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November 14, 2016

Speaker: Arthur Oliver

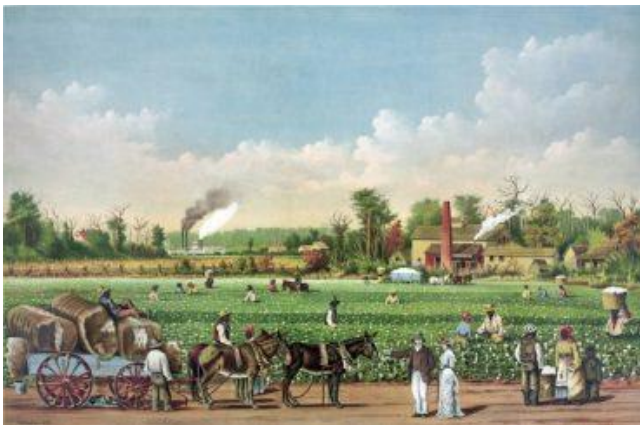
Topic: "The Delafield Commission and the influence of the Crimean War on US Military doctrine 1855-1861"

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

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MOST COLLEGE STUDENTS THINK AMERICA INVENTED SLAVERY, PROFESSOR FINDS

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For 11 years, Professor Duke Pesta gave quizzes to his students at the beginning of the school year to test their knowledge on basic facts about American history and Western culture.

The most surprising result from his 11-year experiment? Students' overwhelming belief that slavery began in the United States and was almost exclusively an American phenomenon, he said.

"Most of my students could not tell me anything meaningful about slavery outside of America," Pesta

told *The College Fix*. "They are convinced that slavery was an American problem that more or less ended with the Civil War, and they are very fuzzy about the history of slavery prior to the Colonial era. Their entire education about slavery was confined to America."

Pesta, currently an associate professor of English at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, has taught the gamut of Western literature—from the Classics to the modern—at seven different universities, ranging from large research institutions to small liberal arts colleges to branch campuses. He said he has given the quizzes to students at Purdue University, University of Tennessee Martin, Ursinus College, Oklahoma State University, and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

The origin of these quizzes, which Pesta calls "cultural literacy markers," was his increasing discomfort with gaps in his students' foundational knowledge.

"They came to college without the basic rudiments of American history or Western culture and their reading level was pretty low," Pesta told *The Fix*.

Before even distributing the syllabus for his courses, Pesta administered his short quizzes with basic questions about American history, economics and Western culture. For instance, the questions asked students to circle which of three historical figures was a president of the United States, or to name three slave-holding countries over the last 2,000 years, or define "capitalism" and "socialism" in one sentence each.

Often, more students connected Thomas Jefferson to slavery than could identify him as president, according to Pesta. On one quiz, 29 out of 32 students responding knew that Jefferson owned slaves, but only three out of the 32 correctly identified him as president. Interestingly, more students— six of 32— actually believed Ben Franklin had been president.

Pesta said he believes these students were given an

overwhelmingly negative view of American history in high school, perpetuated by scholars such as Howard Zinn in “A People’s History of the United States,” a frequently assigned textbook.

What’s more, he began to observe a shift in his students’ quiz responses in the early 2000s. Before that time, Pesta described his students as “often historically ignorant, but not politicized.” Since the early 2000s, Pesta has found that “many students come to college preprogrammed in certain ways.”

“They cannot tell you many historical facts or relate anything meaningful about historical biographies, but they are, however, stridently vocal about the corrupt nature of the Republic, about the wickedness of the founding fathers, and about the evils of free markets,” Pesta said. “Most alarmingly, they know nothing about the fraught history of Marxist ideology and communist governments over the last century, but often reductively define socialism as ‘fairness.’”

Pesta also noted that, early on, his students’ “blissful ignorance was accompanied by a basic humility about what they did not know.” But over time he said he increasingly saw “a sense of moral superiority in not knowing anything about our ‘racist and sexist’ history and our ‘biased’ institutions.”

“As we now see on campus,” Pesta said, “social justice warriors are arguing that even reading the great books of Western culture is at best a micro-aggression, and at worst an insidious form of cultural imperialism and indoctrination.”

Pesta, an outspoken critic of Common Core, said he believes that these attitudes will become more pronounced moving forward, due to Common Core architect David Coleman’s rewrite of Advanced Placement American and European history standards.

Pesta argues that Coleman, now president of the College Board, “has further politicized the teaching of history, reducing the story of Western culture to little more than a litany of crimes, exploitations, and genocides, while simultaneously whitewashing the history of ideologies like socialism and communism.”

Despite no longer giving the quizzes, Pesta told *The Fix* that he continues “to seek effective ways to teach students the literature of Western culture, which it is not only alien and complex, but often condemned by students before it is truly encountered.”

“We must absolutely teach those areas where Western culture has fallen short, but always with the recognition that such criticism is possible because of the freedoms and advantages offered by Western culture,” he said.

NATHAN BEDFORD FOREST STATUE WON’T BE RELOCATED



GATLINBURG — The Tennessee Historical Commission rejected a move by Memphis City Council to relocate the controversial statue of Nathan Bedford Forrest from a park near downtown Memphis.

The application for the move was submitted in reaction to the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2013, which prevents cities or counties from relocating, removing, renaming, or otherwise disturbing war memorials on public properties.

The Tennessee Historical Commission denied the application for waiver based on criteria adopted by the commission in October 2015.

The meeting took place Friday morning at Brookside Resort Event Center in Gatlinburg. The 29-member board meets three times a year, in February, June and October. Eighteen members of the board were at Friday’s meeting.

According to Max Fleischer, legal representative for THC, the commission had the opportunity to vote to change the criteria Friday but no motion was made to do so.

“The commission had already adopted criteria, and if the application did not meet the criteria it would be denied,” Fleischer said. “Basically, what happened here today is the waiver came before the commission and they were given the option to allow it to be denied under that criteria or, if they wanted, they could have rescinded that criteria.”

In August 2015, the Memphis City Council voted to remove the statue, along with the remains of Forrest and his wife, from the park.

The commission considered only the fate of the statue on Friday. Family approval and court approval would be needed to relocate the remains of Forrest and his wife.

The council vote followed a national effort to remove Confederate symbols in public spaces in the wake of a widely publicized mass shooting at a church in Charleston, S.C.

Allan J. Wade, an attorney representing the city of Memphis, sought a waiver in March with the Tennessee Historical Commission to have the removal considered. In the application, Wade requested the statue be relocated to a “more suitable location.”

The application stated the city of Savannah, Tenn., “had expressed interest for the relocation” and The National Civil War Trust was considering a proposal to move the statue to Brice’s Crossroad National Battlefield site near Baldwyn, Miss.

“Both locations are far more suitable than the present site,” Wade said in the application.

The city can submit another application for waiver for consideration, but the criteria has not changed.

The statue, which depicts the former Confederate lieutenant-general astride his horse “King Phillip,” is currently located in Health Sciences Park between Union Avenue and Madison Avenue.

The statue was dedicated to the city of Memphis in 1905 and erected as an “enduring monument” to Forrest.

The 9,500-pound statue was designed in New York and cast in Paris, France. In 1904, the bodies of Forrest and his wife were reinterred to the site of the statue from Elmwood Cemetery.

Former Memphis Mayor A C Wharton suggested in 2015 the remains of Forrest and his wife should be moved back to Elmwood Cemetery, less than 2 miles south of their current resting place.

Frank Cagle, a columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel, said Friday that despite the desire in Memphis to relocate the statue, you cannot erase history.

“I think there is a lot of sentiment in Memphis to erase any memory of Forrest, but the Commission will run up against a buzz saw in the Legislature,

where a bust of Forrest has a prominent niche,” Cagle said. “My position is that you don’t erase history. You use opportunities to have a teachable moment. Kids in school need to know what happened, the good and the bad.”

RENAMING JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY UNJUSTIFIED BY THE TRUTH OF HISTORY



There is yet another movement abroad to air-brush Confederate history and to use it as the scapegoat for all the social ills of this country. The movement is undertaken in the fashion of the Soviet Communists under Stalin, and it is one more step towards totalitarianism held together by lies, distortions, and disinformation. Today it appears in the form of a petition to remove the name of Jefferson Davis from the portion of US Highway 1 that runs through Fredericksburg, Virginia. It is a petition proposed by a professor with an agenda at the University of Mary Washington as a project for his class. The evident enthusiasm of the class for the project indicates that they have been successfully indoctrinated by what Voltaire called “The propaganda of the victorious,” which in this case states that Jefferson Davis was a traitor and that The War was fought to free the slaves. This Myth now goes unchallenged in the academy, as the evident purpose of academia these days seems not to be the encouragement of inquiry, but the inculcation of dogma. The North’s War against Southern Secession is a prime example.

There were many legitimate causes for the Southern States’ secession from the Union in 1861, but there was only one cause for The War – legitimate only if one is an imperialist. That cause was the North’s refusal to let the South go in peace. But this puts Abraham Lincoln and the United States in 1861 in a relationship analogous to George III and England in 1776. This will never do, so history must be sanitized, Soviet-style, and the North’s War of Conquest must be transformed into an Orwellian war of liberation, although in reality emancipation of the slave was merely a byproduct of the war waged

against his master – just as was Lord Dunmore’s Emancipation Proclamation during the Revolution. Read Lincoln’s famous Emancipation Proclamation objectively, and you will see that it says in essence that “slavery is all right as long as one is loyal to Lincoln’s government.” President Lincoln was a white supremacist who worked to deport freed Blacks to Central America and elsewhere. Maybe the Crusaders’ next petition should be for the removal of the Lincoln Memorial. But for now we are supposed to hearken to Marxist carpetbaggers and repudiate our great-grandfathers who were fighting to defend our country from invasion, conquest and coerced political allegiance – just as their fathers had done in 1776, when the thirteen slaveholding colonies seceded from the British Empire.

The petition to change the name of Jefferson Davis Highway is unjustified by the truth of history. Leaving his name on the highway does not mean an endorsement of slavery and white supremacy. It means an endorsement of our Revolutionary and Constitutional heritage, and our stand against invasion, conquest, and coerced political allegiance to a colossal, bureaucratic, totalitarian government. Burying that fact is the real agenda of the Marxist Crusaders who would expunge all traces of Confederate history. Leave Jeff Davis alone. He has something to teach us.

H. V. Traywick, Jr.
Richmond, Virginia

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Honoring all Veterans



Americans have fought bravely throughout the history of this country. November 11 is one day of the year which we as a nation honor our Veterans. We honor all Americans who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. We honor those

Veterans who served during war and those who helped keep the peace.

We honor our ancestors. We honor American Veterans who served in gray as well as their ancestors who fought in the Revolution, War of

1812 and War with Mexico. We remember their Southern descendants who fought in subsequent wars of this proud nation.

With the Centennial of World War I this is a special time to honor Americans who fought in the trenches of France. We remember the World War II generation and how they touched many of our lives. We honor those who fought from the snow storms of Korea to the jungles of Vietnam. We remember the Veterans who served during the Cold War from the Berlin Wall to South Korea. We remember those who served in Desert Storm, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Southerners have served bravely throughout our country’s history. We often left small towns and farms to fight in remote parts of the world. Many Southerners in uniform gave their best and their lives for this country.

Many Veterans live with the consequences of their service. Thousands are in wheelchairs or wear prosthetic legs. Others are scarred from psychological trauma. For most Americans, a war stops when the last bullet is fired or paper documents are signed. However for many American Veterans and their families the consequences of combat never end. This is our time to think of them and keep them in our prayers.

We belong to brave families to be honored and remembered. Happy Veterans Day.

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18th Tennessee Infantry Regiment



14th Tennessee Infantry

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The Confederate Calendar

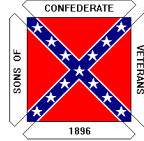
2016 Event Schedule

A listing of events of interest for Southern Heritage organizations.

<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



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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 _____

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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.

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Parks Defense Fund

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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.

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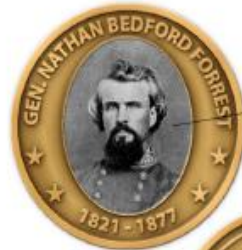
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