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CAMP MEETING March 14, 2016

Speakers: Bruce Lynch

Topic: Flags of the Confederacy

7:00 p.m. at the at the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center

Don't miss our next meeting!

<u>"CRITICAL THEORY" AND CONFEDERATE</u> HERITAGE

by Al Benson Jr.

There are many who view, with continuing alarm, the blatant and relentless attacks on Confederate and Southern history, heritage and symbols. They can't seem to fathom why this or that group seems to hate Confederate flags, symbols, and heritage so much. They are not "racists" or hate-mongers. All they want is to be able to enjoy their culture and history and they can't figure out why some groups are so opposed to letting them do that.

They fail to recognize that there is a **coordinated rationale** behind all these attacks on the South. It is not just a random "liberal" group here or there that happens to not approve of Confederate symbols locally—in fact *there is nothing random about any of it.* It is all part and parcel of what we know as Marxist **Critical Theory.**

It is a major part of what we refer to as *Cultural Marxism*—and a major part of the Cultural Marxist agenda is the planned cultural destruction of anything even remotely perceived as Christian, Confederate, or Southern.

An article I recently read on http://www.discoverthenetworks.org dealt with this. It noted that Political Correctness, also a major part of Cultural Marxism, is not something to be taken lightly.

Many folks sniff at it and regard it as a minor annoyance. It is much more serious and insidious than that. The article observed that: "...Political Correctness is deadly serious in its aims, seeking to impose a uniformity of thought and behavior on all Americans. It is therefore totalitarian in nature. It's roots lie in a version of Marxism, which sees culture, rather than the economy, as the site of class struggle." These folks have taken Marxism to a new level and we need to be aware of that.

The article noted that Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci and Hungarian Marxist Georg Lukacs were the two that contributed most significantly to Cultural Marxism. Gramsci believed that a "new Communist man" had to be created and it had to be done via a changed culture, and only then would real political revolution be possible. And Lukacs felt that for this new culture to emerge, the old culture had to be destroyed. He said: "I saw the revolutionary destruction of society as the one and only solution to the cultural contradictions of epoch...Such a worldwide overturning of values cannot take place without the annihilation of the old values and the creation of new ones by the revolutionaries." Do you realize that the "old culture" they are working and planning to annihilate is ours? Maybe we should stop and reflect on that for a moment. Many Christians in America will shake their heads and say "well, that will never happen here." I'm sure there were people in Germany and Russia before Hitler and Stalin who thought the same thing. In this country we now have Obama. You think he's not tirelessly working to change the culture-to tear down what we have had in the past and to replace it with "Gay marriage, more illegal immigrants, the replacement of the rule of law with the concept of rule by Executive Decree? Mr. Obama is the living personification of Marxist "Critical Theory" in action.

The Discover the Networks article stated, quite plainly, that: "Critical Theory was essentially destructive criticism of the main elements of Western culture, including Christianity, capitalism, the family...morality, tradition, sexual restraint, loyalty, patriotism,

nationalism, heredity, ethnocentrism,...Critical Theorists recognized that traditional beliefs and existing social structure would have to be destroyed and then replaced with a 'new thinking' that would become as much a part of the elementary consciousness as the old one had been." Ever wonder why "your" public schools do what they do regarding your culture? Look no further than "Critical Theory."

PARKS CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, April 2, will be the National effort put on by the Civil War Trust known as Parks Cleanup Day. Our Camp participated last year in the snow (yes snow) and



cleaned out a ton of brush, trash, and other debris from Fort Germantown, while at the same time a second crew

attacked leaves, limbs, and other debris at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Bartlett where we have kind of "adopted" the Confederate area where 17 Unknown Confederate Soldiers are buried. It was a good time of hard work and good fellowship and we will take it on again this year. Time TBD. Tarry Beasley will head up the Fort Germantown team, and we'll need somebody to lead the Bartlett team since Ken will be at Shiloh for a Living History that day. We need volunteers to turn out at both places. It's a great PR effort to do this, as we always make the paper and get recognition from the City, which is a very valuable partnership for us. So put this on your calendar, more to come later.

BLUFF CITY GRAYS UPDATE

We've rested through Winter Quarters, healed our wounds as best we could, cleaned our weapons and rolled a ton of cartridges and now, with a few new



members, we've cleaned and oiled our weapons and we are ready to, in the words of Gen. Forrest, "have some fun and kill a lot of Yankees". As always, we're still looking for a few

good men. We need you to come and join us! Our orders are in and we will first be on March to Shiloh on Saturday, April 2, as we have heard that Gens. Grant and Sherman have troops in the area who are bent on taking the railroad crossing at Corinth. Under the leadership of

Gen. Johnston, we will stop them cold before they are able to mount their attack. Following that, we have orders to be at the following places:

Shiloh Living History - April 2
Battle of Holly Springs - April 9
Battle of Ft. Pillow - April 16
Battle of Linden - May 14
Battle of Hernando - June 18-19
Battle of Columbus-Belmont - Oct. 8-9
Battle of Farmington - Oct. 22-23
Parker's Crossroad, TN - Nov. 12

DID YOU KNOW???

Beecher Smith

WILLIAM CLARKE QUANTRILL, CONFEDERATE MAN OF MYSTERY (Part 1 of 2)

William Quantrill (1837 – 1865)

In the annals of the Civil War and history of the American West, few individuals have been more steeped in infamy than William Clarke Quantrill. To the victorious Union he was considered an outlaw, murderer, brigand, and traitor. Yet to many who sympathized with the defeated Southern cause, he was a

hero, like Robin Hood or William Tell.



Quantrill was born in Dover, Ohio, the son of Thomas Henry Quantrill and Caroline Cornelia Clarke Quantrill. He was the oldest of twelve children, four of whom died in infancy. His father was a school teacher, and apparently a tyrant in the household. In 1854, his

abusive father died of tuberculosis, leaving the family with a huge financial debt. Quantrill's mother had to turn her home into a boarding house in order to survive. Quantrill helped support the family by working as a schoolteacher but left home a year later and headed to Mendota, Illinois. Here, Quantrill took up a job in the lumberyards, unloading timber from rail cars. One night while working the late shift, he shot a man dead. Authorities briefly arrested Quantrill, who claimed selfdefense. Since there were no evewitnesses and the victim was a stranger who knew no one in town, William was set free. But police strongly urged him to leave Mendota. Ouantrill continued his career as a teacher, moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana in February 1856. And although the district was impressed with Quantrill's teaching abilities, the wages remained meager. Quantrill journeyed back home to Dover that fall, with no more money in his pockets than when he had left. After a knockabout youth, he joined a group of brigands who roamed Missouri and Kansas, kidnapping runaway slaves in exchange for reward money.

His new lifestyle may have been the reason for his change of political views. In February 1860, Quantrill wrote a letter to his mother expressing his views on the anti-slavery supporters. He told her the pro-slavery movement was right and that the hanging of John Brown had been too good for him and that, "the devil has got unlimited sway over this territory, and will hold it until we have a better set of man and society generally." This apparently confirmed his pro-slavery views, and his group became Confederate 'bushwhackers', feared for their guerrilla tactics, which used effective Native American field skills. They eventually included Jesse James, his brother Frank, Cole Younger, William T. ("Bloody Bill") Anderson, and Kit Dalton.

On August 11, 1862, Colonel J.T. Hughes's Confederate including William Quantrill, force, attacked Independence, Missouri at dawn. They drove through the town to the Union Army camp, capturing, killing and scattering the Yankees. During the melee, Colonel Hughes was killed, but the Confederates took Independence which led to a Confederate dominance in the Kansas City area for a short time. Quantrill's role in the capture of Independence led to his being commissioned a captain in the Confederate Army. To his supporters in Missouri, he was a dashing, freespirited hero.

At about the same time, the Union Commander of the Department of Missouri, Major General Henry W. Halleck, ordered that guerrillas such as Quantrill and his men would be treated as robbers and murderers, not normal prisoners of war. Quantrill's tactics became even more aggressive after this proclamation, as he no longer adhered to the principals of accepting enemy surrender.

End of Part 1 of 2

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HERITAGE VIOLATION OF THE MONTH

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - With supporters saying Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith is not the best person to represent Florida, the state Senate on Thursday approved a plan to replace a statue of Smith at the U.S. Capitol.

Senators voted 33-7 on Thursday to approve a bill (SB 310) that would start a process to replace the Smith statue. Each state is allowed two statues in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall, and Florida has long been represented by statues of Smith and John Gorrie, widely considered the father of air conditioning.

Under that process, a committee would recommend three prominent Floridians as potential replacements, and the Legislature would pick one whose statue would be placed in the hall. The bill drew debate Wednesday on the Senate floor, though it passed quietly Thursday. Sponsor John Legg, R-Trinity, recounted taking students to the U.S. Capitol in 1999 and receiving questions about why Smith's statue represented Florida.

"We should find a way to preserve history but yet place someone at the Capitol that may be more reflective of, I believe, the values that we hold dear in this state," Legg said Wednesday. But Sen. Alan Hays, R-Umatilla, questioned the removal of the statue of the Civil War general. "Help me understand how that would not fall in the category of revisionist history," Hays said.

A House version of the bill (HB 141), filed by Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, R-Miami, has also passed the House and this bill is in the hands of Gov. Rick Scott who says he intends to sign it. You can call him at (850) 488-7146.

HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH



The Tennessee
Heritage
Protection Act
of 2016 has
passed both
the House and
the Senate and
is pending
signature by

the Governor. The revised version makes it VERY difficult to remove or rename monuments, parks, streets, or other public areas that are named after military leaders, including Confederate leaders. It also gives us automatic standing in the event we need to file an injunction, TRO, or other legal action against anybody who would threaten our monuments, or other naming issues as we need to take action. Alabama has passed a similar law that is on their Governor's desk, as has Virginia. These are great steps forward, but in

Mississippi, they've pulled out all the stops. Legislation to change the State Flag stalled in committee and died a slow and painful death. Then, Governor Phil Bryant declared the month of April "Confederate History Month". The only other thing they did not accomplish that they wanted to was a bill requiring all public areas in the state to fly the State Flag of 1894. That's getting some things done in government! Huzzah for the Last Color Bearer of the Confederacy, the Great State of Mississippi!

THIS MONTH IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY



March 5 – Confederate Flag Day March 7 – Battle of Pea Ridge, 1862 March 9 – Battle of Monitor and CSS Virginia, 1862 March 11 – Confederate

Constitution Day

March 16 – Territory of Arizona Secedes, 1861 March 17 – Gen. Patrick Cleburne born, 1828 March 22 – Gen. Braxton Bragg born, 1817 March 28 – Gen. Wade Hampton born, 1818

A CONFEDERATE CATACHISM - PART 2 (Continued from the February edition of Traveller) By LYON GARDINER TYLER



6. Did the South fight for slavery or the extension of slavery?

No. For had Lincoln not sent armies to the South, that country would have done no fighting at all.

7. Did the South fight for the overthrow of the United States Government?

No. The South fought to establish its own government. Secession did not destroy the Union, but merely reduced its territorial extent. The United States existed when there were only thirteen states, and it would have existed when there were twenty states left. The charge brought by Lincoln that the aim of the Southerners was to overthrow the government was no more true than if King George III had said that the secession of the American colonies from Great Britain had in view the destruction of the British Government. The government of Great Britain was not destroyed by the success of the American States in 1783. Nor would the government of

the United States have been destroyed if the Southern states had succeeded in repelling the attacks of the North in 1861-1865.

8. What did the South fight for?

IT FOUGHT TO REPEL INVASION AND FOR SELF GOVERNMENT, JUST AS THE FATHERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HAD DONE. Lincoln himself confessed at first that he had no constitutional right to make war against a state, so he resorted to the subterfuge of calling for troops to suppress "combinations" of persons in the Southern States "too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary" processes. It is impossible to understand how the Southern States could have proceeded in a more regular and formal manner than they did to show they acted a states and not as mere "combinations." It shows the lack of principle that characterized Lincoln when later he referred to the Southern States as "insurrectionary States."

9. Did the South in firing on Fort Sumter begin the war?

No. Lincoln began the war by secretly attempting to land troops at Fort Pickens in Florida in violation of a truce existing between the Federals and the Confederates at that place. This was long before Fort Sumter was fired on, and Fort Sumter was fired on only after Lincoln had sent an armed squadron to supply and strengthen that Fort. Even supposing that the action of the Confederates in firing on the Fort was unjustifiable, Lincoln was not bound to treat it as a gauge of battle. He knew that all the Confederates wanted was a fort that commanded the Metropolitan city of Charleston – a fort which had been erected for the defense of that city. He knew that they had no desire to engage in a war with the United States. Not every hostile act justifies war, and in the World War this country submitted to having its flag filled full of holes and scores of its citizens destroyed before it went to war. Lincoln, without any violation of its views of government, had an obvious alternative in putting the question of war up to Congress, where it belonged under the Constitution. But he did not do it and assumed the powers of Congress in making laws and enforcing them as an executive. By his mere authority, he enormously increased the Federal army, blockaded Southern ports, and declared Southern privateersmen to be pirates.

Excerpted from A Confederate Catechism The War of 1861-1865 (1929) About the Author:

Son of President John Tyler and First Lady Julia Gardiner Tyler, born in Virginia Loyd Gardiner Tyler graduated in 1875 at the University of Virginia. From 1888 to 1919, he served as the seventeenth president of the College of William and Mary (W&M).

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14th Tennessee Infantry

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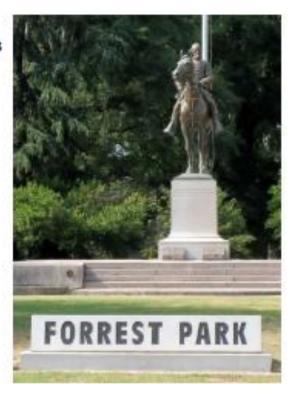
The Confederate Calendar 2016 Event Schedule

A listing of events of interest for Southern Heritage organizations.

Jan.	5 11 12 14 16 18 19 21 21 23 24	Bartlett Germantown Collierville Memphis Rosemark Memphis Memphis Collierville	 Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm UDC Lee-Jackson-Maury Luncheon, Richland Presbyterian Church, 1100 national Robert E. Lee Birthday holiday birthday of General Robert E. Lee birthday of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet, Davies Hillwood Hall, 6pm 51" Tenn Infantry, annual meeting, 2pm
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March	1 1 4 5-6 8 10 14 16 17 27?	Bartlett Memphis Collierville Memphis Germantown Memphis Memphis West Tenn	Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm Confederate Flag Day Chalmers annual Civil War Show & Sale, AgriCenter Arena Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St,7pm Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100 Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm UDC District meeting, Chick CC, 900am
<u>April</u>	1-3 2 3 5 9-10 11 12 14 16 20 21	Shiloh Savannah, TN Cordova Bartlett Holly Springs, MS Germantown Collierville Memphis Ft. Pillow Memphis Memphis	annual battle anniver sary Living History annual "Breakfast with the Generals" Shelby County History Festival, Davies Plantation Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm reenactment Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm reenactment Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100 Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Help Save General Forrest



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The Memphis City Council has passed a resolution to remove the Forrest Equestrian Statue from Forrest Park and to <u>dig up the graves of General Forrest and his wife</u> 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 ?

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

I cannot believe I'm doing this again so soon. Time is going by so quickly. Winter was only a blip on the calendar and all of a sudden we're looking at 12 days from Spring and 73 degrees as I write this. Unbelievable.

Men, it has been an outstanding month for the CSA. We are still a nation under illegal occupation by a foreign power, you know. License plate sales through the roof they won't be taking that from us. Heritage Act passed – now we just have to go to court to get the names changed back and we have them on that. Similar acts have passed in other states, including Alabama and Virginia, and are sitting on their governors' desks for signature. Another one introduced in Louisiana. The State Flag of Mississippi survived yet another attack from the PC crowd, and Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant has upped the ante and proclaimed April "Confederate Heritage Month" in that great State. More to come in other states. And ours was the model and catalyst for all of them. Since we were able to get that done, we should all now ask our legislators to get the month of April recognized as "Confederate Heritage Month" in the State of Tennessee!

We've had a couple of huge successes to discuss. The Mid-South Military History and Civil War Show was huge for us. You may remember that we elected to partner with the Chalmers Camp on putting that together some time ago. For those of you who attended, wasn't it great? Maybe you aren't a collector and didn't see anything that really fired you up, but to see the Viet Nam Memorial Wall was very cool. All the military vehicles in the back were incredible, and we had a very diverse offering of time periods to work with as opposed to just the usual WBTS stuff this year. Excellent lineup of speakers, as well!! We are still pending the financial results, but expect it to have made a small amount of money and to have also gained a ton of credibility. Congratulations Tarry Beasley, Chairman and those who served on the Show Committee for driving the event to a successful finish.

The re-enactment season goes into full swing next month with activities on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th. Try and make some of these when you can, and take your children and grandchildren. I promise you a battle reenactment is something a kid will never forget and they may learn something that counteracts the PC attacks that they will face later in life as they are being "educated". Our youth are the future of our current efforts and we need to have them engaged. The more they get taken over by their Iphones and the educational system, the more our cause stands to be diminished, so we need them as exposed to the true story of our Confederate ancestors as they can be.

Our Box Car project is beginning to move forward, more details as they become available. Speaking of, for those who didn't hear, your Commander spoke to the Germantown Board of Mayor and Alderman last month, thanking them for being a true partner in historic preservation and looking forward to working on future projects together. We are lucky to live and serve in an area where, unlike our neighbors to the West, we can celebrate our history, speak of it intelligently and rationally, and work together to preserve it in every way possible. Keep that in mind in your dealings with the City of Germantown and thank them if you have an opportunity.

Be sure and watch the Facebook page for useful information as well. You may not know, but our little page exceeded 10,000 "likes" this month after just over a couple of years in place. Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting the 14th.

I am, and shall remain, your obedient servant

http://www.tennessee-scv.org/camp1640/

Mike Daugherty, Commander Robert E. Lee Camp #1640, SCV Deo Vindice!!

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