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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



“...I would sooner die a thousand deaths before I would betray a friend or be false to duty.”

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Calendar

July 8th– Camp Meeting @
McAllister’s Deli / 7PM

July 21-24th– 115th SCV Na-
tional Reunion @ Anderson ,
S.C.

August 13-14th– Southern Heri-
tage Conference, @ Laurel

Attention!!!

* We will meet at the McAllister’s Deli in Biloxi once again this *
 * month. McAllister’s is on the North/West Corner of Pop’s Ferry and *
 * Pass Roads. *
 * We will meet at 7pm on July 9th. *
 * Hope to see you there! *

Commander’s Comments

Compatriot,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to report that the Cadet Camp was a great success! This Camp was another “first-time” since Katrina event and would not have returned without the complete and unselfish support of the Sam Davis Camp # 596. Men, you can be very proud of the steps that this camp makes at every opportunity laid before us. I would like to also thank our compatriots and friends, Terry Bailey, Stephen Ellis, Donnis & Priscilla Davis, Larry Denny, Curtis Makamson and Claude Tuberville for participating as guest speakers. The kids really enjoyed them!

We should begin receiving our dues notification shortly, please return your dues as soon as possible. Remember, in 1861 our ancestors used Minnie balls to defend our heritage and now we use money as our ammunition.

Also, please remember that Camp elections will be held in November. The camp needs officers to continue to preserve our Heritage. If you are interested let me know.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Deo Vindice!

SHOWING THE COLORS!



U.S. Marine hoists Confederate flag during World War II (photo: [WWII in Color](#))

NEW YORK CANCELS HISTORY

And we Yankees all chuckled when the Texas State Board of Education dictated that social studies teachers had to present an even more right-wing version of the past. Now the New York State Board of Regents, the governing body that oversees education in the state, has done Texas one better (or worse) and canceled the teaching of history in grades K-8.

Oh, yes, history will still nominally be part of the curriculum, but student knowledge of history and their use of analytical skills and historical reasoning will no longer be assessed, so teachers and principals hard-pressed to raise test scores and earn bonuses can now concentrate on the rote learning of math and reading skills - the hell with content, context, and citizenship.

Texas schoolchildren may be required to learn that the words "separation of church and state" aren't in the Constitution and evaluate whether the United Nations undermines U.S. sovereignty, but they will be ahead of New York State children who will never hear about either the Constitution or the United Nations.

The New York State Board of Regents blamed the elimination of the 5th and 8th grade social studies assessments on budget cuts, inflation, the increased cost of testing vendor contracts, and the need for more test security. But the real reason for the elimination of history in the classroom is the pressure to achieve No Child Left Behind standards and participate in President Obama's Race to the Bottom. The No Child Left Behind act requires that the State Education Department develop and administer tests in English language arts and mathematics for grades 3-8 and grades 4 and 8 science tests. The grades 5 and 8 social studies tests are not required by either federal program, so history was abandoned.

In the name of cost cutting and lower standards to reach federal norms, New York State will also eliminate a number of foreign language exams for students with limited English proficiency and January and August exams for students who need to retake them to qualify for diplomas.

> Alan Singer, Huffington Post



2010 Cadets being addressed by Member Cadet Camp staff.



Compatriots Stephen Ellis and Terry Bailey give the cadets a taste of History ranging from flags, Christianity, the CSA Marines and "Matilda" the mortar.

The boys sure enjoyed the BANG!

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We Were Right and Have Not Changed Our Minds:

"We were outnumbered by over 2-1/4 millions. To put it another way they had 4-2/3 men to our one. Of the millions against us were 494,000 men were foreigners. This number only fell short of our entire number 110,000, and was more than made up by the 186,017 colored soldiers enlisted in the Federal army.

So my comrades, it will be seen that we were outnumbered by foreign and colored soldiers, and had to contend against a surplus of 2,203,215 loyal patriotic soldiers of our own country. New York, Iowa and Connecticut furnished more men than were in our entire army. They had an army, a navy and ordinance to begin with, while we had neither. They had money and credit abroad, but we had none. And yet, in spite of all these things, it took four long years for the North to overpower the brave South.

History presents no grander page than written by the Confederate soldier. We have the right to point our children and the young people of today to the sanguinary conflict which we have passed through, and teach them that their fathers were not traitors, but brave patriotic soldiers.

The Confederate went to battle at the call of his State; he recognized its authority as supreme. We believed we were right and have not changed our minds, you believed you were right, and are of the same opinion still. We cannot agree on this question, but since the close of the war the Confederate soldier has been true to that starry flag, and is ready to follow it with the same patriotic heroism which he followed that one with its stars and bars, which flag was ours. We stained it with our blood, we upheld it as long as we could; we love it yet (and) we love the memories that cluster around it..."

Hon. A.G. Hawkins of Huntington, Tennessee, October, 1895 Confederate Veteran, page 313.



Our Cadets learning what it takes to load an artillery piece.

Confederate general in bronze missing since 1975

The Associated Press

MIDLAND, Texas — Robert E. Lee went missing from in front of his namesake high school in Midland 35 years ago, but at least one former student hopes he'll return.

A bronze statue of the Confederate general was taken from the grounds of Midland Lee High in 1975, a decade after the class of 1965 gave the statue to the school.

With Midland Lee's 50th anniversary approaching later this year, an event organizer hopes someone will return the statue. Maridell Fryar told the Odessa American that no one would be prosecuted; the statute of limitations on the theft has run out.

She says the statue swiping may have started a prank. She hoping someone from the West Texas community will offer information that might recover the stolen Lee in time for the anniversary celebrations.

Notable Quotes

"To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." --- Thomas Jefferson

SC Confederate museum sees budget slashed

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A 114-year-old museum dedicated to South Carolina's military past may be running out of time.

WIS-TV reports that the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum lost \$765,000 to state budget cuts this week. That's virtually the entire operating budget. Executive Director Allen Roberson says he's trying to work out some way to stay open with the state Budget and Control Board, which funds the museum.

Roberson says the cut comes after eight straight years of growing attendance.

The museum was founded in 1896. It contains artifacts from South Carolina's role in every military conflict since the American Revolution.

Confederates honored at Rose Hill Cemetery

By Byron Wilkes, The Meridian Star, Miss.

June 28--MERIDIAN -- In the sweltering Mississippi heat, a group of more than 100 from Texas, Mississippi and Alabama gathered Sunday afternoon to see the unveiling of a new monument in Rose Hill Cemetery. The monument serves to honor the memory of five Confederate veterans buried in the cemetery, all of whom are from Texas.

Women wearing their Sunday's finest and [elegant](#) hats dotted the audience, as did many umbrellas. These women comprise the Texas division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

"The men did not have a marker of any kind and their names were just merely on a sign," said Shirley Woodlock, president of the UDC Texas division. "When I found out there was no marker, then my chapter raised the money by [selling](#) (pins)."

The chapter raised \$1,500 by selling the pins, then purchased the monument for the mound.

Woodlock has been a member of the UDC since 1996, explaining she joined the group because it's "part of my heritage, and I love it." She learned about the group of 148 Confederate soldiers buried in Rose Hill Cemetery while researching a military service award for a man who is also the descendant of a Confederate veteran.

That man is Gary Rozzell of Mineral Wells, Texas. As it turned out, his great-great-great-grandfather, Archibald Skinner, is one of the soldiers buried in the cemetery.

"Personally I think it's pretty neat," said Rozzell, who has been a historical re-enactor for more than 20 years.

"We remember them on the battlefield when we're doing living history, but it's really nice to know people do remember them in genuine, loving memory of them."

The Alabama Rifles (comprising re-enactors from Alabama and Mississippi), donned Confederate soldier fatigues and assumed the role of color guard and gave a rifle salute for the ceremony.

Ward 3 Meridian City Councilwoman Barbara Henson served as acting mayor while Mayor Cheri Barry was in Washington, D.C., and other city officials were out of town. Henson announced that June 27 would be remembered as United Daughters of the Confederacy Day in Meridian for years to come.

"It's an important part of our history with most of our ancestors," Henson said.

Several groups besides the UDC attended the event, including Sons of Confederate Veterans, Descendants of Confederate Veterans, the Meridian-based Major Constantine Rea Historical Society and others.

"We need to remember our heroes because these [men](#) left home (and) many of them never came back," said Ward Calhoun Jr., records manager for the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History. "They're buried in mounds, and in the woods, and who knows where."

After unveiling the monument, members of the UDC Texas division poured soil from their native state on it, giving the soldiers beneath a little piece of home. As was said during the roll [call](#) of the buried soldiers, "They are gone but shall not be forgotten."

Judge awards possession of Civil War painting to former Foley mayor

[Guy Busby Press-Register](#)

FOLEY, Ala. -- A judge's decision June 11 quietly ended a long-running fight here among former and current city officials over a painting of the biggest naval battle of a war that pitted neighbor against neighbor.

Baldwin County Circuit Court Judge Charles Partin ruled that former Mayor Arthur Holk loaned -- but did not give -- the 1941 painting of the Battle of Mobile Bay to the city.

The painting, created by John McCrady for the Grand Hotel at Point Clear, was appraised at \$200,000 in 2008 by New Orleans art dealers. "I said all along that I'd never given up ownership," Holk said. "I hated to take the stand that I did, but when they said they were going to sell it, I had to do something."

Now, Holk said, "I'd like to put it where people can see it, but I'm not sure where that could be." Foley Mayor John Koniar said that after learning of Partin's ruling, city officials canceled the insurance policy on the painting and municipal crews delivered it to Holk.

"We're not going to appeal," Koniar said. "We're not going to spend any more money on it."

Holk, who was mayor from 1976 until 1996, acquired the painting in the 1980s. The Grand Hotel's new owners were remodeling and had taken down the framed picture, which is about 7 feet long, from the Bird Cage Lounge, he said.

"I'd seen it there and when my wife and I went by, we noticed it was gone," Holk said. "I asked what had happened to it and the manager said he'd been told to get rid of it. He asked if I wanted it and I said I did. I went over the next day and got it."

At that time, Foley had remodeled the library but had no money left to decorate it. Holk said he loaned the painting to the library.

The painting hung in the library for about 10 years, until 1998, when it was moved to the Foley Senior Center.

After Hurricane Ivan damaged the Senior Center in 2004, the painting was taken out and eventually placed in the break room of the Foley Public Works Department, according to court testimony. The artwork had hung in the conference room of Foley City Hall from 2008 until the ruling.

In his ruling, Partin wrote, "It appears to the court that neither party was particularly interested in the painting other than as decoration until people began making inquiries about buying the painting and it was determined that it had a value of \$200,000 or more."

Judge cont'd

In 2008, City Council members said a \$200,000 painting would cost \$3,600 a year to insure. Rather than spend city funds on insurance, the council voted to sell the work and devote the proceeds to municipal projects."

The painting was commissioned in the 1930s by Capt. Edward A. Roberts, the owner of the Grand Hotel at the time. Roberts hired McCrady who was already famous as a Southern artist.

In 1937, Time Magazine described McCrady as "a star risen from the bayous who will do for painting in the South what Faulkner is doing for literature."

Despite the artist's national reputation, Roberts did not hesitate to have McCrady revise his painting, according to a 1947 Press-Register story. When McCrady asked the reason, he was told to do a version in which the Confederates were winning. The painting shows the Union fleet entering Mobile Bay on Aug. 5, 1864, at the moment that the Union ironclad Tecumseh strikes an underwater mine and begins to sink. Also shown are the two lines of Union warships steaming past Fort Morgan and the four ships of the Confederate squadron moving to intercept them.

A total of 18 Union and Confederate ships, along with Southern shore batteries, took part in the battle, which the Confederates lost.



Curtis Makamson gives the boys a great demonstration of the weapons of the war.

You are invited to attend to Celebration of General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Birthday.

The Hattiesburg camp will be hosting this event on July 9th @ 7PM. This is a potluck! Come and Enjoy this Celebration of the birth of one of the South's Greatest General!

Camp Member Military Service Survey

C o m p a t r i o t ' s N a m e

Rank Achieved _____ **Branch of Service** _____

Enlistment/Year _____ **Discharged/Year** _____

I am a Veteran of Wars/Conflicts/Actions; (please list)

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“The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.”- [Psalm 138:8](#)



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