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WHY WE SHOULD STUDY CONFEDERATE HISTORY

*By S. Waite Rawls III, Special to CNN
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Editor's note: S. Waite Rawls III is executive director of the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia.

Richmond, Virginia (CNN) -- "I'm a big history buff," President Obama said in an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos. "And I think that understanding the history of the Confederacy and understanding the history of the Civil War is something that every American and every young American should be part of."

I am sometimes asked the same question that Mr. Stephanopoulos put to President Obama: Why study Confederate history? And I agree with the president's response.

As we approach the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, we look back to its centennial in the 1960s. A lot has happened in this country since then, and our appreciation of the lessons of history has changed with the times.

One constant has been the importance of the Civil War. It remains as the most important era of American history, a time when America withstood its biggest challenges to a constitutional democracy which then was still viewed as an experiment in a new form of government. The crucible of war defined the nation as

we know it today, as we became "indivisible" and "with liberty and justice for all" for the first time.

During the 1960s, we Americans looked at the war as it occurred on the battlefields, because the conduct and course of the war dominated every single moment of every day. And the Confederate soldiers have historically captured our fascination even more than the Union soldiers.

Perhaps it is the gallantry and dash of leaders like Robert E. Lee or Stonewall Jackson or J.E.B. Stuart. Or perhaps it was the common enlisted men in the Confederate ranks, whose valor and courage -- in the face of tremendous privation and against overwhelming odds -- makes them stand out in world history as one of the best bodies of soldiers ever known.

If the fascination with soldiers continues from the 1960s to today, what has changed? Today, the study of Confederate history is much more "inclusive" -- to use the word of choice for many state's 150th anniversary commissions -- as we look more deeply into the past. Today we ask different questions of history and I think we get better answers. Let me list just a few of those questions.

What about slavery? We did not talk much about it in the 1960s. Today, we cannot study the Confederacy without studying 40 percent of its population. So now we look long and hard at this aspect of American history, including its existence and importance in the North. We see so clearly today that it was a wrong, so we need to ask why so many people 150 years ago did not see it as wrong and why several of the important Christian denominations split apart over this issue before the country itself split.

What about the slaves themselves? Why did many take advantage of the first opportunity to escape to freedom while others remained "loyal" to the South? And what about the 400,000 African-Americans in the South who were free long before Abraham Lincoln came on the scene?

What about the Southerners who remained loyal to the Union and chose to fight in blue, rather than gray? What about the thousands of immigrants who "escaped" the wars of Europe yet enlisted in both armies to demonstrate their loyalty to their new country?

At the opposite end of the spectrum, what about the Native Americans who had been here long before any Europeans, yet allied with the Confederacy? The last Confederate brigade to surrender was composed entirely of Native Americans and commanded by Brigadier General Stand Watie, a full-blooded Cherokee.

What about the very important Jewish community in the South? Many served in the ranks while others saw civilian service, such as Judah Benjamin, who had three different Cabinet posts, or Phoebe Pember, who became the head nurse at Chimborazo, the biggest hospital in the world.

And what about the women of the South? The war thrust them into new positions of responsibility and many continued after the war to lead public enterprises that engendered self-esteem and respect.

We Americans -- from native Americans to those who have ancestors who wore the blue or gray to those who are descended from slaves to those who have recently come to our shores -- want to know ourselves. We want to understand why our country is different from the others around the world.

This is why millions of Americans read so many books about the Civil War or visit the battlefields or come to museums like The Museum of the Confederacy so that they can see first hand the ingredients that formed us. And this is why so many foreigners come to America to visit those same sites in order to understand why we are who we are.

The fact is that we must know the Civil War if we are to know America. And to know the Civil War, we must know and understand the Confederacy -- in all of its diversity.

(The opinions expressed in this commentary are solely those of S. Waite Rawls III.)

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Gentlemen, this is an important message, please read and understand it thoroughly. Every year, we all get a statement from National Headquarters letting you know that it's time for payment of your annual membership dues. Last year, the amount was \$60 for renewing members. There is a breakdown on the statement that tells you where each dollar goes - \$X.00 to the Camp, \$X.00 to the Tennessee Division, and \$X.00 to National.

By virtue of being a member of the SCV, you are a member of all three entities. All three are therefore due the amount listed for each, and your check should be for the total of the three, which is also listed on the statement. None of the three are optional, and ALL MEMBERS should pay the entire amount listed, ON TIME, NO EXCEPTIONS. With that said, here is a recent scenario: In April, we went to the Tennessee Division Reunion, this year in Knoxville. Every two years, we vote on new leadership and other issues such as funding for events, historical markers or other projects. Our roster for National showed that we have 80+ members, which is accurate. However, we found out the hard way upon arriving that according to the Tennessee Division, we only have 40 members. That is a big discrepancy. What happened? Many of our members, for a number of reasons, didn't pay their Tennessee Division dues. So while those members may be getting their "Confederate Veteran" magazine because they paid their National and/or Camp dues, they somehow did not pay their Division dues and therefore are not a member in good standing with the Tennessee Division. Why is that important? Because at the Division meetings, you get one vote for every 10 members. So instead of the 8 votes we should have had, we had 4. This doesn't allow for a lot of flexibility in voting and representing you, and it makes our voice as a Camp much more muted. Also, with 80 members we would be the number 7 Camp in the Division in terms of membership. As it stands today, we don't even make the list.

So please -- When you get your dues notice in, please just pay it in full and either bring it to Arthur or mail it in. It wouldn't hurt to pay the little bit extra for things like Heritage Preservation, Flag Restoration, Legal Defense or other optional funds, all of which are also listed on your statement. Don't make Arthur chase you down, that's just frustrating for all of us. And it results in a situation that does not benefit the Camp in any way -- in fact it hurts us in many ways. So, please -- on time and correct. If you have a financial issue with paying the entire amount, please get with Arthur and we'll see if we can't work something out for you, but don't just not pay. We have a lot going on here, and the Division has been very supportive not only of our legal fight with the city and of many of the projects we've been involved in, and they are certainly deserving of your share.

"I have no idea that the Union can be maintained or restored by force. Nor do I believe in the value of a Union which can only be kept together by dint of a military force." -- United States Senator James Alfred Pearce of Maryland

DID YOU KNOW???

Beecher Smith

FURTHER MYSTERIES ABOUT William Clarke Quantrill.



In the preceding two articles we explored the life and death of the infamous Confederate guerilla leader, William Clarke Quantrill. Since completing that two-article series, even more interesting facts have come to our attention.

His Child Bride. When Quantrill was 23 and already in command of his

troops, he married 13 year old Sarah Katherine King at her parents' farm in Blue Springs, Missouri. They married and she lived in camp with Quantrill and his men. At the time of his death, she was seventeen. Although considered cold blooded killers by their enemies, Quantrill's men were under strict orders not to molest or mistreat any women and there are no reports to the contrary.

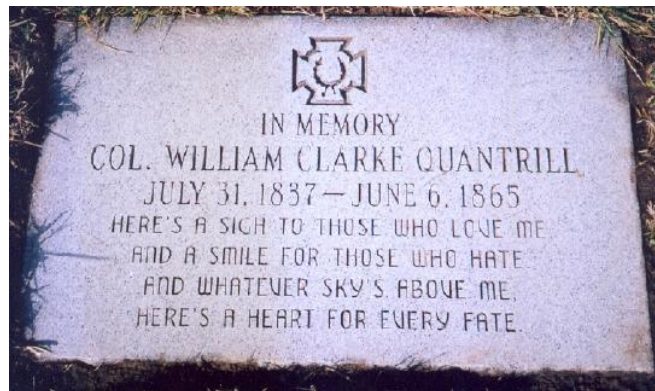
Three Different Graves. Quantrill was buried in an unmarked grave (it was later marked) in what later became known as St. John's Cemetery in Louisville. A boyhood friend of Quantrill's, newspaper reporter William W. Scott, claimed to have dug up the Louisville grave in 1887 and brought Quantrill's remains back to Dover at the request of Quantrill's mother. These remains were supposedly buried in Dover in 1889. However, Scott attempted unsuccessfully to sell what he said were Quantrill's bones, so it is not known whether the remains he returned to Dover or buried in Dover were genuine. In the early 1990s the Missouri division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans convinced the Kansas State Historical Society to negotiate with authorities in Dover, which led to three arm bones, two leg bones, and some hair, all allegedly Quantrill's, being buried in 1992 at the Old Confederate Veteran's Home Cemetery in Higginsville, Missouri. As a result of these events, there are grave markers for Quantrill in Louisville, Dover, and Higginsville.

Claim of Survival and Another Violent Death. In August, 1907, news articles appeared in Canada and the United States claiming that J.E. Duffy, a member of a Michigan cavalry troop that pursued Quantrill's raiders during the Civil War, had met Quantrill at Quatsino Sound, on northern Vancouver Island while investigating timber rights in the area. Duffy claimed he

recognized a man, living under the name of John Sharp, as Quantrill. Duffy said that Sharp admitted he was Quantrill and discussed in detail raids in Kansas and elsewhere, facts few others except Quantrill would know. Sharp claimed that he had survived the ambush in Kentucky, in which he received both a bayonet and bullet wound, and made his way to South America where he lived some years in Chile. He returned to the United States, to work as a cattleman in Fort Worth, Texas. He then moved to Oregon, acting as a cowpuncher and drover, before reaching British Columbia in the 1890s, where he worked in logging, trapping and finally as a mine caretaker at Coal Harbour at Quatsino.

Within some weeks after the news stories were published, two men came to British Columbia, travelling to Quatsino from Victoria, then hastily leaving Quatsino on a return voyage of a coastal steamer the next day. On that day, Sharp was found severely beaten, dying several hours later without giving information about his attackers. The police were unable to solve the murder.

GRAVESTONE OF WILLIAM CLARKE QUANTRILL



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BANKHEAD'S BATTERY UPDATE



The Battery will report to Tibbee Creek, Mississippi on the 14th of May for a Camp of Instruction regarding the gun, it's proper maintenance and repair, strategic movements in concert with the

Battalion, and hopefully horsemanship which so many of the battery lack. Upon completion we will receive our first assignment since Fort Pillow for which we already have orders.

The Battery has received orders to move on Sacramento, Kentucky by the 20th of May. There, we will link up with General Nathan Bedford Forrest as part of his first action for the Confederacy. It is said that he is an outstanding tactician and has no fear in the face of the enemy. Bankhead's Battery will be proud to serve under such a leader at Sacramento, Kentucky and beyond if we are successful. We are told this is a rich land and there will be plenty of food for the troops and the townspeople are welcoming to our cause.

If we do well in the coming campaign of Kentucky, I have information we might be transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia during the summer. It will be an adventure that you will be kept abreast of as it develops.

Respectfully,

Captain Hilton Cohea
Bankheads Battery Company B
1st Tennessee Light Artillery

BLUFF CITY GRAYS UPDATE



The Bluff City Grays, along with our brothers from the 154th Tennessee Co. K and the 51st Tennessee Infantry were honored to be allowed to participate in Shiloh NMP's Living History

event at the Park on Saturday, May 2. We formed a good size company and made a good showing as always. It turned out to be a gorgeous day in the Park following a rain storm of biblical proportions a couple of days prior. Large spectator turnout – the guesstimate is around

3,000. Thanks to the Parks Service for having this event after 5 years of not having one.

The following weekend we marched to Holly Springs, MS to drive Union forces from the town and put an end to their pillaging of it. With Gen. Van Dorn in charge, we made a successful attack with the Yankees either dead, captured or scattered into the woods. After holding the town and re-supplying, we marched on to Fort Pillow, where we annihilated another Yankee army that was holding that space and had been reported to have been wreaking havoc on those who were left in the City of Memphis (mostly women) and other towns in between. Those that were not killed were taken prisoner or driven from the field. Gen. Forrest being in charge was great as he fears no man and is an amazing tactician. It was an honor to serve under his command.

We now have orders to march to the small town of Linden, TN, re-supply, and await further orders. Linden is very supportive of the cause and of our men, so we are all looking forward to that.

HERITAGE VIOLATION OF THE MONTH



A 120-year-old Civil War monument will be ripped from its spot at the University of Louisville because it reminds them of this horrible thing called history.

Why? Well obviously because as we know, it's best to remove any vestiges of history so it may be re-written to suit the "narrative". Therefore, the stone monument honoring Kentuckians who died for

the Confederacy will be torn down and put into storage, Kentucky.com is reporting.

Officials claim they will find a new location for the tall, obelisk-style monument, but you know it will never see the light of day again.

University President James Ramsey acknowledged the importance of erasing history. "It's time for us to move this monument to a more appropriate place," he said.

Bowing to mounting pressure from civil rights groups, cities, governments and universities across the south have been removing any Confederate symbols following the murder of nine churchgoers in Charleston, South Carolina, which as we know had nothing to do with any flag or Confederate monument anywhere in the country.

Ricky Jones, a professor of Pan-African studies at the university, said he has been pushing for removal of the statue since he arrived at the university in the late 1990s. "I can't tell you how happy I am," Jones said after the announcement Friday. "I think this statue being on the campus is somewhat akin to flying the Confederate flag over the (university's) administration building."

Jones wrote in a newspaper opinion piece last week that the statue is a "towering granite and bronze eyesore glorifying the nadir of America's past."

Well, good for Ricky.

I'm sure Ricky is dreaming of a day when the history books can be re-written that don't mention the War at all, much less honoring the heroes who fought on both sides.

Kentucky is the birthplace of both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy. Both men are honored in the state capitol rotunda. After the Charleston shootings, there were calls to remove Davis' statue, but a state commission voted against it.

If anyone thinks a statue of a civil war hero is going to spark a racist, murderous rampage, they've got a screw loose.

HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH

Congressional Republicans are snubbing Democratic pressure on The Citadel to take down the Confederate flag, but U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn isn't giving up.

"I will not let this rest," the South Carolina Democrat leading the effort said Thursday.

Clyburn's comments came after the House Armed Services Committee voted against an amendment to the pending defense bill that would ban Reserve Officers' Training Corps funding for any military university that displays the Confederate flag.

The only school known to fall into that category is The Citadel, where the Board of Visitors voted to remove the rebel flag last summer following the racially charged shooting of nine black parishioners at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

But the Board of Visitors says it can't actually take the Citadel's Confederate flag down from the Summerall Chapel unless the S.C. Legislature makes changes to the so-called Heritage Act that prohibits it.

The committee's top Democrat, U.S. Rep. Adam Smith of Washington State, acknowledged that the amendment he offered was designed to force South Carolina lawmakers to act.

"The flag still flies, South Carolina has no pressure to change it whatsoever and probably won't," said Smith, a Clyburn ally. "And that embarrassment continues to fly over The Citadel, where there are presumably African-American people attending. And I think we need something to force South Carolina to do the right thing."

Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, said Smith's amendment put an undue burden on The Citadel. He essentially moved to amend the amendment, adding language to Smith's original provision to exempt any university which has already voted to take down the flag, from having ROTC funds withheld, thereby nullifying the amendment's purpose.

"Bottom line is, I don't think it's fair to punish those folks who are trying to do the right thing," Thornberry said.

Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, the only South Carolinian on Armed Services, Thursday read a letter he received from The Citadel's president, Lt. Gen. John Rosa, in opposition to Smith's amendment.

"The Citadel prides itself on the core values of duty, honor and respect, and moving the (flag) to another location is consistent with those values," Rosa wrote. "But the values also require the college to follow the law."

Ultimately, the Armed Services Committee members voted on Thornberry's alternative language that canceled out Smith's original intent. All Democrats voted "no" and all Republican voted "yes" — except for one, U.S. Rep. Martha McSally of Arizona, who sided with the minority party.

Outside the committee, South Carolina Republicans said no matter what national views are about the Confederate flag, what happens at The Citadel is up to the state, not the Congress.

"They could very easily move the Confederate flag to the museum, which is right next door to where it's being housed now," said Gov. Nikki Haley, who was on Capitol Hill on Thursday testifying against relocating Guantanamo Bay prisoners to the Navy brig in Hanahan. She said it was a Statehouse matter and that "I don't think we need to go through a D.C. plan to do that."

As for whether South Carolina lawmakers needed additional pressure, Haley demurred. "What I told the cadets is, if this was a concern, they needed to contact their legislators. They would need to open the Heritage Act just for that specific facility and handle that accordingly. Right now we haven't seen any action," she said.

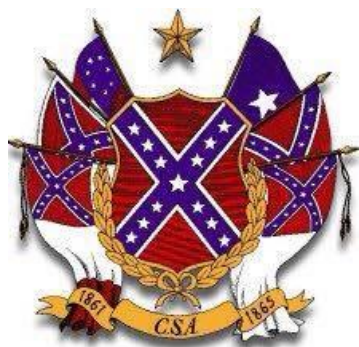
U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., Haley's predecessor in the Governor's Mansion, agreed. "I think the United States Congress is ill-suited to guide and direct local municipalities, counties or state governments in contentious issues that they're struggling with," he said. "If one believes in federalism, Washington doesn't need to be the sole arbiter of all disputes across this country."

After his first defeat, Clyburn suggested he would bring the issue up again when the defense bill comes before the full House. He might also look to appropriations bills to force GOP colleagues to take politically uncomfortable votes.

"In the coming weeks and months," he warned, "I plan to give House Republicans additional opportunities to do the right thing."

Emma Dumain is The Post and Courier's Washington correspondent.

THIS MONTH IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY



May 1 – Battle of Chancellorsville, 1863

May 5 – Battle of the Wilderness, 1864

May 6 – Arkansas Secedes, 1861

May 6 – Pres. Davis approves state of war, 1861

May 8 – Battle of McDowell, VA, 1862

May 10 – Stonewall Jackson dies, 1863

May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day, North Carolina/South Carolina

May 12 – Battle of Bloody Angle, 1864

May 15 – Battle of New Market, 1864

May 16 – Battle of Champion's Hill, 1863

May 18 – Siege of Vicksburg begins, 1863

May 20 – North Carolina Secedes, 1861

May 23 – Virginia Secedes, 1861

May 25 – First Battle of Winchester, 1862

May 28 – Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard born, 1818

May 30 – Confederate Memorial Day, Virginia

May 31 – Battle of Fair Oaks, VA, 1862

A CONFEDERATE CATECHISM - PART 3

By LYON GARDINER TYLER

(Continued from the April edition of Traveller)

11. Did Lincoln carry on the war for the purpose of freeing the slaves?

No. He frequently denied that this was his purpose in waging war. He claimed that he fought the South in

order to preserve the Union. Before the war, Lincoln declared himself in favor of enforcement of the fugitive slave act, and he once figured as an attorney to drag back a runaway Negro into slavery. When he became President he professed himself in his inaugural willing to support an amendment guaranteeing slavery in the states where it existed. Wendell Phillips, the abolitionist, called him a "slave hound."

12. Did Lincoln, by his conquest of the South, save the Union?

No. The old Union was a union based on consent. The present Union is a great Northern nation based on force and controlled by Northern majorities, to which the South, as a conquered province, has had to conform all its policies and ideals. The Federal authority is only Northern authority. Today the Executive, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, (with one exception), the Ministers at foreign courts are all Northern men. The South has as little share in the government and as little chance of furnishing a President as Norway or Switzerland.

13. Could Lincoln have "saved" the Union by some other method than war?

Yes. If he had given his influence to the resolutions offered in the Senate by John Jay Crittenden, the difficulties in 1861 would have been peaceably settled. These resolutions extended the line of the Missouri Compromise through the territories, but gave nothing to the South, save the abstract right to carry slaves to New Mexico. But New Mexico was too barren for agriculture, and not ten slaves had been carried there in ten years. The resolutions received the approval of the Southern Senators and, had they been submitted to the people, would have received their approval both North and South. Slavery in a short time would have met a peaceful and natural death with the development of machinery consequent upon Cyrus H. McCormick's great invention of the reaper. The question in 1861 with the South as to the territories was one of wounded pride rather than any material advantage. It was the intemperate, arrogant and self righteous attitude of Lincoln and his party that made any peaceable constructive solution of the territorial question impossible. In rejecting the Crittenden resolutions, Lincoln, a minority president, and the Republicans, a minority party, placed themselves on record as virtually preferring the slaughter of 400,000 men of the flower of the land and the sacrifice of billions of dollars of property to a compromise involving a mere abstraction, and they intrigued an unwilling North into the war. Some historians have actually boasted of the trickery.

Excerpted from *A Confederate Catechism The War of 1861-1865* (1929)

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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	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	11	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm
	12	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	14	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	16	Rosemark	-- UDC Lee-Jackson-Maury Luncheon, Richland Presbyterian Church, 1100
	18		-- national Robert E. Lee Birthday holiday
	19		-- birthday of General Robert E. Lee
	21		-- birthday of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
	21	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	23	Memphis	-- Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet, Davies Hillwood Hall, 6pm
	24	Collierville	-- 51 st Tenn Infantry, annual meeting, 2pm
Feb.	2	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	8	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm
	9	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	11	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	13	Ft Donelson	-- Valentine's Confederate Ball
	17	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	18	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
March	1	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	4		-- Confederate Flag Day
	5-6	Memphis	-- Chalmers annual Civil War Show & Sale, AgriCenter Arena
	8	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	10	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	14	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm
	16	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	17	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	???	West Tenn	-- UDC District meeting, Chick CC, 900am
April	1-3	Shiloh	-- annual battle anniversary Living History
	2	Savannah, TN	-- annual "Breakfast with the Generals"
	3	Cordova	-- Shelby County History Festival, Davies Plantation
	5	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	9-10	Holly Springs, MS	-- reenactment
	11	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm
	12	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	14	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	16	Ft. Pillow	-- reenactment
	20	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	21	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
May	3	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	9	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm
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	19	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	18	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	30	Shiloh NMP	-- Memorial Day & Family picnic, CS Burial Trench (Tour Stop #13), 11 am

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 ?

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Gentlemen –

It seems like no more than a week ago that I last wrote this column. A lot has gone on since then. We've done a lot as a group, and we have much more upcoming that I need to keep you aware of.

First and foremost I want to thank all of those who turned out to help with Parks Cleanup Day. We had a great bunch of guys out there and got a lot done, while others of us were participating in a Living History event at Shiloh. Thanks to Bill and Connor Singleton, Eric Burrage, Shane Miller, Darwin and Adele Concon, Sid Witherington, Jeff Smith, John Gray of the Germantown News and John Jr., Frank Holeman and grandson Marshall Post. A huge pile of brush and trash was removed from the Park and it is really starting to take shape now. So, thanks to all of you for pitching in.

We have several important events coming up soon that you need to be aware of, so please get these on your calendars. May 30, Memorial Day, we have a Memorial ceremony at Shiloh. This is held at the large burial trench, tour stop #12 just north of and across the road from the Tennessee monument. This year's event is being put on by the Shiloh Camp and will go at 11:00 AM, rain or shine. I know it's a holiday and a lot of you will be traveling, but please attend if you can. The thinner the crowd gets for this, the less the Rangers will want to allocate the resources to allow us to put it on, and we need to maintain our presence and our voice there.

The following weekend is packed. On Saturday, 6/4, the Wigfall Grays will be holding their Pancake Breakfast at the Collierville VFW from 7-10 AM. Please support that if possible. At 1:00 that same day, we will have our Memorial service for the Unknown Confederates at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bartlett. This is a well done ceremony, and if you have never attended, you should. I'm being told that this year we have most of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen from the City of Bartlett coming, and it would be nice to see a large turnout for a respectful and honorable ceremony.

On Sunday, 6/5 at 2:00 PM, please plan on attending our Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery. This one is of particular importance because it

is the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the Confederate Monument there, and would be nice to see a BIG turnout for that. The UDC as usual for the most part performs this ceremony, and there are refreshments afterward. For both events that weekend, your help is needed and requested in setting up, I'll get more detail on that as it becomes available and let you all know.

Lastly, on Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 PM will be our Gen. Forrest Birthday celebration at FORREST PARK (which hopefully will once again be the name officially by then). Haven't seen a lot of detail on this as far as who the speakers will be but once again it is important that we all show up for this event. Last year's event had about 700 people. We need more than that if possible to support the fight to save our historic parks or to celebrate victory, whichever comes first. So again, be there if you can and support our Confederate Heritage.



Tennessee Division reports our 1Q license plate revenue at \$12,199, which is a 33% increase over 1Q of last year. These year over year increases are amazing, and thanks to all of you who are participating. Remember your renewals count as well. Remember that 20% of that goes to the Tennessee State Museum for restoration and conservation of our regimental Battle Flags, so that's a big chunk and hard for the State to ignore if they

are thinking about taking the plates again. So, if you haven't gotten your plate yet, please consider doing so.

I reported last month that Heritage offenses seemed to be down quite a bit, but boy was that short-lived. We now have attacks in every Confederate State again! Some as noted above have been shut down almost as soon as they started, but most have not. We've seen armed Black Panthers try to intimidate us in Alabama, monument removals without discussion in Kentucky, Ole Miss planting plaques next to memorials, other issues. We are still in large-scale fights across the South and we of course have our own going on here. This is a long way from over, and the more uneducated the public is, the worse it's going to get. We need to take every opportunity to save our history and heritage from those who would try and take it from us because all they know is the "big lie". All hands need to be involved in this effort or eventually the plan will work. Remember that historical fact will always

win over propaganda, keep your cool in any discussion and maintain factual conversation and you will do fine in any conversation.

Long column today, but lots of important info. Everybody please plan to show up for the events listed above, and have a great month of May! See you all on Monday the 9th, and bring a friend.

I am, and shall remain, your humble servant,

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