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CAMP MEETING

Tuesday June 9, 2020

Speaker: Bruce Lynch
Topic: "Confederate Flags"
7:00 PM

Collierville VFW
347 South Center Street in Collierville

Don't miss our next meeting!



Former Lee Camp Commander Donald Harrison Leads Elmwood Tour

Commander's Corner

Welcome to summer compatriots and hopefully the return to some normalcy. In the last three weeks I've been to Confederate memorials in Bartlett and at Shiloh. Both events well attended and I just returned from the second Lee Camp field trip of the year; an exclusive tour of Elmwood Cemetery hosted by our own Donald Harrison. We had 48 people come out to enjoy the beautiful day. Most of the local SCV camps had representation as well as the Forrest UDC chapter. Several members of the Tippah Tigers and Battle of Shiloh Camp Camps drove to town for it. Donald did a fantastic job as always and we're very lucky to have somebody with his knowledge level and willingness to give it to others in our Camp.



As of this writing I do believe that we will have a June camp meeting as scheduled on June 8. I'm waiting to get confirmation on the availability of our meeting space but I do believe that this time we will do it outdoors so look for more information from me this week about it. For now, we will not be having the pre-meeting dinner as a pandemic precaution so we will start at the usual 7 pm time. Hopefully we can bring the meal back soon as it was definitely well received.

The speaker for this month will be Bruce Lynch presenting on his large collection of Confederate flags. Most of us know a lot about flags but I have seen this presentation twice and learned things each time. I encourage you to consider this as an opportunity to recruit somebody that is not familiar with the SCV to attend this particular presentation. The average lay person sees the battle flag, mostly misrepresented and not in its proper context, and thinks that is all there is. Bruce's presentation will be very enlightening to that type of person and probably encourage them to make another visit to us and possibly join our Camp.

I hope you all have been enjoying the series on the personality of Robert E. Lee that I have been forwarding. There are two more installments to come. I feel these articles have been expertly written and if you feel so moved, I encourage you to make a donation to the

association in New Orleans who is fighting for the preservation of their statues as a show of your appreciation.

Take care and I look forward to seeing all of you again soon.

Sincerely,

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From UDC Headquarters

From Email Forwarded 5-21-2020

This is a very sad day in the history of UDC. Saturday night about midnight, in the dark of night as cowards usually travel, there was a riot in Richmond. These people with a directed agenda hit various Confederate monuments down Monument Row spraying graffiti and attempting to bring them down. Then they turned on us.

Our building was covered with graffiti, windows were broken all across the front, in the dining room, in the pantry and across the very back.

The breaking point was when the curtains hanging out of the Goodlett Library window were set on fire and our building blazed. Thanks to the quick actions of Mary Valentino, Business Office Manager the majority of our building was saved.

When the riots started, Mary was at home and with the problems in Richmond she decided to monitor, from home, the security cameras surrounding the building. When she saw the people (about 150-250 people) approaching our building she called the police and then me. As she watched the mob of protesters on her phone she sent pictures to me. When she saw the smoke and then flames coming from the building she called the fire department. The police came with lights flashing and sirens on and the rioters left running. The fire department was close behind. Had it not been for Mary's dedication to her job, monitoring our building (on her time off) and calling the authorities, we might have lost everything..

Mary, Teresa Rhone and Terry O'Donahue all went to the building to assess the damage. They had to wait for the fire department to allow them to enter the building. It appears the fire was contained in the Goodlett Library but smoke and soot has covered every inch of the building and there is water damage to parts of the building. Teresa tells me all of the books in the Goodlett Library have some sort of damage but it can be days before a complete assessment can be made. She thought the shelves storing the Division History books and whatever else was in that

area are a total loss.

I last talked to Mary about 3:30 AM CDT and the fire department had people there putting boards on our windows to secure the building. I have discussed with Mary the need for security around the building 24/7 for maybe a month. She will contact them tomorrow. We will also be talking to our insurance company and seeking safe storage for some of our items until all can be safely brought back into the building. We will need professional cleaners to bring the other areas back to a usable status. All carpets may have to be replaced. Cleanup is going to take a long time.

The building inspector told Mary that it will be wise to not go back into the building until at least Tuesday. This will let the smoke and gases from the fire clear the building. Please give the people in the Business Office some time to get their lives back together and then we can have business as usual.

There is a video of the event that was on twitter and Pam Trammell sent a copy of it to me and Mary who forwarded it to the police. We were told that if they can find the man filming the event and shouting direction to the crowd he can be charged with hate crimes, arson and inciting a riot to list a few items.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts was not toughed but the Virginia Historical Society had damage as well.

Prayers for UDC, prayers for our Business Office and the staff and prayers for these misguided, uneducated, simple minded people who follow these hate filled people like the pied piper. May they see the light and ask to be forgiven for their hateful actions.

Nelma Crutcher

President General UDC

Protesters Target Confederate Monuments

RICHMOND, Va. — Protesters demonstrating against the death of George Floyd targeted Confederate monuments in multiple cities.

As tense protests swelled across the country Saturday into Sunday morning, monuments in Virginia, the Carolinas and Mississippi were defaced. The presence of Confederate monuments across the South — and elsewhere in the United States — has been challenged for years, and some of the monuments targeted were already under consideration for removal.

The words “spiritual genocide,” along with red handprints, were painted on the sides of a Confederate monument on the University of Mississippi campus Saturday, The Oxford Eagle reported. One person was

arrested at the scene.

Ole Miss administrators, student leaders and faculty leaders have recommended moving the statue — installed in 1906 and a rallying point in 1962 for people who rioted to oppose the university’s court-ordered integration — from a central spot to a Civil War cemetery that’s in a more secluded location on campus, but the state College Board has delayed action.

Critics have said its display near the university’s main administrative building sends a signal that Ole Miss glorifies the Confederacy and glosses over the South’s history of slavery.

In Charleston, South Carolina, protesters defaced a Confederate statue near The Battery, a historic area on the coastal city’s southern tip. The base of the Confederate Defenders statue, erected in 1932, was spray-painted, including with the words “BLM” and “traitors,” news outlets reported. It was later covered with tarp, photos show.

In North Carolina, the base of a Confederate monument at the State Capitol was marked with a black X and a shorthand for a phrase expressing contempt for police, according to a photo posted by a News & Observer journalist to social media. The word “racist” was also marked on the monument, the newspaper reported.

The question of Confederate monuments has been especially contentious in North Carolina, where such monuments are generally protected by law.

A nearly two-year battle was waged over the fate of the “Silent Sam” statue after it was toppled by protesters at the University of North Carolina’s flagship Chapel Hill campus in 2018. A legal agreement reached last November handed over the statue to a group of Confederate descendants, keeping it off campus. A Confederate statue outside a Durham courthouse was also torn down by protesters.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper had asked for the three Confederate monuments on the grounds of the Capitol to be moved to a nearby battlefield; a state historical panel voted in 2018 to keep the statues, but add context about slavery and civil rights. Statues in Winston-Salem and Chatham County were removed last year in rare moves.

But the state where the debate over Confederate monuments has perhaps attracted the most attention is Virginia, where a 2017 white nationalist rally over Charlottesville’s proposed removal of such monuments turned deadly.

In the coastal city of Norfolk, protesters climbed a Confederate monument and spray-painted graffiti on its base, according to photos posted by a Virginian-Pilot

journalist. Norfolk is among the Virginia cities that have signaled intent to remove their Confederate monuments. In February, state lawmakers approved legislation that would give cities autonomy to do so.

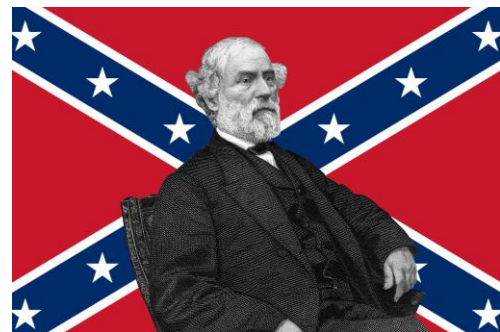
A commission in Richmond, the state capital and what was the capital of the Confederacy, recommended removing one of five Confederate statues along the city’s famed Monument Avenue. Photos posted to social media late Saturday and early Sunday showed the bases of at least two statues — those of Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and J.E.B. Stuart — almost entirely covered in graffiti.



JEB Stuart Monument, Richmond Virginia

Nearby, a fire burned for a time at the headquarters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a group responsible for erecting many Confederate statues and fighting their removal. The building, too, was covered in graffiti, The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported.

In Tennessee and Pennsylvania, statues of people criticized for racist views, but without Confederate ties were also targeted.



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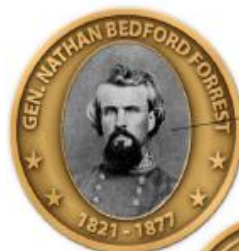
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