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CAMP MEETING June 13, 2016

Speakers: Joe Burns

Topic: Speaking on his Confederate

Ancestors of Alabama

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

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TRASHING AMERICA'S HERITAGE

Honored but flawed forebears deserve better

By Robert W. Merry Washington Times, Tuesday, May 31, 2016

http://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/may/31/robert-w-merry-trashing-americas-heritage/



I've had it with ignorant college students and their professors and academic

administrators denigrating the heritage of America and so many great figures of our history. I've had it with the assault on "dead white males" and the effort to destroy the political legitimacy of their descendants of

today because of perceived misdeeds of the past. And I've had it with people strutting around campuses with the view that their politics is somehow more pristine than that of whites because their ancestors were "victims" in the mists of yesteryear.

Those dead white males built this country. Sure, they had help from others, but the credit belongs largely to them. They ventured onto a forbidding continent, with their wives and children, and braved ferocious winters, scarce food, dense forests, and the understandable but dangerous hostility of native populations.

They broke away from the mother country in a revolution of immense bravery and then crafted a civic compact that may well be the greatest achievement of governmental genesis in the history of mankind. In that compact, they addressed the twin challenges of civilized society — governmental legitimacy and succession of rulers — so successfully that even today we enjoy the fruits of their brilliance, though those fruits are under severe challenge from people who don't begin to understand the genius behind them or their delicacy.

They built towns and cities and commerce and churches and states and a philosophy of government and citizenship that surpassed anything seen for centuries anywhere in the world. They conquered the North American midsection through hardship, toil, sacrifice, war, cultivation of the soil, and propagation of themselves. They both developed and exploited new technologies to eradicate much of the limitation of space and time that had constrained earlier generations. They built companies and created jobs and increased human comfort. And they invited others to come in and share the largesse and tranquility and security they had created.

And, yes, they were flawed human beings — precisely because they were human beings. Every human is flawed, as is every group of humans, every nation, every race, every era of history. Some of those flaws of America yielded actions and institutions with tragic consequences for other peoples (as well as for themselves), most notably slavery and the inexorable westward push of American Indians.

Those actions and institutions deserve recognition today as lessons of history and civic rectitude.

But should those things cancel out all the achievements of the heritage? Slavery was practiced in large parts of West Africa for centuries — by Africans — before Westerners transferred the sordid institution to their own lands. Does that justify our denigrating or dismissing the greatest achievements of the African story? Should we cancel Black History Month? The greatest and most civilized of the pre-Columbian Mexicans practiced slavery, as well as human sacrifice and cannibalism, before Westerners arrived. Should the whole of the Mexican heritage be denigrated now as a result?

Of course not, and nobody suggests such a thing. It is only with the white Europeans that it somehow seems appropriate and necessary to snipe at and attack and degrade the heritage. And yet it is precisely that heritage that has made us what we are as a nation.

Shouldn't we at least ponder the implications of ripping Andrew Jackson off the \$20 bill because he was a slave owner and pushed Indian removal policies? He also was a giant of our heritage who developed one of the most persistent strains of American political thinking that still enlivens our politics today — that of small-government populism. Do any of these strutting campus nihilists even know about this?

Perhaps we can take solace in Yale's decision to keep John C. Calhoun's name on a residence college even after campus protesters demanded its removal. True, Calhoun was a defender of slavery, states' rights and "nullification" of federal laws by state governments. (Nullification, by the way, was utterly crushed by Jackson.) Calhoun harbored wrong ideas that were considered mainstream in his time. But he served his country as congressman, senator, vice president under two presidents, secretary of war and secretary of state. Do we want to know what he did with that power and leverage? How he may have contributed to the American story over that long period of time? Is it not worth noting that, in response to James Polk's efforts to maneuver the country into war with Mexico, he unfurled one of the most eloquent and passionate antiwar speeches in the history of the U.S. Senate?

What kind of nation seeks to devour its own heritage? And what kind of future can such a nation have?

It's worth remembering Santayana's admonition that those who can't remember the past will be condemned to repeat it. So, yes, let's take note of the

warts upon the history of America. But let's put them in perspective. The late Samuel Huntington of Harvard noted in his last book that America once was united by four adhesive forces — our racial identity, our ethnic identity, our cultural identity, and what he called "the American creed," meaning our system of governing ourselves and the civic philosophy and principles behind it.

In the course of our history, we dropped the racial identity, then the ethnic identity. The cultural identity is under severe strain. That leaves the American creed, defined through our history. When that's gone, what will be left of America?

• Robert W. Merry, longtime Washington journalist and publishing executive, is the author of books on American history and foreign policy.

BANKHEAD'S BATTERY UPDATE



After a rousing success at the battle of Sacramento, Kentucky last month, we are home and preparing for a trek that will take us through Tennessee and into the Virginia countryside next month. I can't elaborate on the details of the movement just yet, but will report before we depart. We have quite a bit of supplies to requisition, repairs, making sure the horses are shod, and preparing a full complement of ammunition for our assignment. I can only elude to the fact that usually when we get our orders, they are to move as a single unit to be attached to a specific command. This time, we are forming a complete six gun battery for our movement out of Tennessee to ioin others.....must be something big in store for us in July and I will report in the next issue.

Respectfully,

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

BLUFF CITY GRAYS UPDATE



Your hometown heroes of the 154th Tennessee Senior Infantry Regiment, Co. B, traveled by rail on orders from Confederate Command to Hurricane Mills, where we debarked and marched 17 miles South nonstop to the small town of Linden, TN to stop a Yankee detachment that was marching in that direction. Upon arrival, we linked up with our friends the Cedar Bush Mess and joined them in bivouac until a courier arrived to inform us that the blue bellied horde was marching on the town with the intent of pillaging and burning and who knows what else, as seems to be their practice. As we formed up and went on the march to meet the enemy, their skirmishers were making their way up Main St. Taking up defensive positions in front of the courthouse, we were able to take out many of them, but the following line was formidable and the musket fire was hot.

Sharpshooters stationed in the courthouse were good and took out many of the enemy, but they just kept coming, eventually flanking and overtaking the left of our line. Seeing that and not wanting for a trip to Illinois, we began our retreat into the side streets, as the Yankee soldiers had their hands full with the injured and captured. They sent a small detachment to find us, but seeing them coming we turned and fired a bloody volley that battered their line and killed their Captain immediately. In the end, we had a couple that were hit but not badly, and thanks to the leadership on the field, zero captured. Others on the field were not so lucky. Our retreat took us North to Beardstown where we bivouacked and tended to our wounded for a couple of days. We will head North to recruit more men and heal our wounds, awaiting orders for our next meeting with the invaders.

HERITAGE VIOLATION OF THE MONTH

http://lastbestnews.com/site/2016/06/confederacygets-its-just-deserts/



It was weird that I even found this, but here's your State Historian, hard at work. At the Montana Preservation Road Show in Red Lodge on Thursday, somebody asked Carroll Van West what he thought about the controversy over the Confederate memorial in Helena.

What an off-the-wall question, I thought. But it turned out that West was the perfect person to answer it. He not only is a noted historian, author, college professor and preservationist, he served on the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

He replied that had he been asked to testify about the Helena memorial, he would have said the same thing he said in Tennessee: "It's important to keep these layers of history within the landscape." Memorials like the one in Helena show where we were in the past and where we could end up again, he said.

Take away references to the Confederacy and we risk losing our national memory of the horror and tragedy of the Civil War. Take away the tributes to the Confederacy erected during 100 years of Jim Crow laws that followed and we risk forgetting how terrible, and how recent, that oppression was.

We should not act like those things did not happen; instead, we should interpret those events so Americans today and in the future will understand what it all meant, Van West said.

(Editorial note: ok, so far, so good. But then...)

That question about the memorial was followed by one about use of the Confederate flag. Van West said that depends on which flag is meant. The first official Confederate flag resembled the American flag, he noted, and rebelling states had their own flags.

The battle flag now most closely associated with the Confederacy was used fairly rarely in the Civil War,

he said. (Huh?) In Tennessee, it was used in only one battle. (Really?? Come on, Van!)

The battle flag didn't become really prominent until the civil rights conflicts of the 20th century, Van West said. "That flag is a symbol of hate," he said.

But the only flag that should really matter to Americans is the U.S. flag, Van West said.

"That's the flag that speaks to me," he said. "Those other flags? Put 'em in a museum."

I've always had mixed feelings about this issue. On one hand, I don't like papering over the past for the sake of political correctness. On the other, I don't like seeing statues and flags honoring traitors.

Van West just unmixed my feelings.

This from a guy who can't spell "desserts" (see the link)

HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH

NEW ORLEANS - The city of New Orleans has



cancelled the start of the monument relocation bid process that was scheduled Monday as the matter continues to be stayed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The decision to remove four monuments that celebrate Confederate era figures or events and the bid process been marked by

to have them removed has been marked by controversy and court hearings.

The city council voted late last year to have the Robert E. Lee statue at Lee Circle, The P.G.T. Beauregard statue near City Park, the Jefferson Davis Memorial on Jefferson Davis Parkway and the monument to the Battle of Liberty Place tucked away off of Canal Street, declared nuisances.

The process to have them physically removed has been marred with some potential contractors dropping out and some claiming attempts to intimidate them.

"Throughout this process, the safety of potential bidders has been paramount," said Hayne Rainey, a press secretary for Mayor Mitch Landrieu. "Due to the previous violence and threats during the bid process, we will wait to re-advertise the project until we feel confident a resolution in the Court is near and a contractor may be publicly procured so that monuments may be relocated without further delay."

THIS MONTH IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY



June 1 – Lee appointed Commander of Army in VA, 1862

June 1-3 – Battle of Cold Harbor, 1864

June 3 – President Jefferson Davis born, 1808

June 5 – Confederate Memorial Day, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee

June 5 – J.E.B. Stuart's Grand Review, 1863

June 6 – Memphis Surrenders, 1862

June 8 – Tennessee Secedes, 1861

June 9 – Battle of Brandy Station, 1863

June 12 – Stuart's Ride around McClellan, 1862

June 15 – Petersburg Campaign, 1864

June 23 – Last formal Confederate surrender, 1865

June 25 – Seven Days Campaign, 1862

June 27 – Battle of Kennesaw Mountain

June 30 – Early marches on Washington, DC, 1864

GET A TAG ...



... SAVE A FLAG





18th Tennessee Infantry Regiment

14th Tennessee Infantry

The Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans generously donates a portion of the tag sales to the Tennessee State Museum to be solely used for the museum's flag conservation program. If you do not have a SCV tag, you need to get one to help preserve your history.



This plate is available to any Tennessee resident who is registering a private passenger motor vehicle.

The Confederate Calendar 2016 Event Schedule

A listing of events of interest for Southern Heritage organizations.

<u>June</u>	3	Collierville	Magnolia Cemetery, CS Decoration Day		
	4	Collierville	SCV Southern Pancake Breakfast, 7-11am, VFW on Center St.		
	4	Bartlett	Pleasant Hill Cemetery, CS memorial service, 1pm		
	5	Memphis	Elmwood Cemetery, CS Decoration Day, 2:30 pm		
	7	Bartlett	Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm		
	9	Memphis	 Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm 		
	13	Germantown	Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm		
	14	Collierville	Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm		
	16	Memphis	Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm		
	18	Chapel Hill, TN	Forrest Boyhood Home, homecoming BBQ, living history (optional)		
July	10	Memphis	Forrest Birthday Celebration, Forrest Park, 2:00 pm		
	11	Germantown	Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm		
	12	Collierville	Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm		
	13		Birthday of General N. B. Forrest		
	13-17	Richardson, TX	SCV national Reunion		
	14	Memphis	Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm		
	16	Memphis	UDC Forrest Luncheon, Chickasaw CC, 1130		
	21	Memphis	Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm		
Aug	2	Bartlett	Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm		
	3	Memphis	History Awards dinner, Davies Plantation, 6pm		
	8	Germantown	Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm		
	9	Collierville	 Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm 		
	11	Memphis	Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm		
	17	Memphis	 Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC business meeting/lunch, Chickasaw CC, 1100 		
	18	Memphis	Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm		
	27	Jackson, TN	Symphony and family picnic, Civil War cannons in 1812 Overture, 500pm		
Sept.	???	Memphis	UDC Founders' Day luncheon, Racquet Club 1130am		
	6	Bartlett	Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm		
	8	Memphis	Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm		
	12	Germantown	Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm		
	13	Collierville	 Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm 		
	21	Memphis	 Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100 		
	22	Memphis	Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm		
Oct.	4	Bartlett	Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm		
	7	Collierville	memorial flags placed on CS graves, Wigfall Greys, Magnolia Cemetery		
	7-8	Chattanooga, TN	UDC Tenn Div convention		
	7-9	Columbus, Ky	reenactment & dance (one of the very best events of the year, recommended)		
	10	Germantown	Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm		
	11	Collierville	Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm		
	13	Memphis	Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm		
	19	Memphis	Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100		
	20	Memphis	Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm		
	29	Memphis	Forrest Passing ceremony, Forrest Park, 715pm		

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. Website / Facebook						
. Hospitality Room						
. Program & Ancestor Program						
. Advertisements everyone						
. Souvenir Badge (medal)						
. Liquor project						
Debutantes						
0. Vendors, SCV Stores & Displays						
1. Color Guard & reenactors						
2. Scrapbooks display & competition						
3. Newsletter display & competition						
4. Silent Auction						
5. Opening Ceremony & Music						
6. Sergeant at Arms & Security						
7. SCV IHQ coord						
8. Publicity						
9. Hotel						
20. Legal Dept/ Contracts						
21. Luncheons						
22. Concession Stands						
3. Hall/Table decorations						
4. Flags (& giant CS flag)						
5. Memorial Srvc (Friday)						
6. Guest Speakers						
7. Tours						
8. Transportation						
9. Other						

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CITIZENS TO SAVE OUR PARKS

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Help Save Our Parks







Fight City Hall? We ARE !!!

The Forrest Camp 215 and the CTSOP have filed suit against the Memphis City Council for their illegal attempt to change the names of our three Confederate parks. We have been joined by all area camps & many UDC members.

These parks, Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park, are our history, our Confederate heritage, and a lasting tribute to our Confederate ancestors. They must not be destroyed or taken away by mis-guided politicians.

Help us to save our historic parks: Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park.

Can you, or your group donate \$100, \$500 or \$1000 to the defense?

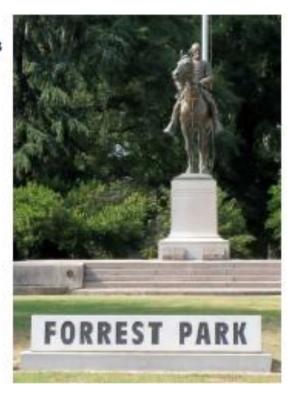
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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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.

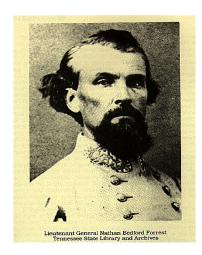
Help us to save the graves and monument of General Forrest

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112th Annual



Gen'l N.B. Forrest Birthday Celebration 195th Anniversary

Sunday, July 10th, 2016 2:00 p.m. Forrest Park, Memphis

(Yes, it's FORREST Park, Union Ave. @ Manassas St.)

The Public is invited.

(Bring your own lawn chairs)

Guest Speaker TRA



Flag Parade
Opening Ceremonies
Proclamations
music
Guest Speaker
21-gun Musket Salute
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Attend and show Memphis that you care about Gen. Forrest



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Gentlemen -



As another month has come and gone, we find ourselves coming up on an eventful summer. Already, we've had a respectful and I might add successful memorial service at Pleasant Hill Cemetery – I say successful

as we had two members of the Bartlett Board of Mayor and Aldermen present, and they were very complimentary of the service overall and of the conduct and sincerity of the participants and others present. If you haven't attended one of these, I encourage you to make the next one, which will be around the same time next year. We also had a nice crowd in attendance for the UDC's Confederate Decoration Day ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery. Both events were well attended, but still light for the number of members we have in the area. As I've said before, our number one priority as an organization is to honor the memory of the Confederate Soldier, and that is what these ceremonies are intended to do.

Upcoming is our Nathan Bedford Forrest Birthday Celebration at Forrest Park on Sunday, July 10 at 2:30. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to be there. Also, a committee has been formed to plan and organize the 2017 SCV Reunion to be held here in Memphis next May. We will need all hands to be involved in order to put this together, as this will be a HUGE undertaking. You will note the list of committees included in the newsletter. Please look it over and let us know where you think your talents can be best utilized, and plan to participate where you can.

Speaking of Forrest Park, expect to see some excitement around that and the other threatened parks very soon. Our friends in downtown Memphis have applied for a waiver from the Tennessee Historic Commission to have the statue and the bodies removed, and the commission seems to be trying to stack the deck against us. Please continue to pray for a quick and favorable resolution to this issue that has been going on for so long – as Gen. Lee said, this situation "requires all our strength, all our energies."

To resist the powerful combination forming against us will require every man at his place".

Our project for restoration and re-placement of the boxcar is moving forward. We have found a consultant and have samples of his work, along with pricing for the consultant and a feasibility study that will be more favorable than what we were talking about at our last meeting. Our net cost \$750 as opposed to \$1500. More on that at next Monday's meeting, and we will vote on it at that time.

So, in these hot summer days coming up, there are many places that you can serve, help, or support. Please do what you can to support all of our ongoing efforts as we move forward through 2016. I think we are going to have a great second half of the year.

I am, and shall remain, your humble servant,

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

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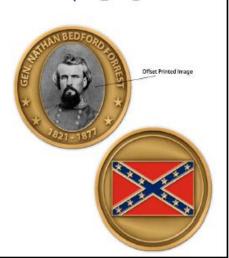
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