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CAMP MEETING

July 11, 2016

Speakers: Gary Douglas

Topic: The 9th Mississippi Infantry

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

Don't miss our next meeting!

THE FLAG THAT WON'T GO AWAY

http://www.annistonstar.com/columnists/h_brandt_ayers/the-flag-that-won-t-go-away/article_12ab6b34-3fda-11e6-a9d0-77abf1274491.html

By H. Brandt Ayers

Jul 3, 2016



On this patriotic holiday, we are all drawn together in allegiance to the Stars and Stripes, the symbol of our great nation, but in their heart of hearts, millions of white Southerners give equal honor to another ensign.

That is, of course, the Confederate battle flag.

Those who honor that flag as a symbol of the universal values of courage and dignity in defeat like to think of themselves as good people and ask little more than anyone else, human respect.

They are puzzled and hurt when educated people refer to them as “racists” or “crackers” or “rednecks,” but they’d never admit it. And, for the life of them, they can’t understand why they can’t sing their song, “Dixie.” It is uniquely their song; it awakens a whole cluster of native memories of home and hometown, of families and friends and high school football games: it is cultural adrenaline. It brings them to their feet, even though their grandchildren couldn’t care less. “Dixie” is a symbol of a place and of the things that happened to a people along the way. The mingling of native pride and tragedy speaks to me about the story of my land. It is a merry tune, but it does not make me want to stand and shout.

The tunes are always merry at the start of any war and the flags are waved with confidence as the soldiers march smartly off to war with the certainty that “our” cause, any cause, is just and that God has foreordained victory — until the casualty reports come in.

Having witnessed the South struggle with the flag issue for half a century, and investing my own feelings in the issue, I would describe my state of mind today as sad and tired. It is good that Southern blacks have an anthem, “We Shall Overcome,” and a prophet, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as universally honored symbols of their race, but it is sad that decent, white Southerners can’t display their flag and sing their song without a storm of condemnation. I become mortally weary when imagining what it would take to reclaim a flag and a song from hate groups who have stolen its meaning and the resentful few who fly the flag today as a punch in the nose.

Perhaps it would be easier to reclaim general acceptance of the Southern anthem, “Dixie,” if it were played by symphonies in tandem with Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture. There are moments in both that stir the blood but the ringing of the bells of Moscow at the end of 1812 are triumphal, whereas in Dixie melancholy cellos tell of tragedy and defeat.

To others who harmlessly enjoy the symbols of the Confederacy, the song means simply: "We are Southerners, a little bit different, and happy to be what we are." To most, the flag and the song are no more aggressive in intent than the high school colors and fight song.

The flag spotted in Egypt's Valley of the Kings would draw white Southerners in the tour group to it, knowing that they'd find kindred folk. That ensign belongs to only one tribe. It is an unfortunate fact that the same flag displayed at home has taken on toxic meaning because of its misuse by the Ku Klux Klan and racist cops.

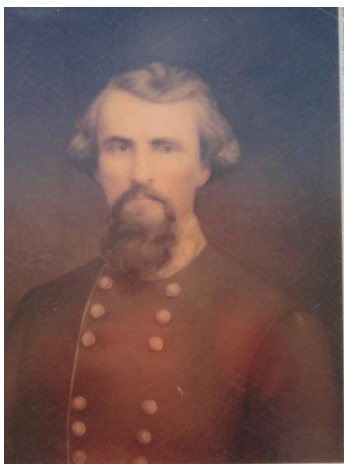
Blacks, of course, do not understand the innocent belief that those symbols are for everyone. Growing up in Selma, for instance, they saw the Confederate battle flag as a specially designed license plate on the front of police cars.

The symbol was like somebody else's religion, which excluded all nonbelievers. It is a mystery of the soul that can be fully understood only by living for generations in the skin of another creed. That cannot be done, so each perceives the other in the false half-light of incomplete understanding.

If one of these days (at my age, better make it sooner) word reaches me that a bold conductor in Boston or New York is pairing Dixie with the 1812 Overture, I'll feel a happy jolt that we're on our way to mutual understanding.

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**GEN. NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST –
MEMPHIS'S FIRST CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER**



Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877) was a renowned Southern military leader and strategist during the War Between the States. During the Civil War, Forrest's Confederate cavalry wrecked havoc among Union forces throughout the mid-South. He gained worldwide fame from his many battlefield successes, but the

wartime heroics have overshadowed his post-war work as a community leader and civil rights advocate.

Prior to the war, Forrest made a fortune in real estate and horses. Yes, for a time he also was involved in the slave trade, but got out of it almost as quickly as he got into it. While in the business, Forrest was known as a very fair man. He never split families, and never sold slaves to any master whom he knew to be cruel or harsh. When he acquired slaves he always had them bathed and bought them new clothes. He also allowed them to walk out of the mart on their own to seek out their own potential masters. None ever ran away. The slaves respected Forrest so much that they knew he would see to it that they found a good home. And that was the case. Though he made some money at it he was put off by the unsavory aspect of human property trade, even then. And though it was a legitimate business, and accepted, and legal, Forrest still became resentful to it. His wife MaryAnn always had been, thus adding more influence to his thoughts on the issue.

When the Civil War began, Forrest offered freedom to 44 of his slaves if they would serve with him in the Confederate army. All 44 agreed. Rev. Rosalyn Nichols' great-great-grandfather, John Roberts, was one of these. Midway through the war Forrest decided to go ahead and free all of his slaves. One later deserted; the other 43, including Roberts, freely enlisted and served faithfully in the Confederate Army until the end of the war. Though they had many chances to leave, they chose to remain loyal to the South and to Forrest. Part of General Forrest's command included his own Escort Company, his Green Berets if you will, made up of the very best soldiers available. This unit, which varied in size from 40-90 men, was the elite of the cavalry. Eight of these hand-picked men were black soldiers and all served gallantly and bravely throughout the war. All were armed with at least 2 pistols and a rifle. Most also carried two additional pistols in saddle holsters. At war's end, when Forrest's cavalry surrendered in May 1865, there were 65 black troopers on the muster roll. Of the soldiers who served under him, Forrest said of the black troops: "Finer Confederates never fought." He was a brilliant cavalryman and courageous soldier. He was known near and far as a great general, and was a well-respected citizen by both blacks and whites alike.

He fought fiercely on the battlefield, yet was a compassionate man off the field. After the war, Forrest worked tirelessly to build the New South and to promote employment for black Southerners. After the Civil War, General Forrest made a speech to the Memphis City Council (then called the Board of Aldermen). In this speech he said that there was no

reason that the black man could not be doctors, store clerks, bankers, or any other job equal to whites. They were part of our community and should be involved and employed as such just like anyone else. In another speech to Federal authorities, Forrest said that many of the ex-slaves were skilled artisans and needed to be employed and that those skills needed to be taught to the younger workers. If not, then the next generation of blacks would have no skills and could not succeed and would become dependent on the welfare of society.

Much like talking to the City Council today, Forrest's words went unheeded. The Memphis & Selma Railroad was organized by Forrest after the war to help rebuild the South's transportation and to build the 'new South'. Forrest took it upon himself to hire blacks as architects, construction engineers and foremen, train engineers and conductors, and other high level jobs. In the North, blacks were prohibited from holding such jobs. As author Jack Hurst writes: a man possessed of physical valor perhaps unprecedented among his countrymen, as well as, ironically, a man whose social attitudes may well have changed farther in the direction of racial enlightenment over the span of his lifetime than those of most American historical figures.

The Independent Order of Pole-Bearers Association (predecessor to the NAACP) was organized by Southern blacks after the war to promote black voting rights, etc. One of their early conventions was held in Memphis and Mr. Forrest was invited to be the guest speaker, the first white man ever to be invited to speak to the Association, which he did, to wild applause.

When Forrest died in 1877 it is noteworthy that his funeral in Memphis was attended not only by a throng of thousands of whites but by hundreds of blacks as well. The funeral procession was over two miles long and was attended by over 10,000 area residents, including an estimated 3000 black citizens paying their respects. He is certainly a man worthy of a park in his hometown named after him, of one of the world's finest equestrian statues to be prominently placed in that park, and of all the other honors bestowed upon him in this state and others.

FORREST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Here's a reminder of our annual birthday celebration in honor Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, at FORREST PARK (not that new name that the City Council illegally renamed it), on Sunday, July 10, 2:00 PM. We need as many members of all Camps in our area

to attend this event and to present ourselves as the Southern gentlemen and ladies that we all know we are and as "an organization of Southern men that knows itself to be and is widely seen by others as the pre-eminent authority on Southern Heritage and American Liberty.", in keeping with our most recent vision statement. It is also important to remember that we have a Public Affairs Officer who is our spokesman and will do the talking to the media. His name is Lee Millar, please remember to direct any media questions you may be asked to him.



Considering everybody understands our primary mission is "to preserve and honor the memory of the Confederate Soldier", I probably don't need to remind you how important it is that we show up for this event. It's OUR big deal to be proud of, it's OUR ongoing fight, and we need to turn out as many local members as possible.

The time is long past that individually we can decide to "let somebody else do it". We all do a lot. This is a hard business, and we need more good men, but if the perception is that we don't care, how can we expect anybody else to? When people think we don't care, they don't join. When people think we don't care, statues disappear out of parks in Selma. When people think we don't care, signs end up missing out of parks and activist city councils think they are safe to pile on and attempt to rename parks and erase Confederate Heritage so they can beat their chests and say to their constituents "look what I did", and end up going to Nashville. When people think we don't care, this happens all across the country, as we are seeing right now, every day. In Texas, in Arkansas, Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, the list goes on. It is never ending, because they think we are weak and small enough now to be defeated, and that we don't care. Well, they are wrong and it's up to us to prove it by turning out in BIG numbers.

Please make plans to be there on Sunday, July 10.

HERITAGE VIOLATION OF THE MONTH

MARGIE BRIGHT MATTHEWS SLAMMED FOR MOCKING THE DEATH OF ONE OF HER CONSTITUENTS ...

<http://www.fitsnews.com/2016/06/23/sc-senator-criticized-for-attacking-confederate-flag-funeral/>



S.C. Senator Margie Bright Matthews is facing criticism for slamming a Colleton county funeral procession that prominently displayed several Confederate flags.

“Shame, shame, shame!!” Matthews wrote in a since-deleted Facebook post containing video of the procession – which passed by her home.

The funeral procession was for 28-year-old Marshall “Bubba” Catterton, who died last weekend when a car struck him as he attempted to move a dead deer from a local roadway.

“Be a good citizen, get killed – then get mocked by your own Senator,” said James Bessenger, founder of the S.C. Secessionist party and an advocate for the Confederate flag.

Matthews claimed her post was justified – citing the 2015 mass murder of nine black parishioners (including the State Senator whose seat she now holds) at the Mother Emanuel AME church in Charleston, S.C.

“Given all of the horrible events that have happened recently and their connection (or not) to this flag, it evokes ... distress in others,” she wrote on social media. “My grandson was in the house and was upset that someone was going to hurt him.”

Bessenger said Matthews was making excuses for her action – and that she was looking for a reason to attack the flag.

“She was just chomping at the bit to be able to say something about a Confederate flag,” Bessenger said. “She saw an opportunity to look like a righteous social warrior and ended up putting her ugly liberal foot in her mouth. How can someone claim to represent her district when she mocks the deaths of her own constituents?”

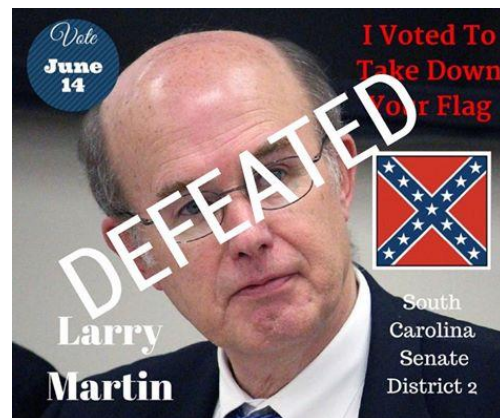
Hard to argue that point ...

Bessenger and his allies have launched an online petition demanding Matthews’ resignation. The petition slammed Matthews for her “poor understanding of history” and for harboring a “desire to stir racial division” in South Carolina.

This website supported the removal of the Confederate flag from the grounds of the S.C. State House last summer – although we believe the process by which the flag was removed was far from ideal.

HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH

Recently, the Executive Council of the Tennessee Division voted to form a Political Action Committee (PAC) separate from the SCV to make our voice better heard at the State House in Nashville and in local Government. You may think that your voice is not heard by your elected representatives when you call or write, and maybe you’re right if you are dealing with career politicians. You may think your vote doesn’t count or doesn’t make a difference. I will tell you that it does, and that this was proven by citizens of the great State of South Carolina in a recent primary election. Don’t believe me? See below:



I Voted To Take Down Your Flag

Vote June 14

DEFEATED



Mike Fair

South Carolina Senate District 6

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Donna Hicks

South Carolina House District 37

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Wes Hayes

South Carolina Senate District 15

Vote June 14

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Doug Brannon

South Carolina House District 38

The “No Votes for Turncoats” movement is gaining traction and you can be a part of it! Your voice may not be heard today by your elected representatives, but your vote DOES count and there will be a price to pay for representatives who don’t represent if you will let them know, watch how they vote, and then vote accordingly.

THIS MONTH IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY



July 1-3 – Battle of Gettysburg, 1863

July 4 – Vicksburg surrenders, 1863

July 9 – Port Hudson surrenders, 1863

July 13 – Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest born, 1821

July 13 – First Battle of Murfreesboro, 1862

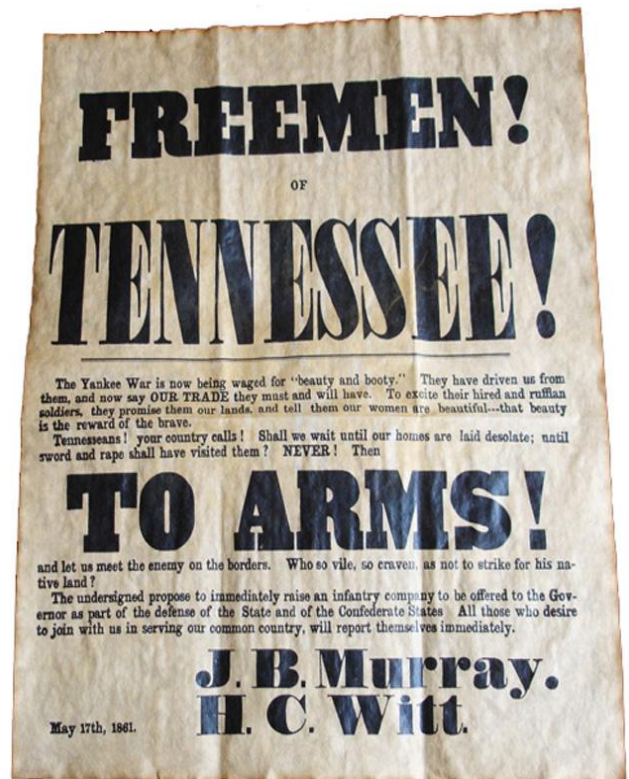
July 18 – Battle of Ft. Wagner, 1863

July 21 – First Battle of Bull Run, 1861

July 22 – Battle of Atlanta, 1864

July 29 – CSS Alabama sails out of England, 1862

July 30 – Battle of the Crater, 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)
<u>July</u>	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
<u>Aug</u>	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
<u>Sept.</u>	???	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
<u>Oct.</u>	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

<u>Nov.</u>	???	Richmond, VA	-- UDC national convention
	1	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	4	Bartlett	-- annual Civil War School Day, Freeman Park, 8-2
	5-6	Bartlett	-- reenactment, Battles of Bartlett, Freeman Park, 1pm
	8	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	10	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	11	Memphis	-- Veterans' Day
	14	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm
	16	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	17	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	24		-- Thanksgiving
<u>Dec.</u>	2	Collierville	-- Christmas parade, 6pm
	3	Columbia, TN	-- Athenaeum Confederate Christmas Ball
	6	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	8	Memphis	-- Confederate Christmas party, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	12	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm
	13	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	15	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	21	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest UDC Christmas luncheon, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100



SCVMemphis2017



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122nd Annual Reunion

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May 12, 2017

Committees

1. Registration _____
2. Communications _____
3. Website / Facebook _____
4. Hospitality Room _____
5. Program & Ancestor Program _____
6. Advertisements _____ everyone _____
7. Souvenir Badge (medal) _____
8. Liquor project _____
9. Debutantes _____
10. Vendors, SCV Stores & Displays _____
11. Color Guard & reenactors _____
12. Scrapbooks display & competition _____
13. Newsletter display & competition _____
14. Silent Auction _____
15. Opening Ceremony & Music _____
16. Sergeant at Arms & Security _____
17. SCV IHQ coord _____
18. Publicity _____
19. Hotel _____
20. Legal Dept/ Contracts _____
21. Luncheons _____
22. Concession Stands _____
23. Hall/Table decorations _____
24. Flags (& giant CS flag) _____
25. Memorial Srvc (Friday) _____
26. Guest Speakers _____
27. Tours _____
28. Transportation _____
29. Other _____

www.SCVMemphis2017.org

N. B. Forrest Camp 215, P.O. Box 11141, Memphis, TN. 38111

www.nbForrestCamp215.org

CITIZENS TO SAVE OUR PARKS

AND THE

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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 ?

I wish to join CTSOP. Please sign me up as a member. No membership fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contribute through PayPal at : www.citizenstosaveourparks.org

Please donate to our cause: Amount \$ _____ check number _____

Parks Defense Fund

PO Box 241875, Memphis, TN 38124

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 ?

Please sign me up as a supporter. No membership fee.

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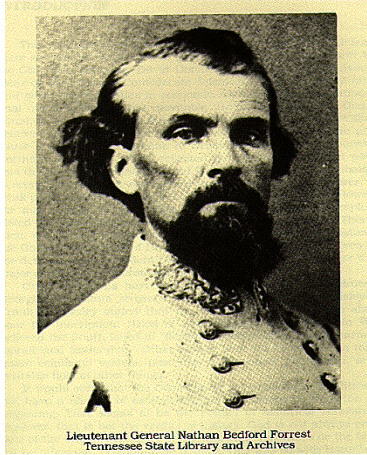
Contribute through PayPal at our ally at : www.citizenstosaveourparks.org

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Forrest Park Defense Fund

PO Box 241875, Memphis, TN 38124

112th Annual



Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest
Tennessee State Library and Archives

Gen'l N.B. Forrest Birthday Celebration

195th Anniversary

Sunday, July 10th, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Forrest Park, Memphis

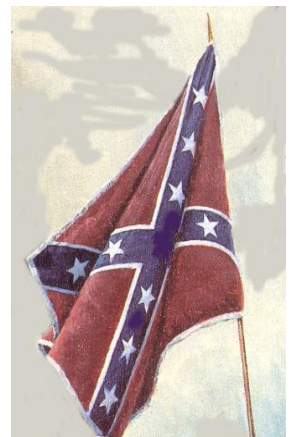
(Yes, it's FORREST Park, Union Ave. @ Manassas St.)

The Public is invited.
(Bring your own lawn chairs)

Guest Speaker
TBA

Flag Parade
Opening Ceremonies
Proclamations
music
Guest Speaker
21-gun Musket Salute
Wreath-laying

Attend and show Memphis that you care about Gen. Forrest



Sponsored by the General N.B. Forrest Camp 215
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Memphis

For more information, contact: Alan Doyle, Forrest Camp Commander, 901-454-7139
Co-sponsored by the Gen. N. B. Forrest Historical Society

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Gentlemen –

Welcome to July in the South! I think I just finished the last newsletter and sent it out, so this seems very soon to me. I will also say that it seems like just yesterday I was reading “A Confederate Night Before Christmas” at Arthur’s house about two months ago, so time is flying by.

So much has happened over these past few weeks – we’ve had the big non-

meeting of the Tennessee Historical Commission, several wins in other parts of the country, but our share of losses too. As Dickens said, “it was the best of times, it was the worst of times”. Gentlemen, regarding the THC meeting, yes we made them run, but they are just re-forming for a second attack when they think they will have more votes. And because their petition for a waiver read like it was written by a twelve-year-old, and was factually incorrect. The next one will probably be the same, but the makeup of the commission may also be different, so we will continue to need your prayers and your help to continue to keep our attorneys working with us. See Mark Buchanan or www.citizenstosaveourparks.org.

As mentioned earlier, our Forrest Birthday celebration will go on as scheduled, please make every effort to be there and support the cause. Thanks to all who turned out for both our Memorial Service at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, and at Elmwood for the Confederate Decoration Day ceremony. We had larger crowds than usual, but still not big enough. I realize there was a lot going on that weekend and we all have conflicts, but please try to make these events if you can.

Also, we will be having a series of speakers who are running for office in our various voting districts come in over the next few months to make their case as to why you should vote for them. As a Camp, we will not endorse any candidates, but hopefully we can get the front-runners in so you can ask questions about our concerns and make your own decision from there. On a similar note, it’s interesting to see that Congress dropped its attempt to remove our flag from National cemeteries. Perhaps they saw what happened in South Carolina last month? Perhaps they all see their cronies in a fight for their political life? Your calls matter, your letters and emails matter, and your

VOTE especially matters. Keep that in mind as we watch the hilarity and shenanigans leading up to November.

We met with the Rail Car Consultant regarding the Boxcar Project last week and it sounded pretty positive. Hopefully we will have a report and an estimate from him in time for our next meeting. He was very thorough in his investigation, and told a reporter from the Commercial Appeal that he had never seen one like this, speaking of what we think the age to be and the condition it is in. In any case, we will have the information we need to make a decision in a relatively short period of time.

Lastly, I need to remind everybody also that the 2017 SCV Convention is here in Memphis, and it will be here before we know it. We will need everybody’s help to pull this off. Committee members will be contacting you to help in certain areas, please lend a hand where you can and where your talents will be well utilized.

See you all at our meeting the 11th at 7:00 PM!!

Mike Daugherty, Commander
Robert E. Lee Camp 1640, SCV

Go to our website:

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

Or visit our Facebook pages at:

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<https://www.facebook.com/BluffCityGraysMemphis>

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Eugene Forrester	Robert Freeman
Donald Harrison	Frederick Harrison
Frederick Harrison	Frank Holeman
M. Gary Hood	William P Hunter, Jr.
Bobby Lessel	Jerry C. Lunsford
Frank M. McCroskey	C. Michael McDowell
James Lee McDowell	Steve McIntyre
Arthur Oliver	Charles Wendell Park
Steve Reason	Larry J. Spiller, Jr.
Larry J. Spiller, Sr.	Osborn Turner, IV
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FORREST COMMEMORATIVE COIN

Solid bronze

**\$ 10 each — All proceeds go to
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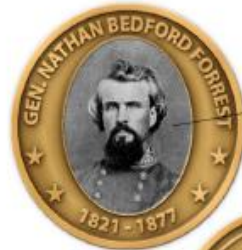
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