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“Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations” — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee

July Meeting Will page 2 Be Held on 20 June

Our July meeting will honor the birthday of Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest (b-day was July 13). The ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR, will once again be sponsoring this meeting with a General Forrest Birthday Picnic to be held inside the fellowship hall where we have our meetings. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods (including the men), family, and friends for this pot luck picnic. Last years celebration was great and the ladies want to make this an annual celebration. Bring any Forrest memorabilia that you wish to display or share with everyone as we honor this great Southern Hero. Also, the night will feature Lt. Commander Palmer and his guitar as we have a Camp sing along of period music. So brush up on your words to "The Southern Battle Cry of Freedom, the Bonnie Blue Flag, and Dixie." You don't want to miss this one folks.

Remember that your Dues will be due in August for the 2000-2001 year

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Commander's Note: Earl McCown, Jr.



Greetings;

It's hard to believe that the year is half over, but here it is July. This has been an extremely busy time for me as I am sure it has for each of you. Our Heritage problems continue and I see no end in sight. We must concentrate our efforts to assist in the fight to preserve our past heritage. There seems to be no end to the attacks that we face, but with a concerted effort, we will overcome.

Our July meeting will be our annual picnic celebrating General Forrest's birthday. Everyone should bring their favorite picnic foods (that means the men too) Last year was super and this year should be too.

It is time to start paying annual membership dues as our new year begins August 1st. It is important that we keep our dues current. We have a couple of new prospective members that will be joining our camp later those month or the first of next month. We must concentrate on enlisting new members, that is the only source of our growth.

Until our meeting, I close now,
Your Obedient Servant
Earl McCown Jr., Commander

Recap of the June Meeting Meeting

If you missed the June meeting (As I did and found out it was a great one), you missed a special get together and educational one as well. During the Trivia competition on our Southern Heritage, it seems that Walter Swain won the grand prize of a War Between the States print donated by Lt. Commander Palmer. I know Walter is envied by everyone (I know I do and wished I was there to compete). Our High School graduates were honor at this meeting as well. Congratulations to once again to Andrew, Thomas, and Ralph Jr.

Commander McCown updated everyone on information from the Convention which was attended by a record number of members from our Camp and the OCR Chapter with a total of seven from our area. Hopefully we will be represented with even more next year since the Convention will be in Southaven. No excuse to miss this one folks it promises to be one of the biggest ones yet for all of our Societies.

We also want to congratulate the new OCR State Society officers that are represented in the Ella Palmer Chapter upon their election: Annette McCluney, State President; Betty Furr, State Vice-President; and Susan Williams, State Secretary. A big rebel yell goes out to these ladies.

Men Say Rebel Flag Stands For Freedom

By Tim Isabell of the Sun Herald

For an hour, the Confederate battle flag flew over the former site of the Eight Flags Display on U.S. 90. Dressed in Confederate gray, a black man named Anthony Hervey marched with the banner clutched in his hands. His brother, Harry, accompanied him, wearing jeans and a Robert E. Lee T-shirt. Hervey's devotion to the flag began when he discovered that a great-great-uncle, James Hervey, was a black American who fought for the Confederacy during the American Civil War. James Hervey served in the Army of Mississippi and was killed at the battle of Shiloh.

Further research helped Hervey discover records of at least 100,000 black Confederates who fought in the war. "I am marching for freedom," Hervey said. "The battle flag stands for freedom and states' rights. The U.S. flag is the flag of slavery. It flew over 100 years of slavery, and Native Americans were annihilated under that flag." For his march, Hervey chose the site where a Confederate flag once stood, one of eight representing entities that have governed the Coast. Harrison County removed the flags because of protests over the Confederate flag, a racist symbol to many, flying on the public beach.

Hervey's crusade also has taken him to Jackson. In the Jackson City Council chambers June 13, Hervey showed up wearing his battle grays, wrapped in the flag. A scuffle erupted between a Jackson man, who said he supported Hervey, and a city councilman who exchanged words, according to published reports. Hervey was not involved in the shoving match.

Hervey sees a correlation between the past and today's controversies over the flag. "We currently live under a psychological form of reconstruction," he said. "Whites are made to feel guilty for sins of their ancestors, and blacks are made to feel downtrodden. This keeps all of us from communicating. The political correctness of today is killing the pride of the people."

Hervey is the founder of the Black Confederate Soldier Foundation, an Oxford-based, not-for-profit organization. The foundation's mission is to foster new thought on the Civil War. He says that the Confederate flag is a racist symbol are, to a group, part of a nonissue. Black Confederates, the foundation says, have been misrepresented in historical texts.

Hervey wants to build a memorial that will include the names of the black Confederates who fought and died in the War Between the States.

As the Hervey brothers continued their march, shouts of support and anger could be heard from passing motorists. A group of young black men hanging from car windows shouted at the pair. Hervey instructed his brother to look forward like a true soldier. "Don't even look at them," Hervey said, citing the young men's behavior as an example of the psychology today. "They will yell a lot and want you to confront them, but they will not do anything," Hervey said. "I find it appalling what happened in South Carolina, and I'm afraid this is going to happen in Mississippi." Hervey said.

"We seek only to correct the errors in history - to right the wrongs done to the memories of these brave sol-



Harry Hervey, wearing a Confederate kepi hat, and his brother, Anthony, dressed in Confederate gray, wave the Confederate battle flag at the Eight Flags display in Gulfport. The Herveys were marching with the flags in support of the Black Confederate Soldier Foundation. They want to bring attention to the fact that blacks fought for the Confederacy too.

Hervey wants 'March on Jackson'

By Rashaun Ellis

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A man, who in May marched around Oxford with the Confederate flag, said at Thursday's meeting for the Society of Cogers he has more marching in store. Anthony Hervey said that he is planning to have a "March on Jackson," which would consist of 30 black men with Confederate ancestry to advocate the building of a memorial to all of the black Confederate soldiers. The march would begin in Oxford and the soldiers would march to Capitol building in Jackson while waving the Confederate battle flag. From the march on Jackson would stem a resulting march on Washington that would end at the Lincoln Memorial, Hervey said. "We're gonna put a face to history," he said.

Hervey and several of his colleagues, including Greg Stewart, Oxford lawyer and member of the Oxford Chapter Sons of Confederate Veterans, discussed the march, and issues dealing with Southern culture and the Confederate flag. He said that the media portrays blacks as "poor, starving, and pregnant victims" and ends up ignoring white victims of poverty. He also said that liberal whites are the real racists because they use blacks to attack their own enemies, conservatives, by using symbols like the Rebel Flag.

Hervey said that he hopes that through the release of this information blacks will learn who the real racists are and "pick up their battle flags and shout, 'No more! No more!'"

**Texas Needs Your Support!! Be Faithful and show your support
just as Texas did for General Lee.
Fly your Flag and illuminate it at night on July 15!!**

Hello to all you good Southrons,

Last weekend I sent to all of you the e-mail below. Since then, I have gotten several responses with a good suggestion. Most of you will not be able to attend the march in Austin, Texas concerning the removal of the Confederate plaques from the Supreme Court building by G. W. Bush. If you will, all who cannot attend can still light candles for every member of your household. Be sure to do it safely. The march will begin at dusk on July 15, Central Time. I believe dusk is just after sundown. Try to light your candles to coincide with about 9:00 P.M. according to your time zone. If there are enough in your town or neighborhood, contact the TV stations and newspapers and let them know what you are doing and why. Fly your flags if you have them. There is nothing more beautiful than any of the Confederate flags lighted by candlelight. Thanks for all your support from me, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texicans and all Southerners.

Vin Vinson

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Just an update about the situation in Austin over the removal of two Confederate plaques from the Supreme Court Building. My name is Vin Vinson from Dallas, Texas. I am a proud member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and am doing what I can to stop the NAACP from destroying the history of the South. Learn more about me at: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Estates/8348>

In the 1950's, money was taken from the Confederate widow's fund to build a new supreme court building. This came about as a result of a vote by the people of Texas. As a result, two small bronze plaques were placed in the building. One was a quote from Robert E. Lee about how he liked to call on the Texas Confederate soldiers when things got rough in the war. The other stated that the building was dedicated to the Texas soldiers who fought in the war and there was a Confederate battle flag in the center.

Governor Bush, upon demand from the NAACP, had these plaques removed and replaced with another as a "compromise". The new plaque states "EVEN THOUGH the building was built with the Confederate pension funds, it is dedicated to equal justice for all". This is almost an apology for using the funds for a supreme court building. VERY UNSATISFACTORY TO SOUTHERNERS.

Ella Palmer Chapter #9: OCR President's Note: Annette McCluney

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the South,

As you know I have taken on the responsibility of the new Mississippi Society OCR President. Also, Ms Betty Furr is the new Society Vice-President and Ms. Susan Williams is the new Society Secretary. Our new Society Treasurer is Joan Lattimer of the Southaven OCR Chapter. I am very fortunate to have my new State Society officers so close by because we have our work cut out for these next two years to revitalize the Society and get it back on track.

I would like for the ladies to be prepared for our annual General Forrest Birthday Celebration on July 20. It will be a pot luck picnic so prepare finger food. Bring your families and friends as we gather to honor a great Southern Hero. Lt. Commander Alan Palmer will also entertain us once again with period music and sing-a-longs so brush up on your "Dixie".

The ladies of our Chapter are encouraged to attend the General Forest Birthday Celebration at his Tomb in Memphis on July 16 at 2:00 PM. I will be attending and hope to see you there. I would also like to remind you that August is when we renew our dues and elect new officers so be prepared for this important meeting in August.

I am in the process of designing a newsletter for our Society that should be ready for publication in September, hopefully. Please take time to encourage the men of the B/General Humphrey's Camp to bring their wives. This should always be our number one source of new members. We must recruit within our ranks as well as venturing out.

I hope to see each and everyone of you at the birthday celebration. This should be a maximum turnout for us since we are sponsoring this event.

Deo Vindice,

Annette McCluney, President

Governor Names Commission

Compatriots:

As you know the governor has named his "commission." Now we need to start our campaign to win them over to doing what is right in leaving our flag as it is and should be. At this time I am working on the next issue of the Division newsletter and it would be a great help if we could include the names and addresses of the commission members in this issue. We cannot wait until the last minute.

I have the names and addresses of the Senate and House members, but need the addresses of the following members of the commission. Please help by sending them to me as soon as possible. They are:
Former Gov. William Winter of Jackson, J. L. Holloway of Jackson, Dolphus Weary of Jackson, Lisa Binder Milner of Jackson, Larry Frye of Moss Point, Fran Ivy of Columbus, Don Kilgore of Philadelphia, Vanessa Rogers Long of Clarksdale, Jean Moore of Coldwater, Jack Reed of Tupelo, Johnny Tatum of Hattiesburg.

For your information, in case you have not read the list the following are the Senate and House members:

Sen. Terry Burton, D-Newton,
101 Rew Street, Newton, MS 39345
Sen. Hillman Frazier, D-Jackson,
2066 Queensroad Ave, Jackson, MS 39213
Sen. Mike Chaney, R-Vicksburg,
528 Inglewood Dr., Vicksburg, MS 39180

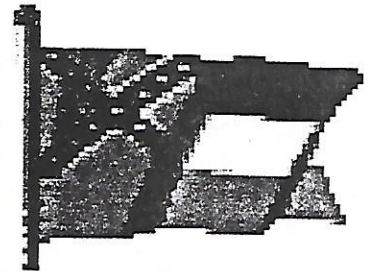
Rep. Steve Holland, D- Plantersville
1013 Polk St., Tupelo, MS 38801
Rep. Wanda Jennings, R-Southaven
1535 Sherwood Lane, Southaven, MS 38671
Rep. Ed Blackmon, Jr., D-Canton
P.O. Drawer 105, Canton, MS 39046

I have spoken to Mrs. Jennings and she has come out publicly. She has NO intention of voting for a change. Her husband flies two (2) state flags in the front of his business here in Southaven. I personally do not feel she will cave in under pressure. I have known her for many years, having taught both her children, and she is very honorable. That is one vote we definitely have. Your help is needed. Please send it as soon as possible.

Deo Vindice,

John L. Echols, Communications Officer

Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans



Brow beating is not the way to teach tolerance!

By Donald Adderton

GREENVILLE - To listen to the nonsensical drivel of the anti-battle flag crowd, you'd think all white people have three heads and a tail, and are hopelessly wedded to racism. Their despicable dirge has droned on for far too long. Yet they show no inclination of changing their tired, racially motivated refrain.

All across the Delta, Mississippi and the nation, these left-wing radicals are sowing the seeds of racial divisiveness. And it is not only the black left, but also white liberals who relentlessly advance the distorted hypothesis of victimization. As you know, this state is in the process of determining if there will be a newly designed Mississippi flag. The NAACP and the liberal left want the Confederate battle symbol, which resides in the canton corner of the state banner, removed from public. In fact, they want the Confederate symbol expunged from society.

The Confederate battle symbol is racially repugnant to the left, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans is seen as an organization worthy of suspicious scrutiny for simply defending their cultural heritage. Since when is one ethnic group's genealogy more important than another's? What the liberal left is shamelessly engaging in is revisionist American history. The lightning rod that touched off the War Between the States had little to do with slavery, and everything to do with self-determination and an equitable distribution of the economic pie. Money. The same fundamental discussion that the states continue to engage in with the federal government.

For more than a century, the Sons of Confederate Veterans have been dedicated to preserving the accurate portrayal of the roles of Southerners - white and black - who proudly donned the gray flannel uniforms of the Confederate States of America. During a four-year military engagement, the very underpinnings of the Republic were severely tested. At the time, Southerners believed the country was not headed in the direction the framers of the Constitution had originally envisioned.

Last month, the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans held its 105th reunion here. The annual gathering presented a time to renew old friendships, forge new ones, and continue the preservation of Southern heritage - not exclusively white Southern heritage. The convention offered workshops and symposiums designed to enlighten rather than inflame. In addition to preserving Southern heritage, the SCV is dedicated to educating a populace that is somewhat ignorant about Civil War facts.

The controversy swirling around the Mississippi and Confederate banners is indicative of liberal media bias, says Charlie Reese, a nationally syndicated columnist and editorial board member of the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel. "A nation cannot function without its history, its memory," Reese said during a speech last week before the SCV. "It's a real dumbing-down of America. People simply do not know what the country was founded on. We must know what we are." "It is the politically correct thing to take away the Confederate battle flag," Reese said. "But the problem with white liberals is they are closet racists who actually believe blacks are inferior."

What is present in my America is an intolerant thread, one that has to be chopped off at the root, because the Rebel flag will not be the only fabric missing from the social landscape once the NAACP and other special-interest groups finish advancing their personal agendas. "Real tolerance is not forcing everyone to agree with you," Reese said. "We have to stand for something. A beautiful piece of red cloth is not interfering with anyone's life."

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Adderton was recently honored at the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Convention in Laurel on June 10, 2000 as being a Southern Compatriot news reporter. For those who do not know Adderton, he is an African-American who has very sympathetic to our Cause. He is a former news reporter for the Sun-Herald News on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that wrote articles supporting the flag at the Gulf Coast Welcome sign that displayed the six flags that flew over Mississippi. He also wrote the article on Anthony Herve when he visited our Camp. He is a valuable ally to our Division and our Camp and we must take this opportunity to welcome him to the Mississippi Delta. Please take the opportunity to greet him and congratulate him on his award.

**Remember Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest
on his birthday this Month
Fly your Flag in his memory!**

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With no formal military training, Nathan Bedford Forrest became one of the leading cavalry figures of the Civil War. The native Tennessean had amassed a fortune, which he estimated at \$1,500,000, as a slave trader and plantation owner before enlisting in the Confederate army as a private in Josiah H. White's cavalry company on June 14, 1861. Tapped by the governor, he then raised a mounted battalion at his own expense.

His assignments included: lieutenant colonel, Forrest's Tennessee Cavalry Battalion (October 1861); colonel, 3rd Tennessee Cavalry (March 1862); brigadier general, CSA July 21, 1862); commanding cavalry brigade, Army of the Mississippi (summer-November 20, 1862); commanding cavalry brigade, Army of Tennessee (November 20, 1862 Summer 1863); commanding cavalry division, Army of Tennessee (summer 1863); commanding cavalry corps, Army of Tennessee (ca. August - September 29, 1863); commanding West Tennessee, (probably in) Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana (November 14, 1863 - January 11, 1864); major general, CSA (December 4, 1863); commanding cavalry corps, Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana January 11 - 28, 1864); commanding District of Mississippi and East Louisiana, Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana January 27 - May 4, 1865); also commanding cavalry corps, Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana January 28 - May 4, 1865); and lieutenant general, CSA (February 28, 1865).



When the mass Confederate breakout attempt at Fort Donelson failed, Forrest led most of his own men, and some other troops, through the besieging lines and then directed the rear guard during the retreat from Nashville. At Shiloh there was little opportunity for the effective use of the mounted troops and his command again formed the rear guard on the retreat. The day after the close of the battle Forrest was wounded. After serving during the Corinth siege he was promoted to brigadier general, and he raised a brigade with which he captured Murfreesboro, its garrison and supplies. In December 1862 and January 1863 he led another raid, this time in west Tennessee, which contributed to the abandonment of Grant's campaign in central Mississippi; the other determining factor was Van Dorn's Holly Springs raid. Joining up with Joseph Wheeler, Forrest took part in the unsuccessful attack on Fort Donelson which resulted in Forrest swearing he would never serve under Wheeler again.

His next success came with the capture of the Union raiding column under Abel D. Streight in the spring of 1863. On June 14, 1863, he was shot by a disgruntled subordinate, Andrew W. Gould, whom Forrest then mortally wounded with his penknife. Recovering, he commanded a division that summer and then a corps at Chickamauga. Having had a number of disputes with army commander Braxton Bragg, Forrest was humiliated by being placed under Wheeler again. His request for transfer to west Tennessee was granted and he was dispatched there with a pitifully small force. Recruiting in that area, he soon had a force large enough to give the Union commanders headaches. Sherman kept ordering his Memphis commanders to catch him. When Forrest captured Fort Pillow a controversy developed over reports of a massacre of the largely black garrison. Apparently a massacre did occur there are numerous Confederate firsthand accounts of it. He defeated Samuel D. Sturgis at Brice's Crossroads and under Stephen D. Lee fought Andrew J. Smith at Tupelo. He again faced Smith during August 1864 and then provided the cavalry force for Hood's invasion of middle Tennessee that fall. Finally the force of numbers began to tell when he proved incapable of stopping Wilson's raid through Alabama and Georgia in the final months of the war. His diminished command was included in Richard Taylor's surrender.

Wiped out financially by the war, he resumed planting and became the president of the Selma, Marion & Memphis Railroad, which he helped to promote. Joining the Ku Klux Klan shortly after the war, he was apparently one of its early leaders. Forrest once summed up his military theory as "Get there first with the most men." He died, probably of diabetes, at Memphis on October 29, 1877, and is buried there.

**There will be a birthday celebration sponsored by the Nathan Bedford
Forrest Camp #215 of Memphis, Tennessee on July 16th at 2:00 pm at the
Tomb of General Forrest at Forrest Park in Memphis**

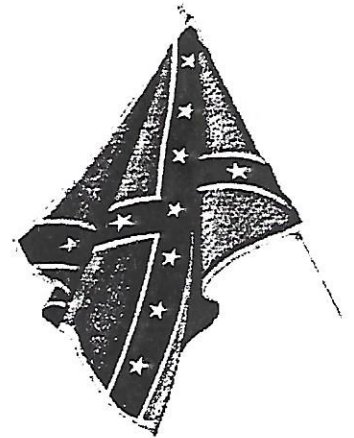
Save the Confederate Flag! Turn the NAACP's Tactics Against Them

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is intent on obliterating all signs of Southern Heritage. Leave no doubt in your mind that this is so, as one must look no further than their rejection of the compromise that would have removed the Confederate Battle Flag from the South Carolina state-house dome, nominally the reason for the NAACP's original boycott. Were they satisfied? Not at all. Instead, they have continued their boycott, going so far as to say removal from a sovereign position was their goal all along. Apparently, "sovereign" can be defined as on public property anywhere. What's the solution? Simple, launch a boycott against the NAACP. But since the NAACP is a non-profit organization, with no business of its own, we must look to the source of their funding. Fortunately, the internet and the sponsor's own sense of accomplishment combine to make life easier for the budding boycotter. Witness this page. Here you will find the names of corporations that make huge donations to the NAACP.

What to do with this information? The simplest tactic to take is to stop frequenting these businesses or refrain from buying these products. But the most effective is a letter writing campaign. To do this best, you the concerned Southerner or interested party should buy some stationery and sit down to write a letter in your own, hopefully legible handwriting. Keep it short, to the point, and refrain from making threats of any kind. Tell who it may concern that because of their company's support for the NAACP and, by proxy, their attack on Southern heritage, you will no longer purchase products or services from them. If you are not a customer of theirs, a simple complaint letter will suffice.

**SUPPORT YOUR
HERITAGE!!**

**BOYCOTT THE
NAACP!!**



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Organizers have 3,000 of 17,500 signatures needed

By **KEN FINK OF THE SUN HERALD** June 26, 2000

Petition organizers say they have nearly 3,000 of the 17,500 signatures needed to allow voters to decide whether or not to resurrect the Eight Flags display on the beach at the Biloxi-Gulfport line. The drive began about a month ago, with volunteers fanning out across the county to solicit signatures to be presented to Harrison County supervisors for placement of the issue on the November ballot. "We had a good weekend last weekend," said John French, organizer and commander of Sam Davis Camp No. 596 of the Coast chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "We have had an excellent response. We're hitting places where we feel like we'll get our best pull." Volunteers this weekend will work the northern Biloxi and D'Iberville areas, but French said Thursday he did not have exact locations. Saturday and Sunday, volunteers plan to work Central Avenue near Automall Parkway and in the Popp's Ferry Road area near Interstate 10.

French said that once the 17,500 signatures are gathered and certified, they will be presented to the Harrison County Board of Supervisors. Board president Bobby Eleuterius said he would not comment on the flag issue but would not oppose the issue going on the ballot. "I don't have a problem putting it on the ballot," he said. "As long as the voters have an opportunity to cast their vote, I certainly don't oppose that."

The Eight Flags display represented the governments that have ruled the Coast. It has been the scene of flag removals and heated protests by those who find the Rebel flag offensive and others who see it as a symbol of Southern heritage. In May, the county removed the display and voted on a compromise plan to replace it with the American flag surrounded by plaques representing the governments.

French said he worries that emotions over the issue could turn violent during the petition drive. "It's ludicrous that we have to do it," French said. "It makes me nervous. I worry. I don't want anyone to get hurt. I think that's an aspect of it that the supervisors have never considered." But the threat of violence was the reason Supervisor Connie Rockco voted for the compromise and to remove the flags. "I feel it's a matter of public safety," she said. "I'm just concerned about civil peace."

WHAT A SIGHT!!

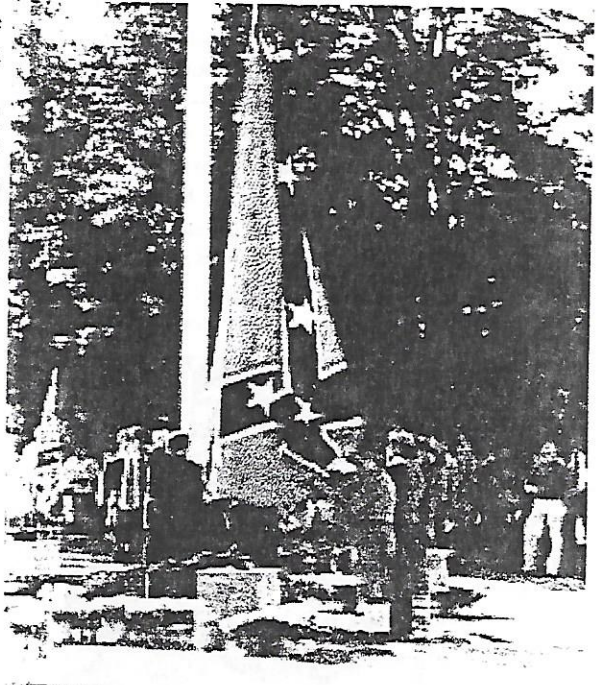
A "Flags across Florida" Report

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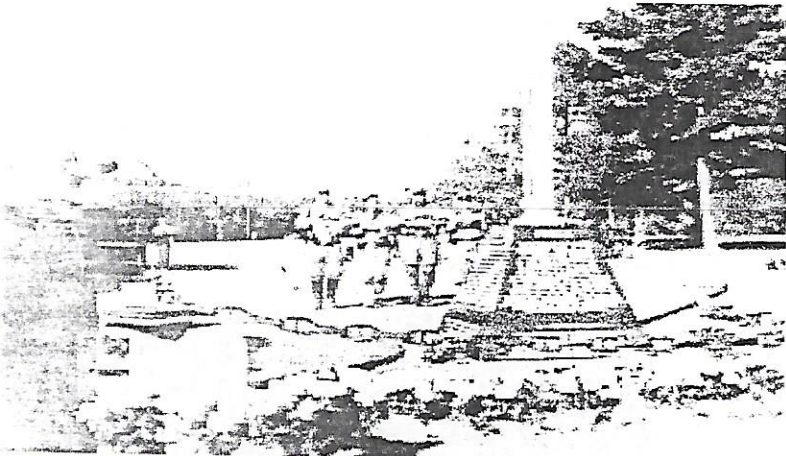
The picture should give you some idea of the impressively huge size of the monument. It is on Highway 27 one quarter mile south of the Georgia/Florida border. Everything about this site is impressive!

The granite monument is really quite large. It is a foot higher and a foot wider than those we put up here in Tampa. The flag pole is 8 instead of 5 inches in diameter at the base and is 50 feet tall. Those we put down here in Tampa were 30 feet tall. But heavens, the biggest difference is the flag, and that is what it is! Talk about LARGE - 15 feet wide and 20 feet long. Big enough to simply take your breath away. Unfortunately there was hardly a breath of air when the flag went up at the service on Saturday, the 11th of December. If there had been a steady wind that afternoon the sight of that flag flying and extended in the sky would have left all of us there faint and weak-

At the four corners of the squared ground around the monument are four 2 foot square columns of gray slate with the columns connected by anchor chain. Sixty links of anchor chain weighed 700 pounds and we used almost all of the chain. This is not small chain.



The Flag being presented moments before the actual flag raising. Notice the immense size of this flag. It took 4 men to carry properly this Standard. The monument is actually sitting on a base 5 feet by 5 feet and is 4 foot square at the pedestal. The height of the monument is almost 4 feet. The width of the flagpole at its base is 8 inches. 3 yards of concrete was poured within the sub-base. This was a glorious day for the remembrance of our Honoured forebearers and their Nation. *Over 300 were in attendance for this dedication.*



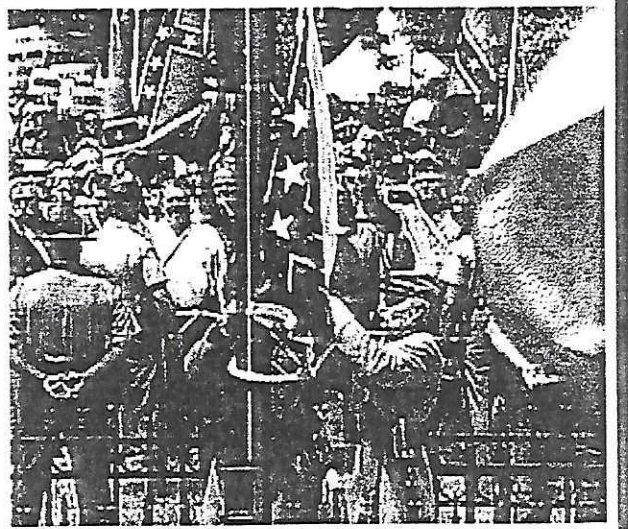
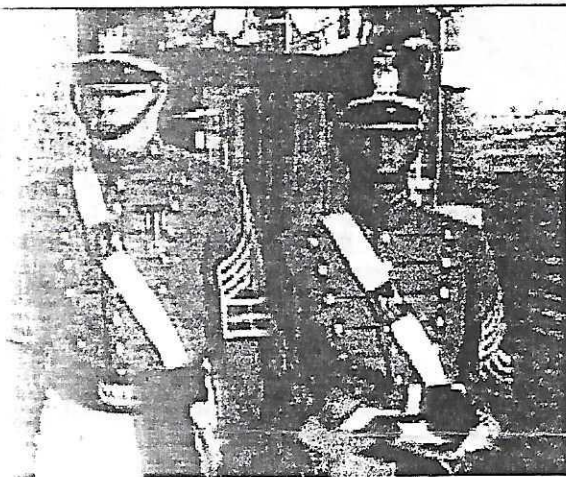
Remember that this site is on a major four lane highway connecting Bainbridge, Georgia and Tallahassee, Florida. There is a lot of traffic traveling north and south and the flag is only yards from the actual roadway and is very prominent. Heading north the monument comes into view directly ahead a quarter mile away. Going south it stands out clearly to the left near the roadway in an open area. No doubt, this flag monument will become a landmark. The service was nothing short of grand. Around 300 people (about 15 from the Lesley Camp) were in attendance. The weather was perfect - a Summer in December kind of day. And after the service Savannah's restaurant (located three miles south of the flagpole) served on location some of the very best Bar-B-Que I have ever eaten. It was a real delight to satisfy our palate so completely when that was all that was needed to make the day perfect.

This site is reality the dream and vision that we embarked upon with the initial Brandon Family Cemetery flagpole/monument. In the near future there is a real possibility that these large flags will start appearing throughout the state. In the near future you are on I-10 at Tallahassee, get off at Exit 29 and go north about 18 miles. And take your camera.

Information from the "Fort Brooke Record" (FBR) is the monthly newsletter of the Capt. John T. Lesley Camp of the Florida Division, SCV and of the International Sons of Confederate Veterans. For more information you can look on the internet at http://www.florida-sev.org/Camp1282/Newsletter%20archives/1999/99dec_nltr.html

Hundreds Protest As Confederate Flag Comes Down in South Carolina

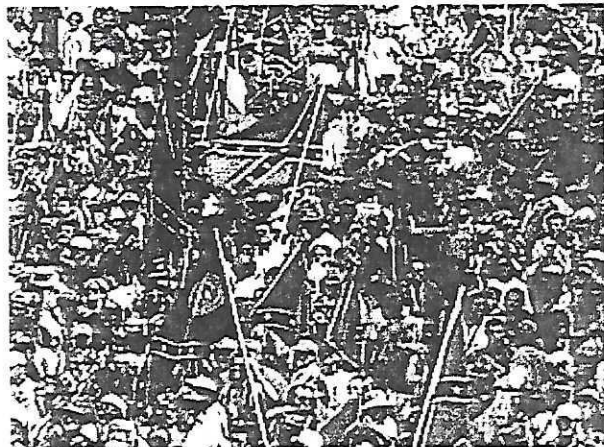
A crowd of 500 gathered at the South Carolina Statehouse Saturday to watch officials remove one of the South's most enduring and ominous symbols -- the Confederate battle flag -- from atop the Capitol dome. "It's just history going down the tubes," said Phil Long, a flag supporter. Moments after the banner came down, flag lovers whooped and hoisted as a similar one -- replete with the familiar star-studded navy blue field on a red field -- was raised just outside the Capitol building near a Confederate monument. The event marked a compromise solution to South Carolina's contentious flag debate. The Legislature in May approved moving the flag from the Statehouse dome to the lawn.



For the opponents of the banner, the victorious battle to have the flag taken down from the dome was a limited one. About 750 people, dressed in white, marched silently through downtown Columbia as part of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's protest. "This flag should not go in front of the Statehouse," Rep. Joe Neal, D-Hopkins, said Saturday.

Citadel cadets lowered the flag from the dome during a solemn noon ceremony. Afterward, a slightly smaller flag was raised by Civil War re-enactors on a new pole, inside a square enclosed by a black wrought-iron fence next to a Confederate monument on the Statehouse grounds. The banner was removed from the state Senate chambers Friday and sent to the State Museum. The House planned to follow suit on Saturday. South Carolina raised the battle flag in 1962 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Civil War.

Flag supporters view the 19th-century banner as a sign of Southern pride. Opponents see it as a reminder of slavery and hate. "There is a strong sentiment among African-Americans that this flag is an offense to them, and they understand its connection with bigotry and oppression in America," said Dwight James, executive director of the state chapter of the NAACP. The group says the compromise doesn't go far enough. It has been suggested that the banner be encased in glass so that it again lies on South Carolina's most public lawn. The NAACP, which has staged an economic boycott of the state since January 1, says it is considering expanding sanctions to target the state's collegiate sporting events and burgeoning film industry.



The state's economic boycott so far is said to have cost the state at least \$20 million in lost revenue. But finding broad support to continue the fight is difficult, said Rick Silver, partner in a Columbia public relations firm who helped lead one of several anti-flag organizations. "Most people wanted to see some resolution, some change," Silver said. If not for the compromise, "it would have continued to be a divisive, distracting, harmful issue that would have taken away from everything else." Some South Carolina officials and leaders, however, would be declared in the state's flag war. "As far as we're concerned, (the compromise) brings finality to the issue," said Wendy Wooten, spokeswoman for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The chamber was one of the most influential groups calling for the flag's removal from the dome, but it does not oppose the compromise.

Gov. James Hodges, the only top official who took part in Saturday's flag relocation ceremonies, said most South Carolinians support the compromise that plants the flag at the most visible spot on the Capitol grounds. "I think the boycott will die of its own weight," he said. "At the end of the day, what has happened is the flag will be removed from the dome. That, I think, is a significant step." Hodges predicted the NAACP may target the state of Georgia next. Georgia's state flag incorporates the Confederate battle flag as well as the state seal.