this period of the American history, when the country was divided by conflicting ideologies, Christmas was an especially difficult time for soldiers and maybe even more difficult for their families left at home.

During the Civil War soldiers celebrated Christmas erecting small evergreen trees decorating them with hard-tack and salt-pork and singing carols. Some of them would dress their horses up like reindeer by attaching branches to their headgear.

During the Civil War, Christmas was altered for children since presents were seldom, especially in the devastated South. At that time gifts were more necessity than luxury so the children would usually get homemade gifts, small hand-carved toys, cakes, oranges or apples.

Sweet Potato Pudding was a regular component of a Southerner's meal. The recipe was simple and called for eggs, milk, and sugar (or more likely sorghum, a common food substitute, since sugar was a commodity that was unavailable by late 1861). When eggs and milk were unavailable, the water that the sweet potatoes were boiled in was used. The sweet potatoes were boiled until mushy, and then mixed with eggs, milk, and sugar (or whatever was available). The mashed mixture was put into a shallow baking dish, or a Johnny Reb's trusty skillet, and baked until the mixture was "set" in a pudding-like consistency.

Southern parents warned their children that Santa might not make it through the blockade. Many Southern children were told that "Santa was a Yankee" so Confederate pickets would not let Santa through. Excuses for the lack of Santa went so far that even included Yankees who had shot him.

Although many of the Christmas traditions had been established before the Civil War, during the Civil War, Christmas traditions were changed for countless children and parents.

