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LEE CAMP FIELD TRIP PARKERS CROSSROADS*

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Meet at the Visitors Center

20945 Hwy 22N

Parker's Crossroads, TN 38388

10:00 AM

**Guided Battlefield Tour Led by Former
Tennessee State Representative Steve
McDaniel**

***NOTE: There WILL NOT be a regular Lee
Camp meeting in October**

by members from the Forrest, Wigfall Grays, Dewitt Smith Jobe, Chalmers, Battle of Shiloh, Tippah Tigers and Corinth Camps as well as multiple UDC Chapters (please forgive me if I have left someone out). This really makes me happy. During challenging times like we have had this year on the pandemic and especially heritage fronts, our Confederate companionship sure is fulfilling. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please come back because all of our functions this year have been a really good time.

Remember for October, we will not have our regular meeting that would normally be on the 12th. Instead, we will be enjoying another great Lee Camp field trip to Parkers Crossroads. It will be Saturday morning October 10th at 10 am. We will meet at the visitor's center and then be given a private guided tour of the battlefield by retired Tennessee State Representative Steve McDaniel who was so instrumental in forging the historical preservation legislation that is so important to our Cause. Steve is an expert on the battle and no doubt will be an excellent guide.

Commander's Corner

Please give a hearty welcome to new member J. T. Liles who was introduced to us and assisted in his genealogy by Joe Burns (thank you Joe!!). It was great to meet him, hear about his Confederate lineage in North Carolina and we all benefited from his participation in the last meeting. Really nice guy and we look forward to his involvement.

On the subject of meetings, COVID hasn't slowed us down I'm happy to say.

Attendance has been good at our meetings and field trips and I'm especially appreciative for the participation of members from other Camps. In the last several months, we have been routinely visited



The tour will be a mix of driving, interpretation at stops and some walking but not for long distances. This special event is free, open to everyone and is a great opportunity to invite a visitor to join us. They will have a good time and I feel will come away impressed with who the Sons of Confederate Veterans really is.

Take care, give me a call should you have any questions about the field trip and I look forward to seeing everyone soon on the 10th.

Steve McDaniel to Lead Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Tour



Steve K. McDaniel is a former member of the Tennessee General Assembly representing House District 72. He was elected by his colleagues to serve in the Republican leadership, fulfilling two terms as Caucus Chairman, three terms as House Minority Leader and Deputy Speaker. McDaniel also has a long and distinguished career as a public servant for the City of Parkers Crossroads.

McDaniel has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the UDC's Jefferson Davis Award; the SCV's Robert E. Lee Award for Heritage Preservation and its Distinguished Service Medal; the Dr. Frank Vandiver Award, presented by the Houston Civil War Roundtable in Houston, Texas, and the Civil War Preservation Trust's State Leadership Award in 2002.

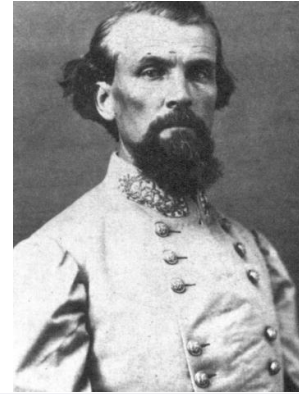
A dedicated supporter of battlefield preservation efforts in Tennessee, McDaniel served four terms as President of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association. He was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, which planned the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States.

McDaniel, a past president of the Henderson County Historical Society, served as the inaugural president of the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Association in 1993 and now holds the position of historian.

N.B. Forrest – Setting the Record Straight By Becky Muska

General Forrest was not the founder or "grand wizard" of any anti-American organizations, as confirmed by testimony before both U.S. Senate and Congressional committees in 1871. The organization known as the kuklux was founded in Pulaski, TN by several attorneys, and Gen. Forrest was not present. Gen. Forrest's biographer, Dr. John Wyeth, a NY physician, in his work published in 1899; stated on page 619 that both senate and congressional subcommittees interviewed Gen. Forrest and concluded that he had no connection as a member, as a grand wizard, or as a leader of the kuklux, an

organization formed in Tennessee to defend against the radical Republican governor Parson Brownlow, who today would be equivalent to Socialist Democrats or Gov. Bill Lee, and the Northern-led and supported Freedmen's Bureau, Loyal League, and Union League; these leagues being equivalent today to terrorist organizations like ISIS



Nathan Bedford Forrest

abroad and antifa at home. Once the terrorist organizations had been run out of Tennessee and Brownlow was no longer governor, the kuklux disbanded. The kuklux was not the precursor for the modern-day KKK, no matter how many ways mainstream media want to spin it. The U.S. House Congressional subcommittee made this statement concerning the plight of Tennessee, "...as early as 1865 began a series of acts of outlawry and oppression which drove her people almost to desperation; whatever was necessary to maintain in power the [Northern] men who had seized the reins of government was ordered and executed with a high hand, and when necessary, at the point of a bayonet." You can find the transcribed testimony in detail from the hearings on the internet.

General Forrest did not order any massacre at Ft. Pillow. Forrest gave federal forces several opportunities to surrender; however, they refused. Enemy forces never lowered their flag at the fort, a black flag which meant federal soldiers would show no quarter to Confederate forces. Once Forrest arrived at the fort after Confederate forces took the fort, he ordered hostilities to cease. This was a battle, nothing more or less. The unnecessary loss of life at the fort rests solely on the federal commanding officer, Major William Bradford, who was a worthless coward and liar who pretended to be his dead superior officer at the fort, had barrels of liquor opened for his black soldiers to drink until they were in a drunken stupor, then planned his escape from the fort with a federal navy captain waiting in the Mississippi River until the captain

saw that the federal forces were losing the battle and got the hell out of there.

Why were federal troops even based at the non-significant Ft. Pillow in the first place? After the Battle of Ft. Pillow, Gen. Sherman realized that Gen. Hurlbut had disobeyed his earlier command to evacuate the fort. Hurlbut was relieved of his command on April 18. There was speculation that Hurlbut was dealing in contraband cotton. Ft. Pillow was an ideal location to hide his operation. Hurlbut was using his power for personal gain. Ft. Pillow being used to smuggle contraband cotton is substantiated by the Revelle brothers. Hardy Revelle was a civilian, Cordy B. Revelle was a soldier with the U.S. 13th TN, and Axum M. Revelle traveled up and down the Mississippi River on various personal business. These brothers were involved in smuggling contraband for Gen. Hurlbut.

General Forrest employed an escort of 45 black Southern soldiers who served with him throughout the war. After the war, Forrest worked for reconciliation between Americans. He was invited to speak before the Independent Order of Polebearers and promoted civil rights for Southern people of color. What did federal commanders Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan do after burning a path through the South, bringing warfare to the front porch of defenseless civilians? They carried the same war westward with assistance from the all-black buffalo soldiers to annihilate American Indians.

It is so easy to libel and slander the dead who cannot defend themselves...

Collierville Leaders Not Moving on Confederate Marker

At a meeting on September 28, Collierville leaders declined to put a much-debated item regarding Confederate stone monument in Town Square Park on a future agenda.

The mayor offered board members the opportunity to make a motion on future discussion of the relic and none did. The lack of a motion came after several speakers from both sides of the issue addressed the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

The relic was donated by the United Daughters of Confederacy to the town more than 70 years ago to commemorate battles fought in the suburb during the Civil War.

Some residents in Collierville have begged leaders for the monument to stay on the square's west side. Those who want it removed have asked officials to relocate it to a less-visited spot that is more appropriate, such as a cemetery where soldiers are buried or Tom Brooks Park

where the battle was fought.

Recently, the monument has sparked controversy as residents throughout Shelby County, including some who live in Collierville, have held protests showing their displeasure with the monument.

Some of those spoke during Monday night's meeting, while a significant number of people spoke in favor of leaving the monument. Those who favored the monument took issue with opponents characterizing them as racists or fascists.

At a Monday afternoon press conference in front of Town Hall, several opponents continued to lobby for the monument's removal. Emily Fulmer, a Collierville resident, announced Collierville Community Justice, a coalition fighting racism with emphasis on inclusion within the school district, community and government.

She said those opposed to the monument hope the town will establish a committee to discuss removing and relocating marker.

They also hope the town will design and create unbiased sign at a future location to give historical context to the monument.

Line Marie Kjeldsen moved to Collierville from Europe about a year ago. She loved the suburban small-town feel on the surface, but recently said she sometimes regrets choosing the town. When she learned about the monument, she thought it was "an oversight."

"I mean, who in 2020 would allow an oppressive, racist symbol to crown their city to be glorified, in the middle of a recreational space, that is supposed to be for the enjoyment of all citizens?" she said. "It has been disheartening to learn some of the arguments used to defend the monument – claiming 'history' and 'heritage' and 'hey, (you) should just stop being offended' as reasons why a racist symbol should be allowed to stay."

At the meeting Monday evening, activists from Collierville and Shelby County – as they have done at several recent meetings – addressed the town board asking leaders for removal of the stone monument.

Chelsea Glass read comments from Collierville Facebook groups where people have threatened harm.

"What is this marker worth to you?" Glass, a Collierville resident, asked the board. "We are headed on a dangerous and violent trajectory. ... Apathy is no longer acceptable."

As removal was requested, those in the audience in favor of leaving the monument scoffed and mumbled their disagreements.

The board also heard from some in favor of keeping the monument. Those in the audience in agreement

said “Amen.”

“I don’t understand where all the hate is coming from,” Debbie Wood, a 20-year resident said. “When you have a heart full of Jesus there is no room for the hate.”

“I’m happy to not be on (protesters’) side,” Anne Calderwood, Conservative Women of Collierville president, said before talking about history and practices in other countries. “ ... These protesters are not interested in debate of any sort, which is unfortunate because a debate about the monument’s presence in our community would be insightful and educational.”

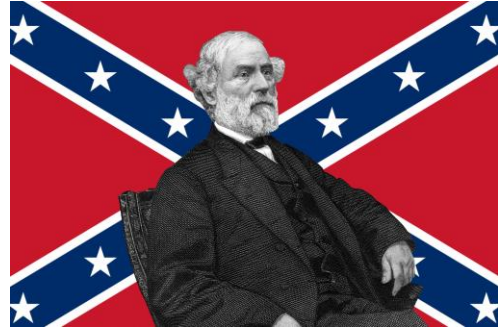


Protesters said ahead of the meeting they have appointments in coming days with town leaders.

The monument is protected by the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act and cannot be removed without the approval of the Tennessee Heritage Commission.

After the speakers from both sides presented their stance, Mayor Stan Joyner asked if any aldermen had a motion to put the item on a future agenda for discussion.

The request was met with silence, the board moved on to the next agenda item.



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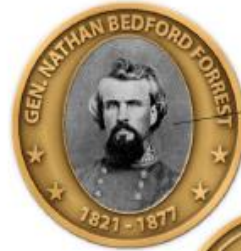
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