

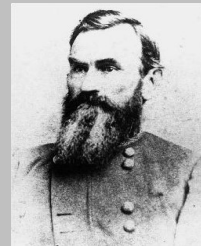


The Delta General

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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys



**Happy
Birthday
President
Jefferson
Davis**

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Commander's Comments—Larry McCluney

Compatriots,

By the time you read this a lot will have transpired. As most of you know, June 1 was the beginning of the excavation of the Forrest Gravesite in Memphis. As of now it may take a week to recover the General's and his wife's bodies. Until then, please refrain from any discussions on the issue until we have the bodies. The press is looking for anything to publicize.

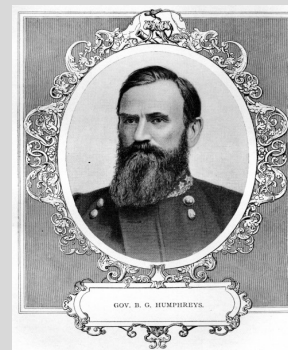
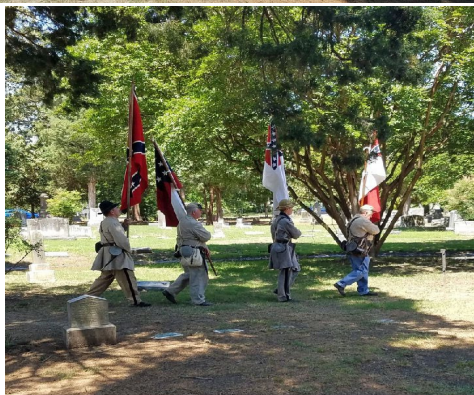
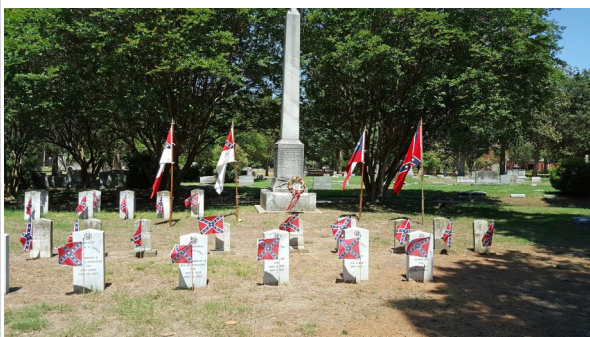
Now that Covid is on the downswing, many people are getting shots more than ever, and the mask mandate is no longer in Mississippi except in some hold out towns. Summer is here and time to come to the meetings and let us renew our Campaign against the enemy and learn more about our ancestors. Soon people will be vacationing and dues renewals will be starting so get that money ready for our organization needs it more than ever as we march forward.

I hope you will join us on June 5 for our Camp meeting, WE NEED YOU and MISS YOU! Bring a friend, bring a new recruit, bring yourself and enjoy the comradery as we take this time out to Remember, Respect, and Revere our Ancestors on this special occasion.



Adjutant's Report—Dan McAskill — May 8, 2021

On a beautiful Saturday, May 8th, the B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp #1625 held its 26th Annual Confederate Memorial Service at the UDC Plot in the Greenville Cemetery on South Main Street, Greenville, MS. This event is also co-sponsored by the B/G Charles Clark Chapter #253, MOSB and the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR. The ladies who help this Camp are a true blessing. In twenty-six years, it has never rained on the Service and only once have we been forced to re-schedule and that was due to Covid. We still felt the effects of Covid with a low attendance but we know everyone present was there to honor the men who wore the gray and butternut. As with all services, the Color Guard comprised of from left Larry McCluney, Gabriel Nokes, Dan McCaskill and Joe Nokes presented the Colors. The invocation was given by Compatriot Dan McCaskill followed by Color Sergeant Earl Allen leading us in the Pledge and Salutes to the Flags followed by the reading of The Charge. Our speaker, Pastor Floyd Cooper had to cancel due to medical problems so Camp Commander Larry McCluney stepped forward and delivered an excellent speech. Seated and watching the proceedings are Past Camp Commander Richard Dillon (in the cap) and Past 1st Lt. Camp Commander Kenneth Ray. Commander McCluney escorted OCR President Sandra Stillman for the laying of the wreath followed by a three-volley salute by the Honor Guard. The service was closed with a benediction by Commander Larry McCluney. As we get Covid further behind us and more get vaccinated, attendance to all our events should increase. If we cease to remember these men in our own special way, their sacrifice will fade into history. To paraphrase William Faulkner, "The past is not past, it was only yesterday".



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Chaplain's Pen — Earl McCown

A belief in Providence encouraged Confederates to trust in God, despite their ignorance of His specific plans for them. When distressing events occurred in their lives, devout Confederates knew it was for some wise goal that only God understood at the time. However, Christian generals and soldiers were not content simply to allow Providence to shape their lives without making an attempt to influence it. They believed they had the power to make themselves co-authors of the future with God. The chief way to interact with God was through prayer. By talking to God directly Christians could make their hopes and fears known to Him. Jesus taught His disciples much about prayer. Confederate readers of the Bible drew upon these teachings to understand that prayers offered humbly, persistently, faithfully, and in concert with other Christians could move mountains. Jesus said *"Where two or three are gathered in His Name, He was there among them."* He encouraged both individual and communal prayer and in both of these settings Confederate generals beseeched the Lord on behalf of their country and their armies. Prayer also allowed Christians the ability to investigate God's will for them. In the Lord's Prayer, Christians prayed to God that *"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."* By praying, Confederate generals attempted to uncover God's Providential designs for them, while realizing that only God possessed full knowledge of such plans.

Confederate generals offered prayers which included giving praise to God, thanking Him for His many gifts, confessing sins and asking for pardon and petitions on behalf of themselves and others. These prayers were usually offered vocally, but could be made silently, as Jesus had instructed His disciples *"not to flaunt their piety."* Confederate generals also likely enjoyed meditative and contemplative prayer, but the surviving records contain little information on these types of prayer. The vast majority of references to prayer are to the typical vocal prayer, usually focusing on intercessory prayers, petitioning God for aid and assistance, or prayers imploring forgiveness for their transgressions. Confederate generals offered such prayers both in private and during public worship services.

The subject of prayers in war time is a fascinating study, as such I shall continue with this study next month..

Mississippi Division Updates

INITIATIVE 74

Initiative 74, what is it? For those who do not know, it is an initiative to reclaim the people's right to vote on the State Flag issue. Last Summer and Fall we had the "perfect storm" that accelerated attacks on all things Confederate.

Our Legislative leaders saw their opportunity to rid the State of that "awful" State Flag. The leadership used Covi-19 Stimulus money to "buy" votes in the House and Senate. The results, the Legislature voted to remove the 1894 State Flag that had flown for 126 years and set up a commission to propose a replacement flag that did not have the Confederate Flag as part of that flag. Our current Flag was designed by a person born in Mississippi but lives in California. The selling point of the flag was the phrase "In God We Trust" and was promoted as the IGWT flag not the Mississippi flag. Everyone knows what happened.

This brings me to my point. Initiative 74 is an initiative to give the people a right to vote on a variety of four flags (1894 Flag, Bicentennial banner, Stennis banner, current Flag) to arrive at a true choice for a new flag. The flag that gets the most votes will be the new State Flag and this is a Constitutional Amendment which will make the winner the official State Flag and will take changing the flag out of the hands of the Legislature and putting it back in the hands of the people.

The kicker. To get this on the ballot, we need to collect 21,600 certified signatures from each Congressional District before October 1, 2021 to get the initiative on the 2022 ballot. If we do not meet this goal, the second goal is to get the required signatures on or before December 1, 2021 to get the initiative on the 2024 ballot. If we do not reach either goal, the 1894 Flag will be lost to history.

We need help to attain these goals. Our Camp has 43 members that live within Mississippi. Of those, there are only six trying to collect signatures along

with six non-SCV members I have recruited to collect signatures. Out of the 43 Camp Members, 13 signed plus six wives with two signatures that were disqualified. So far 30% of the membership has signed and 14% are working to collect signatures. It would be nice to bring both of those percentages up to 100%. If anyone wants to help or just sign the petition please contact me by phone: 662-822-1096 or email: danmccas@tecinfo.net and I will send you a petition form. Everyone has friends and most of us get out. Warmer weather and more people getting vaccinated will help.

Sincerely,
Dan A. McCaskill



Jefferson Davis' 213th Birthday Party June 5, 2021 at Beauvoir 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come and enjoy the 213th Birthday celebration of the only President of the Confederacy. Living History, cannon & musket fire as well as a presentation by Richard Garcia in our beautiful Beauvoir Room.

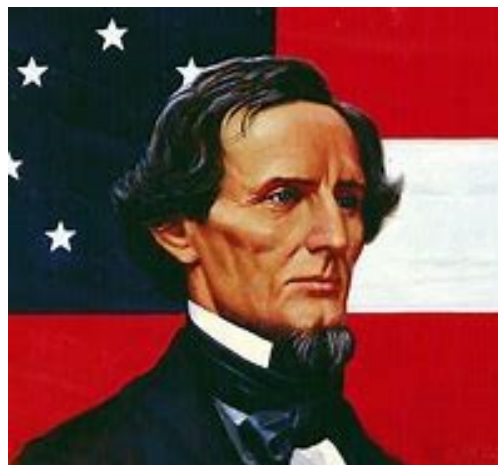
Richard Garcia: Is a 3rd generation Mexican American; A graduate of California State University-Fresno; and Commander of the Gainesboro Invincibles Camp #1685, Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

He joined the SCV under his Mexican-born great grandfather who was mustered into the 8th Texas Infantry under Tejano Captain José M. Peñaloza, in San Antonio Texas in 1862.

Richard's program is named: Blood on the Rio Grande Tejano Confederates. "I am very honored that I am able to present this program."
Dios Bendiga Dixie Viva La Confederacion!

This is a family-friendly event being held at Beauvoir inside the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library Building. On June 5, 2021, we will be having a celebration for Jefferson Davis' 213th birthday. Enjoy some cupcakes while you tour the museum and library, there will be period dressed tour guides to show you around the house every hour. We will also have Living Historians out and about on the property giving you a glimpse into what life was like when President Davis lived here.

General Admission:
\$12.50 Adults ages 19-64
\$10.00 Seniors and Military
\$7.50 Children ages 6-18
Free- Children ages 0-





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JANUARY 1, 2021

RE: 2021 MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION

Dear Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans,

The LTG. John C. Pemberton Camp in Vicksburg is honored to host the 125th Reunion of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the 27th Reunion of the Mississippi Society, Order of the Confederate Rose. We have looked forward to this event for some time and have been planning for over two years. The COVID-19 crisis forced us to postpone this Reunion twice last year. We are confident, now that lifesaving vaccines are being administered daily, that we will gather in Vicksburg, the River City on June 11-13, 2021. All events except for the Sunday Memorial Service will be held at the Vicksburg Convention Center downtown.

The Agenda remains basically the same as last year. Registration begins Friday, June 11th from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Convention Center entrance lobby with vendor set up from 2 - 8 pm. The Commanders Reception which will cost \$15 per person to attend and begins at 6 p.m. with a cash bar provided. Period music is planned for entertainment along with an exciting talk by famed historian Grady Howell.

The Convention continues on Saturday morning June 12th with our Opening Ceremonies, Business meeting with elections of Division Officers for the next two years, and our Awards Banquet on Saturday evening with keynote speaker Dr. Samuel "Sandy" Mitcham of Monroe, LA. Dr. Mitcham is a wonderful historian and Southern scholar who will be giving a talk on an interesting facet of the Vicksburg Campaign.

Saturday afternoon, for those who choose to return to the Convention Center after a short meal on their own, author Scott Bell, will speak on his book, "The Camel Regiment," A History of the Bloody 43rd Mississippi Volunteer Infantry, CSA 1862-65. Scott will give you more insight into "Old Douglas" that our camp's first commemorative coin was patterned after. Others may want to use the free time for self-guided tours of the Vicksburg Military Park, Old Courthouse Museum, Old Depot Museum, or other historic venues in our city. Local shopping is just a few blocks away from the Convention Center historic Washington Street.

The Reunion ends Sunday morning June 13th with a memorial service at historic Soldiers Rest Cemetery, where memorial gravestones and an historic marker for those who served aboard the C.S.S. Arkansas will be dedicated. Compatriot Bryan Skipworth has spearheaded this on-going project with support from the SCV, UDC and OCR and we are honored to closeout our Reunion with this event. Dr. Brandon Beck of Columbus, MS will be the keynote speaker for this dedication.

I had the honor over 2019 and 2020 to visit a number of SCV Camps and personally invite you to this Reunion. I hope to do the same this Spring, and hope to include some that I did not get to visit last year. We are here to assist in any way, so don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions you might have. Please join us on June 11-13, 2021 for the Reunions of the MS Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Order of Confederate Rose. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Convention Center, this year's reunion will be held at the same weekend as the Rankin Rough and Ready's Relic Show in Brandon. If you choose on Saturday afternoon to attend the Relic show, it's a quick hour drive to Brandon.

Hotel information with group rates is listed on the registration forms, which are now updated on the Division website, our Camp website and our Camp Facebook page. Each registrant from last year with an email, will receive a registration package by email. Feel free to call me for any additional questions. See you in the River City this June.

Sincerely,

Edward Campbell Commander
LTG John C. Pemberton, Camp #1354



2021 SCV MS Division Reunion Registration Form

125th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
27th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose



Vicksburg, Mississippi – June 11-13, 2021

Hosted by the LTG John C. Pemberton Camp #1354 And Mary Ann Forrest Chapter #23, MSOCR
All Events Will be Held at Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry St., Vicksburg, MS 39180

SCV Member Name _____
Title / SCV Camp Name & Number _____
Title / OCR Chapter Name & Number _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Spouse/Guest _____ /Guest _____

*All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies (quantities limited).
Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. OCR members will have a Tea in lieu of receiving a medal.*

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member - on or before May 3, 2021, \$50.00 / After May 3, 2021, \$55.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR Member - on or before May 3, 2021, \$20.00 / After May 3, 2021 \$25.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

* Friday Night Commanders Reception - \$15.00 (Adults and Children) QTY _____ \$ _____

* Awards Banquet: \$35.00 per Adult QTY _____ \$ _____

\$15.00 per Child (12 years & under) QTY _____ \$ _____

* (No Reception or Banquet Registration after May 28, 2021, including walkups.)

Ancestor Memorial: \$10.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Please type or print memorials on a separate page or back of form & submit by May 3, 2021

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT => \$ _____

**Please Make Checks Payable to SCV Camp #1354 & Mail to:
Edward Campbell, 128 Lightcap Blvd, Vicksburg, MS 39180**

Contact Information: SCV Contact: Edward Campbell: 601-405-0719 or ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com
OCR Contact: Joy Redwine at (662) 654-1590 or joyredwine1973@gmail.com

HOTEL INFO

Hampton Inn & Suites at 3330 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS SCV Rate - **\$139.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-636-6100.

La Quinta at 4160 S. Frontage Rd. Vicksburg, MS. SCV Rate - **\$90.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-802-0525.

Best Western at 2445 N. Frontage Rd. Vicksburg, MS. SCV Rate - **\$89.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-636-5800.

****All Reservations must be made by April 30, 2021****

Registration will be at the Vicksburg Convention Center between 3pm & 7pm Friday and between
7am & 8:30am Saturday.

**Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
& MS Society, Order of Confederate Rose**

2021 Division Annual Reunion

June 11 – 13, 2021 Reunion Agenda

** All activities are located at the Vicksburg Convention Center unless otherwise noted.*

Friday

2:00 - 8:00 pm: Vendor setup and Sales
3:00 - 7:00 pm: Reunion SCV/OCR Registration - Entrance Lobby
6:00 - 8:00 pm: Commanders Reception and Social (Cash Bar)
Period Music and Guest Speaker: **Grady Howell**

Saturday

7:00 - 8:30 am: Reunion SCV/OCR Registration - Entrance Lobby
7:00 am - 3:00pm: Vendor Sales
7:30 am: MS Division Color Guard Muster - Entrance Lobby
8:00 am - 8:30 am: Opening Ceremony/ All SCV/OCR Members and Guests
8:30 am - 12:00 pm: MS SCV Division Business Meeting
9:00 am - 1:00 pm: OCR Business Meeting & Ladies Tea

*******Break for Lunch on Your Own*******

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **43rd MS Vol. Reg. - Old Douglas - Speaker: Scott Bell**

Self-Guided Tours of:

Vicksburg National Military Park

Old Courthouse Museum

Old Depot Museum

Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum

Soldiers Rest Cemetery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: **MS Division Reunion Awards Banquet**
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Samuel W. Mitcham, Jr.**
Professor and Author

Sunday

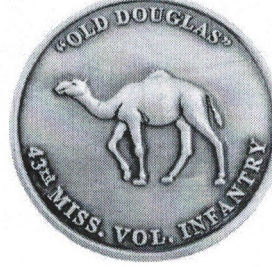
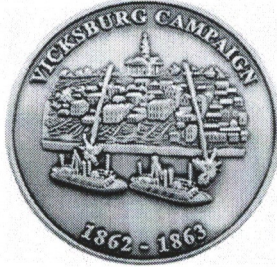
9:00 am: * Memorial Service & C.S.S. Arkansas Memorial
Dedication at Soldiers Rest, Vicksburg Cemetery
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Brandon Beck**, Author and Historian

On behalf of the LTG. John C. Pemberton Camp 1354 membership and staff, we sincerely
hope you enjoyed your stay and hope you have a safe trip home!

DONATION / ORDER FORM

"VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN"

Civil War Commemorative Coin Series
(1862-1863)



Customer / Donor Information:	Customer #:
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone No:	Email:

Quantity	Coin #	Description	Item Price	Total
	2020-01-OD	Old Douglas Coin	\$15.00	
Postage & Handling: 1 to 5 coins => \$4.00 , 6 to 10 coins => \$8.00 11 to 30 coins => \$10.00, flat rate, ==> 30+ coins, call for P. & H. charge. (Rates are subject to change.)			Subtotal	
			P. & H.	
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Mail Donation/Order Form with Check, Cash or Money Order to:

SCV Pemberton Camp #1354
Commemorative Coins
61 Rollingwood Dr.
Vicksburg, MS 39183

Questions:

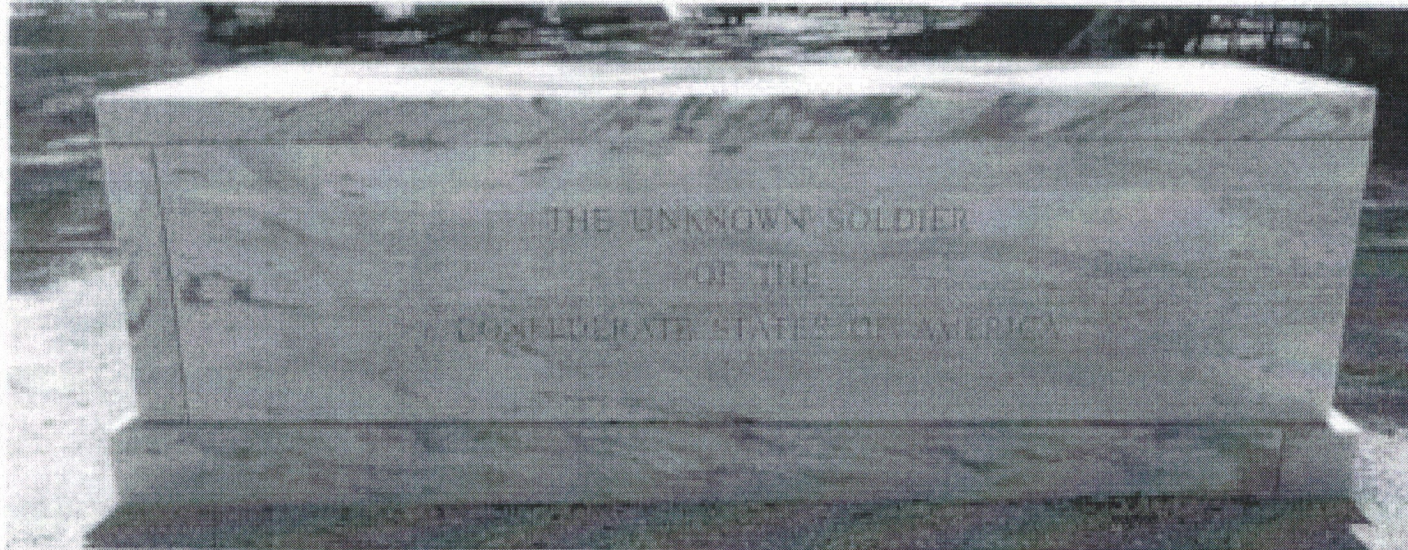
Call 601-415-4535 or email: klholman@bellsouth.net

More information at <http://scv-camp-1354.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp1354/>

Donations for the purchase of coins are used to support historical education and heritage operations of our local SCV camp and its perpetual care of Soldiers Rest Cemetery in Vicksburg, MS, where 5000+ Confederate soldiers, sailors, and civilians are buried.

Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider

Honor your confederate Ancestors by purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for \$50.00 each in the Memorial sidewalk of the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir. The plans for the sidewalk are nearing completion, so if you want a brick put down for your ancestor you need to get your order in soon, so as not to miss out.



Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit and company. Memorial bricks will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, in a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Solider at Beauvoir.

Detach and send in the form below to the address listed to order your bricks.

Ancestral Brick Order Form

Instructions: Use the lines as laid out no more than 15 spaces per line..You may use abbreviations when necessary. Please include your name and address, for confirmation letter. (See Sample Below)

Line 1: _____

(First and Last Name)

Line 2: _____

(Rank)

Line 3: _____

(Unit)

ORDER YOUR ANCESTOR'S BRICK TODAY!

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick for:

Bricks for Beauvoir

Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir

2244 Beach Blvd

Biloxi, MS. 39531

OR

Visit our gift shop where you
can pay by cash or credit!

Example:

Pvt. JAMES W.

McCluney

6th MS CAV, CO. F

National SCV News:

Join the Confederate Legion

Membership fees & donations support the Southern Victory Campaign

- Individuals and organizations can join. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is not required.
- Businesses, associations and S.C.V. camps can join.
- An individual member can organize an independent Confederate Legion group and name it whatever he/she likes.
- Members are expected to follow moral standards, obey the law, and participate in the Southern Victory Campaign.
- Credit cards and checks are accepted. Credit card payments can be recurring.
- Payments are tax deductible because the S.C.V. is a 501 (c) (3) entity.
- Members receive an ID card, certificate, access to support and communications. Most of all, you get the satisfaction of knowing you're part of the offensive!

Dues and donations are used to mount a two-prong offensive that we call the Southern Victory Campaign. It's led by the Heritage operations Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Phase One of the campaign offensive involves direct action by the Heritage Operations Committee of the S.C.V. Prong Two involves direct action by individual and group members of the Confederate Legion.

Objectives include:

- Reestablishing public support for the principles of liberty held by the founders of the United States and the Confederate States of America.

Rebuilding respect for the Confederate States of America that preferred to leave the Union rather than abandon the principles of liberty like the Northern states were doing under Leftist influences of that day and age.

For those interested in more information on how you can help "Make Dixie Great Again" go to <https://www.makedixiegreatagain.com/>

Forrest Funeral Fund

Compatriots,

As I am sure you are aware, there is a plan in the works for the re-internment of General and Mrs. Forrest at Elm Springs. Some needed steps are finally starting to happen and we hope to have the ceremony this fall.

You are also probably aware that this ceremony is not budgeted and requires multiple fundraising resources to cover costs. Here is one of those ideas which I hope you will all adopt.

Throughout Southern history, when a family member passes the rest of the family will meet to pool their resources together to cover the expense of the funeral. I feel confident that we consider the General and his wife to be a part of our family. Our most frequent family gatherings are our monthly camp meetings. I am asking us all to have a donation jar (or hat, etc.) for the Forrest Funeral Fund at your April camp meeting.

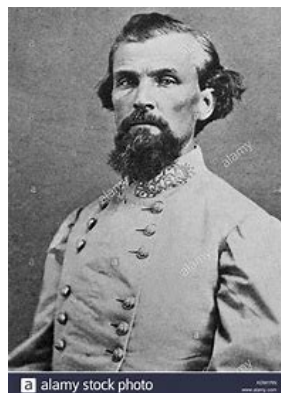
Please announce to your camps in advance of the meeting that this will be happening so they can prepare to bring their donation. Then send your camp's donation to HQ marked for the Forrest Funeral Fund. As many camps as we have, I believe this could be a significant addition to the fundraising for this once in a life time event.

Deo Vindice
Chuck McMichael
71st Commander in Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

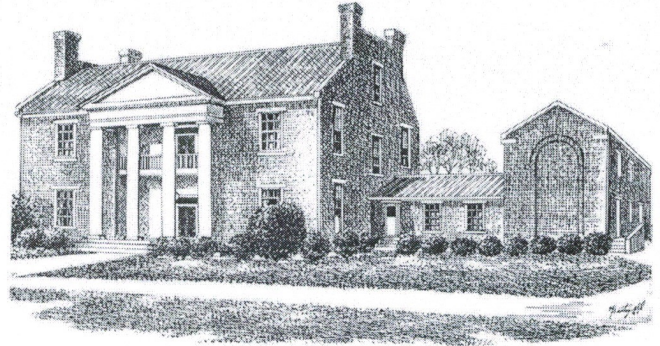


Bring Forrest Home T-Shirts—\$30.00

Help support SCV Chat and bring General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Marry Anne home to Elm Springs in Columbia, TN. Profits from this shirt will be donated to the Forrest reinternment fund.



Lets Bring the General and His Wife Home!



Pilgrimage and National Confederate Memorial Service

At Historic Elm Springs and

The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

May 1, 2021

9:00 AM to 4: PM

Floral Tribute Service begins at 11:00 AM

Individuals, Camps, Brigade, Divisions and Organizations are encouraged to bring a floral tribute and be announced as they lay their floral arrangement at the Jefferson Davis Monument.

Other events are being planned and will be announced as they are confirmed.



2021 National Reunion Change of Host Hotel

Gentlemen, as with many things in 2020, few things have not been affected. The host hotel for the 2021 Reunion, Copeland Tower & Conference Center, will be closing on May 1, 2021 to be converted into residential living space which has resulted in our having to find a new host hotel for the event. The change is in no way due to any anti-confederate sentiment or politics by Copeland Tower or its staff. They have been instrumental in almost immediately securing a new host hotel and making it a smooth transition. The new host hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton at the New Orleans Airport. The hotel has recently been completely renovated and all rooms and suites are comparable to those of the Copeland Tower and all rates will remain the same.

For those who have already made hotel reservations (71 presently), the Copeland Tower is in the process of transferring your reservation to the DoubleTree. Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021, the Copeland Tower staff will be calling each person with a reservation to explain the situation and assist you in confirming your reservation at DoubleTree.

For those who have not made reservations yet, new online booking links will be available on the reunion webpage in the next few days.

<https://www.scv-bcamp130.org/2021-national-scv-reunion>

The Double Tree hotel is on the Veterans Memorial Blvd, the main throughfare, that is filled with shopping and dining options. It sits on the edge of the boundary of Metairie and Kenner. Kenner is a small town with deep roots in the Confederacy and named for the Kenner family. Duncan Kenner was a member of the Confederate Congress and the Confederacy's Ambassador to Europe and 15 members of the Kenner family fought for the Confederacy. The hotel is only 2 miles from the New Orleans airport and operates a free 24-hr airport shuttle for those who will be flying in for the event. Additionally, for those interested, the Treasure Chest Casino on Lake Pontchartrain is just 5 minutes away.

The staff at DoubleTree is very excited about hosting our event. For several years now, they have hosted the Louisiana UDC Regional Conventions so they are familiar and comfortable with our organizations.

We regret any inconvenience this change may cause but we are confident you will have an enjoyable, memorable reunion.

Please help us with our planning by registering now. Registration forms are on the website. Limited edition numbered medals are still available but going fast. Be sure to order now if you want one.

Until we see you in July, please stay safe and stay healthy.

Deo Vindice
2021 National Reunion Committee
Beauregard Camp 130

DoubleTree by Hilton New Orleans Airport



2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd Kenner, Louisiana 70062

Suites: \$129.00 per night plus tax

Standard Rooms: \$99.00 per night plus tax

Hotel Direct Booking: 504-467-3711

Online Bookings: Coming this week!

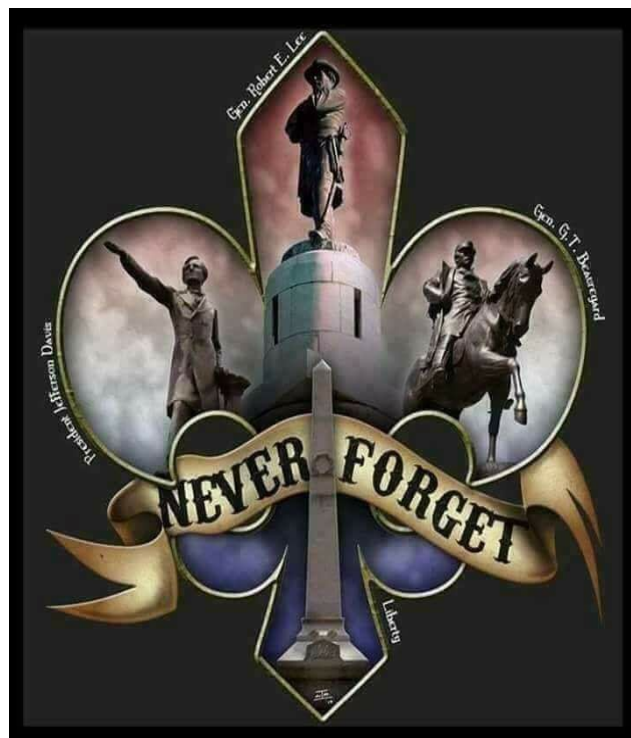
Booking Code: SCV2021

Rates available for dates:

Sunday, July 18 – Monday, July 26, 2021

**** Free Parking ****

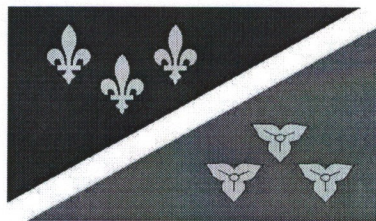
**** Free 24 hr Airport Shuttle**



Sons of Confederate Veterans



126th Annual Reunion JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA



JULY 21 - 24, 2021
DOUBLETREE HOTEL BY HILTON
NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT

REGISTER AND MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW
RESERVATION CODE: SCV2021

HOSTED BY BEAUREGARD CAMP No. 130

FULL REUNION DETAILS AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE:

[HTTPS://WWW.SCV-BCAMP130.ORG/](https://www.scv-bcamp130.org/)



Official Registration Form (Page 2 of 2)
~ Sons of Confederate Veterans 2021 Reunion ~
Metairie, Louisiana * July 21-24, 2021
Beauregard Camp 130

Fill in *Ancestor(s)* Name & Unit (Each - Two Lines of 45 Characters ~ Use Back of Form if Necessary)

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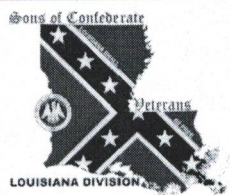
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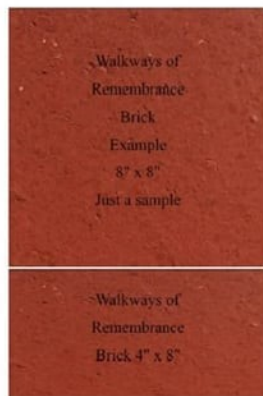
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Ladies' Tour and Luncheon - Beauregard-Keyes House Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.	\$50		
SCV Heritage Luncheon Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.	\$50		
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SCV Awards Luncheon Friday, July 23, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.	\$50		
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Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast Saturday, July 24, 2021 @ 6:00 a.m.	\$40		
SCV Banquet & Grand Ball Saturday, July 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. <i>Note: Dress/Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform/Civilian</i>	\$70		
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Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs Annual Membership Application

All memberships are tax-deductible and include the E-Newsletter.

_____ Yes, I want to join the Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

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Name: _____

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Membership Levels & Benefits

Longstreet Level: \$25

- Membership for one
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Judah P. Benjamin Level: \$50

- Family Membership
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Patrick Cleburne Level: \$100

- Family Membership
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N. B. Forrest Level: \$250

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
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- Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt

Robert E. Lee Level: \$500

- Family Membership
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Jefferson Davis Level: \$1000

- Family Membership
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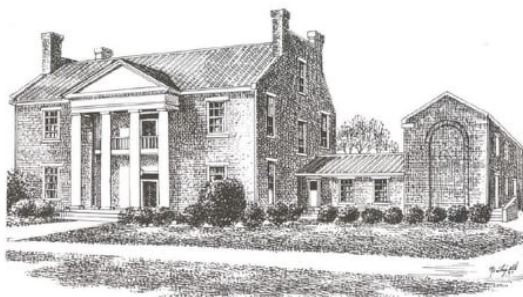
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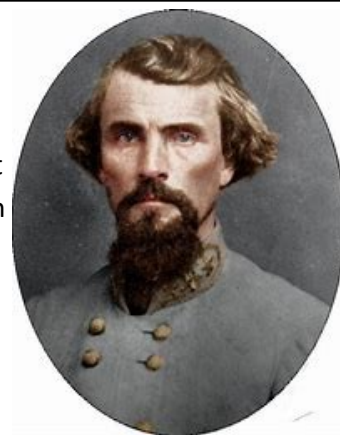
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General Nathan Bedford Forrest Reinterment

The answer is "What is the question you get asked the most." The question is "What about the Forrest Reinternment?" When traveling around and visiting camps, this question has been asked almost without exception. Because everyone is asking, I understand that it is a sensitive subject and people are curious. Currently our beloved Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife, Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest, are still buried in Health Sciences Park, originally Forrest Park, in Memphis.



Due to the pandemic shutdown of the court system, things have been delayed. In November of 2020, we received court approval to take over the remains, since then our permit was approved in January 2021 to begin exhuming operations. Now we must set a date and coordinate this with Greenspace. Both parties have to approve the dates to begin exhuming. Once this begins, it will be an exhaustive task due to it being an archeological exhumation. We also have to figure in the weather because of the granite and marble that makes up the pedestal and plaza. This time of the year will only crack and split such pieces. Thus, at this time, we do not even have a time frame. However, please rest assured in knowing that as soon as we know you will know.

With that being said, we have another big issue and that is funding. To make the reinternment open to members of our organization, this will not be cheap. There is not a line item in the budget to cover the cost. Cost will include security, portable bathrooms, ambulance and fire services just to name a few. Everything that would be needed for a large crowd that could be as large as the Hunley funeral. That expected cost is \$100,000. The bottom line is we have to raise these funds or the reinternment will be a closed private service for the family only.

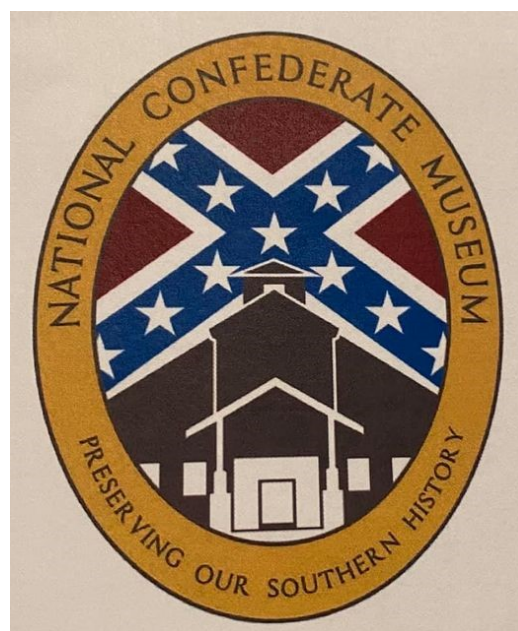
This is an advanced early warning so everyone knows what is happening. At a time when you are being asked to help with the museum and with the social uncertainty, you are being asked to dig deeper once again to make this happen.

I know it seems vague because we have not set a date but a date will be coming at some point in the next few months once exhuming begins and we need the funding to be in place. I know it is early but this give us time to make it happen.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Won't you give to make this worthwhile event happen for General Nathan Bedford Forrest?

Please make a donation and make your check out to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and in the for line put "Forrest Interment", or call SCV headquarters and make a donation by credit card or debit. Call 1-800-mysouth and ask for Executive Director Adam Southern. Lets bring the general and his wife back home and lay them in a final resting place provided by those who love him most.

Mail checks to
Forrest Reinterment Fund
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402





Online Training for Camp Adjutants and Commanders

Compatriots:

I'm excited to tell you about online training opportunities for ALL Commanders and Adjutants (Camp, Brigade, and Division levels).

National Membership Coordinator Eric Previti is now offering online training via Zoom. The training will be extremely helpful for officers (especially Adjutants) and will cover how to use the Salesforce Community Login to download camp rosters and change member's information (addresses and emails). The training also covers how to pay National dues online and how to efficiently use the online discussion forum.

To attend one of the classes, send an email to Eric Previti at member-ship@scv.org. Include your name, Membership ID, Camp, and current office held. Classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons/evenings. Links to join the class via Zoom will be emailed the day before the class.

I encourage all of you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Deo Vindice!

Adam Southern, Executive Director

Ghoulish Virginia Democrats Planning to Dig Up Confederate General's Grave Without Relocation Plan

By [Cassandra Fairbanks](#) Published May 23, 2021 at 5:28pm

In one of the most disturbing tales to come from Richmond, Virginia's moves to erase history, they are now planning to dig up the grave of Confederate General Ambrose Powell Hill, according to a new report.

To make the matter even more ghoulish, the city has not actually come up with a plan yet on what to do with his remains that have been in the location since 1892.

General Hill had requested he be buried under the memorial in his will, ABC 8 [reports](#).

"He had left in his will that he wanted to be buried in Richmond. I'm not sure why Richmond because he wasn't from Richmond and didn't have any particularly strong Richmond roots that I'm aware of," Bob Balster, president of the Hermitage Road Historic District Association told 8News.

To ensure his wishes were carried out, Confederate veterans who served under Hill raised money for the monument and the land was donated by Lewis Ginter.

The National File [reports](#) that an effort "led by Mayor Levar Stoney and backed by Governor Ralph Northam, anti-history Democrats in Richmond, Virginia are finalizing plans to dig up the remains of Confederate General Ambrose Powell Hill, who lies beneath a towering statue dedicated in his honor and now marked for removal amidst efforts to erase all traces of the Confederacy from its former capital."

Though the city removed nearly all of their Confederate statues during the terroristic Black Lives Matter riots last year, the general's statue and grave had remained.

To circumvent laws against desecrating graves, the Democrats are reportedly designating the grave a threat to traffic safety, giving them the power to remove it.

According to the National File, under the removal plans, "workers will remove the bronze statue of the General before destroying its stone pedestal and removing the sarcophagus containing his remains. Details of what the city plans to do with Hill's remains are unclear, and the project is estimated to carry a taxpayer-funded price tag of over \$33,000."

The Four Declarations of Causes for Secession Do Not Prove the War Was Fought Over Slavery

by Gene Kizer, Jr.

A gentleman wrote me this past March stating that when arguing history, Northerners always use the four declarations of causes for secession as proof that the War Between the States was fought over slavery. Those four declarations prove nothing of the sort. Below, is our correspondence including the question posed by the gentleman, but first, here is some additional information:

THERE WERE 13 SOUTHERN STATES represented in the Confederate government. That 13 included Missouri and Kentucky, which were divided states that did not actually secede. They remained Union slave states - two of six Union slave states - the entire war (WHAT! UNION SLAVE STATES! I thought the war was fought over slavery with the Union fighting to end slavery! Man, they should have started with their own country. In fact, three of the six Union slave states - New Jersey, Kentucky and Delaware - had slavery several months *after* the war. It took the *second* 13th Amendment in December 1865 for slavery to end in those three Union slave states.).

Remember, the first 13th Amendment was the Corwin Amendment that left black people in slavery forever, even beyond the reach of Congress, in places where slavery already existed. It was passed by the Northern Congress and ratified by several states before the war made it moot. The Corwin Amendment was the true feeling of the North on the slavery issue though it is only one small piece of the massive evidence that the North did not go to war to end slavery. There is much more absolute proof, so much so, that it is irrefutable that the North did not go to war to end slavery. The North was fine with slavery.

Back to the six Union slave states: The Emancipation Proclamation deliberately exempted them as well as slaves in already captured Confederate territory. That prompted Lincoln's secretary of state, William H. Seward, to state "We show our sympathy with slavery by emancipating slaves where we cannot reach them and holding them in bondage where we can set them free." It also gave Charles Dickens a good laugh at Lincoln's phoniness and hypocrisy, especially since all of Lincoln's life he favored sending blacks back to Africa or into a place they could survive. See *Colonization after Emancipation, Lincoln and the Movement for Black Resettlement* by Phillip W. Magness and Sebastian N. Page (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2011).

All 13 states represented in the Confederate government produced a legal document such as an ordinance of secession that withdrew them from the Union. Tennessee's was called a Declaration of Independence. Most of the ordinances of secession were straight-forward legal documents referring to their ratification of the Constitution and withdrawing the state from it, proclaiming their sovereignty, etc. Alabama and Arkansas did go a little beyond pure legalese in discussing some issues but nothing like a declaration of causes.

Only four of the 13 Confederate states issued declarations of causes. Nine did not.

Those four declarations are the basis for the entire argument against the South in most people's minds though anti-South detractors often use the Marxist technique of simply ignoring substantial evidence they don't agree with. They ignore the six Union slave states, the Corwin Amendment, the War Aims Resolution (war is being waged for Union, not to end slavery) and a ton of other evidence that slavery was not the cause of the war. The North was more interested in its economic power and wealth, not ending slavery, and they sure did not want a bunch of desperate freed slaves to come North with massive crime and social problems, and be job competition. That's why so many Northern and Western states had laws forbidding free blacks from living there or even visiting for long, including Lincoln's Illinois.

Anti-slavery in the North in 1856 and 1860 was political, to rally votes in the North so Northerners could control the Federal Government and continue their bounties, subsidies and monopolies for Northern businesses, and their massive tariffs like the Morrill Tariff. It was not morality for the benefit of the black man.

Even the slavery in the West issue was based, not on concern for blacks, but the opposite: Northern racism. They didn't want slavery in the West because they did not want blacks near them in the West. Historians know this. It started with the Wilmot Proviso and is a clear fact.

The four declarations of causes are statements as to why states seceded, what their grievances were, and such. They are not declarations of war. Southerners expected to live in peace. After all, Yankees threatened to secede five times before Southerners finally did. Nobody questioned the right of secession, not even Horace Greeley during the time that South Carolina seceded in December, 1860. Greeley strongly supported the right of secession ("let our erring sisters go") until he realized it would affect his money, then he wanted war like the rest of the North.

Wars are always fought over money and power, never because one country does not like the domestic institutions in another. Would you send your precious sons off to die to free slaves in another country? Hell no.

Lincoln sent his hostile flotilla to Charleston and Pensacola to start the War Between the States in April, 1861, because a free trade South with European military alliances and 100% control of the most demanded commodity on the planet - King Cotton - would rise to dominance in North America. The North would not be able to beat the South in such a situation. That's why Lincoln wanted to use his enormous advantages at that point in history, and fight. He wanted to establish the North as the dominant cultural and economic region of our great country, and he did. It's been that way for over 150 years though many of the big cities of the North today are on a death spiral thanks to liberal wokeness that permits violent crime and discriminates against the law-biding.

The four declarations of causes all mention *several* reasons for seceding. All mention the many constitutional violations of the North. The North was untrustworthy.

All mention Northern terrorism against the South such as John Brown who wanted to murder Southern men, women and children with a bloody slave insurrection like they had in Haiti. Brown was financed and organized in the North, then celebrated as a hero when brought to justice. His two sons were protected by Ohio and Iowa rather than being sent back to Virginia for trial as the constitution required.

South Carolina's declaration is a fascinating constitutional and early American history lesson. It proves South Carolina's sovereignty:

Under this Confederation the war of the Revolution was carried on, and on the 3rd of September, 1783, the contest ended, and a definitely Treaty was signed by Great Britain, in which she acknowledged the independence of the Colonies in the following terms: "ARTICLE 1-- His Britannic Majesty acknowledges the said United States, viz: New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, to be FREE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that he treats with them as such; and for himself, his heirs and successors, relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same and every part thereof." / Thus were established the two great principles asserted by the Colonies, namely: the right of a State to govern itself; and the right of a people to abolish a Government when it becomes destructive of the ends for which it was instituted. And concurrent with the establishment of these principles, was the fact, that each Colony became and was recognized by the mother Country a FREE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE.

Georgia's declaration goes into great detail on the economic causes of secession. As Robert Toombs said, the North was a suction pump sucking wealth out of the South and depositing it into the North constantly. The Georgia declaration states:

The material prosperity of the North was greatly dependent on the Federal Government; that of the South not at all.

This is a powerful statement as to why the Union was critical to Lincoln and the North, but was the antithesis of the States' Rights philosophy of the South.

Even Mississippi's declaration that begins with an assertion that it is identified with slavery as the basis of its economic well-being makes several critical points. It affirms the constitutional violations of the North but states about the North:

It seeks not to elevate or to support the slave, but to destroy his present condition without providing a better. / It has invaded a State, and invested with the honors of martyrdom the wretch whose purpose was to apply flames to our dwellings, and the weapons of destruction to our lives. / It has broken every compact

into which it has entered for our security. / It has given indubitable evidence of its design to ruin our agriculture, to prostrate our industrial pursuits and to destroy our social system. / It knows no relenting or hesitation in its purposes; it stops not in its march of aggression, and leaves us no room to hope for cessation or for pause.

Texas's declaration of causes includes:

By the disloyalty of the Northern States and their citizens and the imbecility of the Federal Government, infamous combinations of incendiaries and outlaws have been permitted in those States and the common territory of Kansas to trample upon the federal laws, to war upon the lives and property of Southern citizens in that territory, and finally, by violence and mob law, to usurp the possession of the same as exclusively the property of the Northern States. / The Federal Government, while but partially under the control of these our unnatural and sectional enemies, has for years almost entirely failed to protect the lives and property of the people of Texas against the Indian savages on our border, and more recently against the murderous forays of banditti from the neighboring territory of Mexico; and when our State government has expended large amounts for such purpose, the Federal Government has refused reimbursement therefor, thus rendering our condition more insecure and harassing than it was during the existence of the Republic of Texas.

Read these declarations and especially know your own state's if you live in South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia or Texas. As stated, they do mention slavery along with numerous other extremely important issues. Northern constitutional violations are extremely important. If you can't trust the North to obey the Constitution, you can't trust them with anything.

The Northern support for terrorists like John Brown was a huge issue. The North was already at war with the South. Would you stay in a country with people who sent murderers, thieves and arsonists into your peaceful towns to kill your family and neighbors, destroy your property, poison wells, encourage the unimaginable horror of bloody slave insurrections with rape and murder, from which there would be no survivors like in Haiti?

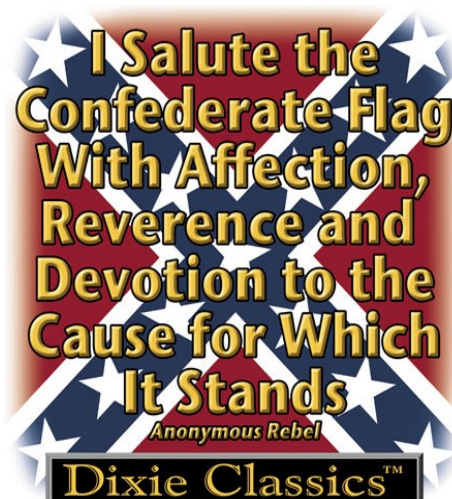
The economic theft also mentioned was huge. Southerners were paying 85% of the taxes yet 75% of the tax money was being spent in the North.¹

Nobody in the North, ever a single time, suggested a workable plan for gradual, compensated emancipation such as the Northern states and all other nations on earth used to end slavery. The reason why is that Northerners were not about to spend their hard earned sweatshop money to free the slaves in the South who would then go North with crime and violence, and be job competition. They would rather do as they did and just pass laws that forbid black people from settling or even visiting Northern states for long.

One can take the anti-South position and argue that the declarations of causes indicate slavery was one of many causes for the secession of four states, but *only* for those four.

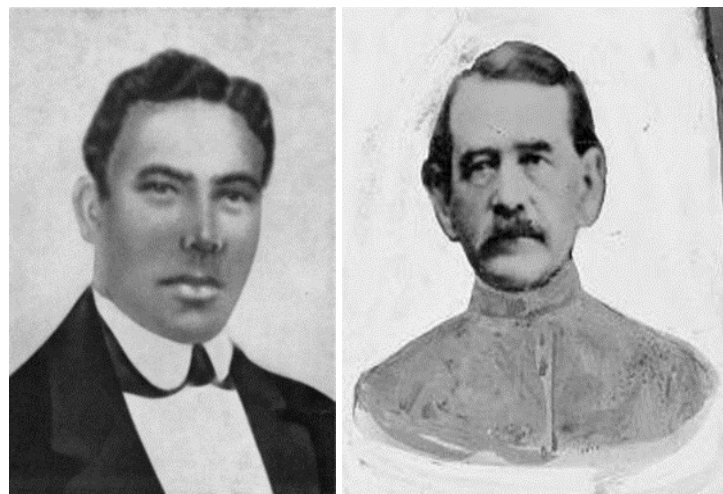
The other nine did not issue declarations of causes, and four of the Southern states, in which 52.4% of white Southerners lived, seceded over nothing to do with slavery. Those states were horrified that the Federal Government would illegally and unconstitutionally invade other states, kill their citizens and destroy their property to force them to obey a Northern sectional majority. Those four were Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Nothing the North or anybody else says matters anyway. The South had the right to secede and they did so properly. Among the conclusive evidence of the right of secession is the reserved right to secede demanded by New York, Rhode Island and Virginia before they acceded to the Constitution. All the other states accepted the reserved right of secession of New York, Rhode Island and Virginia, thus they had it too, since all states entered the Union as exact equals.



The Barber of Natchez—and the Future Confederate General Who Tried to Bring His Family Justice

Norman Dasinger, Jr., May 14, 2021



William Johnson Jr.

William T. Martin | LOC

One of the most prominent, and probably the wealthiest, African American in pre-Civil War Mississippi was William Johnson.

Born into slavery in 1809, his owner, probably his father, emancipated him in 1820. William had learned to read and write, and his petition of freedom was signed by the governor of Mississippi. Once free, he learned to be a barber. His brother-in-law was a free black named James Miller, also a barber, who owned a shop in Natchez. In 1830, James, whose success is witnessed by his owning four slaves, sold his Natchez business to William. Eventually, William Johnson would own three barbershops, a bath house, and an 800-acre plantation. He was also a slaveholder. In his journals, he writes about his businesses, his clients, and their issues, but also about his slaves.

In 1851, a boundary dispute between Johnson and his neighbor found the two men in court. The judge ruled in favor of William Johnson. The neighbor, Baylor Winn, also a free black, was not pleased. So, he shot and killed William Johnson soon after the court's ruling.

Winn was arrested and stood trial. The prosecuting attorney in Adams County, Mississippi, at that time was Will T. Martin. Born in Kentucky, Martin relocated to Mississippi in 1840 and became a very well-respected lawyer in Natchez. By 1845, he was elected district attorney and, therefore, was responsible for the Winn case. During the War Between the States, Martin would serve as a Confederate cavalry commander and would earn a reputation as a gifted officer and fearless soldier.

But in 1851, he was the local official charged with winning justice for William Johnson. At first, Martin appeared to have a very simple and easily winnable case. There was a witness to the violence, and Johnson's reputation was without question. Surprisingly, Winn and his defense argued that he was actually white and not a free person of color because of his Indian ancestry. Therefore, by law, the black man who witnessed the murder could not testify against the "white" Winn. Two hung juries could not decide the case, and Winn just walked away.

In a story published later in the *Natchez Courier*, the following words were used to describe William Johnson, "The Barber of Natchez":

"His funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Watkins, who paid a just tribute to his memory, holding up his example as one well worth of imitation ... We observed very many of our most respected citizens at his funeral."

William Johnson's house stands today on State Street in Natchez. After an extensive renovation, the National Park Service opened it to the public in 2005.

Will Martin's house, Montaigne, is a regular stop on the famous Natchez Home Pilgrimage.

Chinese Confederates

Norman Dasinger, Jr., April 5, 2021 blueandgrayeducation.org

The Bunker Family was one of the most famous families in all of North Carolina. They were pro-Confederate slaveowners, with two sons fighting in the Civil War—and their patriarchs were the original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker. The

two men, conjoined at the sternum by a flexible circular band of flesh and cartilage about five inches long, married white women and, between the two of them, had 22 children

The two were born in 1811 in Siam (modern Thailand) of Chinese ancestry. They were "discovered" by a Scottish merchant named Hunter in 1824, who signed a contract with the boys and their mother that stipulated they would tour around the United States for five years. They were inspected by doctors upon their arrival and declared to be healthy xiphophagus twins. Their five-year touring contract was extended to ten years.

After their contract ended, in 1839, they bought land in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and settled down with their families. In 1845 they bought a larger farm and moved to Surry County. They spoke English fluently, became citizens, voted, and filed criminal charges against several white people. They were considered non-white but were afforded many of the privileges of whiteness, being wealthy Southern slaveholders with property rights. In 1850, it was estimated that they had invested \$10,000 in property and had a merchant in New York who managed another \$60,000 for importing, and they lived off the interest. The Bunker brothers were long-time supporters of the Whig Party and voted for John Bell in the 1860 Presidential election.

Chang and Eng's indifference about slavery is easy to understand, the practice being established in their home state. What's more striking is their acceptance into the surrounding community, where they lived as local gentry accommodated by neighbors and active in civic life. They were accepted as individuals. It was as individuals that the Bunkers approached the Civil War and, like so many other Southerners, they chose the defense of home and community over abstract principles. They supported the Confederate government with their monetary resources, supporting foodstuffs and supplies—and two of their sons, who fought in the war.

They are buried at White Plains Baptist Church in Mount Airy—the fabled namesake of Andy Griffith's Mayberry.

Eng's son, Stephen Decatur Bunker, and Chang's son, Christopher Wren Bunker, were first cousins and both served in Company I, 37th Virginia Cavalry Battalion, CSA. Stephen was wounded on September 3, 1864, near Winchester, Virginia, and Christopher was captured and imprisoned for nearly a year at Camp Chase, Ohio. After the Civil War, both returned to Surry County and their large and prosperous family farm.

By 1865, the twins' finances had taken a hit, so they decided to resume touring. By now, Northern audiences were not so receptive—for they had been Confederate slaveholders. In 1870, they toured in Germany and Russia. On the ship coming home, Chang suffered a stroke. On the morning of January 17, 1874, one of Eng's sons checked on the twins. Chang was dead. Eng died only a few hours later.



Chang and Eng Bunker around 60 years old | public domain

ALL CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS GAIN PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS, DEC. 25, 1868

By ANDREW GLASS, 12/25/2018

In the aftermath of the Civil War, President Andrew Johnson on this day in 1868 issued pardons to all Confederate soldiers who fought in that conflict. The president extended "unconditionally, and without reservation ... a full pardon and amnesty for the offence [sic] of treason against the United States, or of adhering to their enemies during the late Civil War, with restoration of all rights, privileges, and immunities under the Constitution and the laws."

In his Christmas Day Proclamation, Johnson said his action would "renew and fully restore confidence and fraternal feeling among the whole, and their respect for and attachment to the national [e.g., federal] government, designed by its patriotic founders for the general good."

As the vice president, Johnson, a Tennessee Democrat, had succeeded the assassinated Abraham Lincoln to the presidency shortly after the Union victory.

On Dec. 8, 1863, in his annual message to Congress, Lincoln, the first Republican president, had outlined his plans for reconstruction of the South, including amnesty terms for former Confederates. A pardon would require an oath of allegiance, but it would not restore ownership to former slaves, or restore confiscated property that involved a third party.

As Lincoln further envisioned his actions, his pardons would have excluded officeholders of the Confederate government or persons who had mistreated prisoners.

Congress, however, objected to Lincoln's plans as too lenient and refused to recognize delegates from the reconstructed governments of Louisiana and Arkansas. With radical Republican lawmakers in full control of the legislative agenda, Congress instead passed the Wade-Davis Bill. This measure required half of any former Confederate state's voters to swear allegiance to the United States and that they had not supported the Confederacy. While the bill also ended slavery, it did not allow former slaves to vote. Lincoln vetoed the bill.

During his presidency, Lincoln issued 64 pardons for war-related offences: 22 for conspiracy, 17 for treason, 12 for rebellion, nine for holding an office under the Confederacy, and four for serving with the rebels.

Under the terms of surrender for the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House on April 10, 1865, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant stipulated that "each officer and man will be allowed to return to his home, not to be disturbed by United States authority so long as they observe their paroles and the laws in force where they may reside."

On May 5, 1965, the paroles were further extended so that soldiers from the 11 Confederate states, plus West Virginia, would be allowed to return home, but that "all who claim homes in the District of Columbia and in states that never passed the Ordinance of Secession (Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri) have forfeited them and can only return thereto by complying with the amnesty proclamation of the president and obtaining special permission from the War Department."

Woke Liberals in Academia, and the Marxist Communists They Love

by Gene Kizer, Jr.

Academia has given our country the racist identity politics of Critical Theory, the anti-white hatred of Critical Race Theory, and they have taught a generation of young Americans to hate their country.

Many in academia promoted Marxist Communism in the 1960s because they thought it would bring utopia (and they also realized that elites promoting Communism and socialism often get rich while the rest of us get the shaft). Look at the co-founder of Black Lives Matter, Patrisse Khan-Cullors, who proudly proclaims herself a Marxist and just bought her fourth million-dollar home.

Karl Marx lived from 1818 to 1883. Technology-wise, almost nothing from that time period is relevant today. The struggles against capitalism he was upset about have been obliterated by capitalism's enormous successes, which have produced more freedom and the highest standard of living in the history of the world. Karl Marx didn't have air conditioning and probably most of his life had to use an out-house and corn cobs (the Sears catalog was not around in Europe back then).

Marx's class struggle, idolized by unimpressive people in academia, was irrelevant in America because we were, and still are, the essence of optimism and can-do thinking. We conquered a continent, landed on the moon, and are now doing helicopter experiments in the thin air of Mars. We created 50 strong states in the process, any one of which could thrive as an independent nation on this earth.

But many in academia, who are constantly trying to prove how smart they are

(because they actually are not very smart), think they have found a better way than American optimism and capitalism, and Marx is their man.

The Communism inspired by academia's idol, Karl Marx, has caused a hundred million people to be murdered in the past century.

In *The Black Book of Communism, Crimes, Terror, Repression*, the definitive work on Marxist Communist horrors, all their crimes are laid out for riveting reading. Communism, according to the book's original French publisher, is a "tragedy of planetary dimensions" with victims "variously estimated by contributors to the volume at between 85 million and 100 million. Either way, the Communist record offers the most colossal case of political carnage in history."¹

Those number are itemized here:²

- U.S.S.R.: 20 million deaths
- China: 65 million deaths
- Vietnam: 1 million deaths
- North Korea: 2 million deaths
- Cambodia: 2 million deaths
- Eastern Europe: 1 million deaths
- Latin America: 150,000 deaths
- Africa: 1.7 million deaths
- Afghanistan: 1.5 million deaths
- The international Communist movement and Communist parties not in power: about 10,000 deaths

Yet, Marxism is proudly proclaimed and promoted by BLM and by a great many liberals in academia. Here's how Communist atrocities happen:

*Lenin and his comrades initially found themselves embroiled in a merciless "class war," in which political and ideological adversaries, as well as the more recalcitrant members of the general public, were branded as enemies and marked for destruction. The Bolsheviks had decided to eliminate, by legal and physical means, any challenge or resistance, even if passive, to their absolute power. This strategy applied not only to groups with opposing political views, but also to such social groups as the nobility, the middle class, the intelligentsia, and the clergy, as well as professional groups such as military officers and the police. Sometimes the Bolsheviks subjected these people to genocide. The policy of "de-Cossackization" begun in 1920 corresponds largely to our definition of genocide: a population group firmly established in a particular territory, the Cossacks as such were exterminated, the men shot, the women, children, and the elderly deported, and the villages razed or handed over to new, non-Cossack occupants.*³

There is no difference in this and Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman writing his wife, telling her that there is a class of Southerners, men, women and children, who must be exterminated. Many former Union officers also planned extermination of the Plains Indians (except for George A. Custer, whom the Indians exterminated).

Another troubling statement from the paragraph above is "The Bolsheviks had decided to eliminate, by legal . . . means...". That is no different from the Democrat Party's use of the legal system against their political adversaries today with the Mueller witch hunt, two baseless politically motivated impeachments, and recently the Biden DOJ going after Rudy Giuliani. There are also many politically-motivated harassment investigations of Donald Trump. They are designed, like the fraudulent polls that had Trump 16 points down just before the election, to drive down support for Trump.

It will likely not happen because these methods are well-known now, though the Republican Party without Trump is so stupid and cowardly, Democrats might get away with it again.

Here is a "preliminary global accounting of the crimes committed by Communist regimes,"⁴ the same regimes that were and are admired by so many in academia and on the left:

- The execution of tens of thousands of hostages and prisoners without trial, and the murder of hundreds of thousands of rebellious workers and peasants from 1918 to 1922
- The famine of 1922, which caused the deaths of 5 million people
- The extermination and deportation of the Don Cossacks in 1920
- The murder of tens of thousands in concentration camps from 1918 to 1930
- The liquidation of almost 690,000 people in the Great Purge of 1937-38
- The deportation of 2 millions kulaks (and so-called kulaks) in 1930-1932
- The destruction of 4 million Ukrainians and 2 million others by means of an artificial and systematically perpetuated famine in 1932-33
- The deportation of hundreds of thousands of Poles, Ukrainians, Balts, Moldovans, and Bessarabians from 1939 to 1941, and again in 1944-45
- The deportation of the Volga Germans in 1941
- The wholesale deportation of the Crimean Tatars in 1943

--- The wholesale deportation of the Chechens in 1944
 --- The wholesale deportation of the Ingush in 1944
 --- The deportation and extermination of the urban population in Cambodia from 1975 to 1978
 --- The slow destruction of the Tibetans by the Chinese since 1950
 Communism easily drew people into its horrific orbit. Tzvetan Todorov speaks with authority:

[T]otalitarianism could never have survived so long had it not been able to draw so many people into its fold. There is something else---it is a formidably efficient machine. Communist ideology offers an idealized model for society and exhorts us toward it. The desire to change the world in the name of an ideal is, after all, an essential characteristic of human identity . . . Furthermore, Communist society strips the individual of his responsibilities. It is always "somebody else" who makes the decisions. Remember, individual responsibility can feel like a crushing burden . . . The attraction of a totalitarian system, which has had a powerful allure for many, has its roots in a fear of freedom and responsibility. This explains the popularity of authoritarian regimes (which is Erich Fromm's thesis in *Escape from Freedom*). None of this is new; Boethius had the right idea long ago when he spoke of "voluntary servitude."²

Americans are sure as hell not afraid of freedom. People came here from the beginning seeking freedom, and still do. It is in our blood.

Academia, like the rest of the left, is committed to the lie that America is systematically racist. They will not admit it but they know that the hundreds of thousands of people who cross our southern border illegally every month, prove that systemic racism does not exist. That many people would never risk that long and difficult a journey to come to a racist country. Those people should not be allowed to break our laws, but they do.

The Black Book of Communism compares Nazis and Communists: Efforts to draw parallels between Nazism and Communism on the basis of their respective extermination tactics may give offense to some people. However, we should recall how in *Forever Flowing* Vasily Grossman, whose mother was killed by the Nazis in the Berdychiv ghetto, who authored the first work on Treblinka, and who was one of the editors of the *Black Book* on the extermination of Soviet Jews, has one of his characters describe the famine in Ukraine: "writers kept writing . . . Stalin himself, too: the kulaks are parasites; they are burning grain; they are killing children. And it was openly proclaimed 'that the rage and wrath of the masses must be inflamed against them, they must be destroyed as a class, because they are accursed.'" He adds: "To massacre them, it was necessary to proclaim that kulaks are not human beings, just as the Germans proclaimed that Jews are not human beings. Thus did Lenin and Stalin say: kulaks are not human beings." In conclusion, Grossman says of the children of the kulaks: "That is exactly how the Nazis put the Jewish children into the Nazi gas chambers: 'You are not allowed to live, you are all Jews!'"³

How is this different from racist academia's anti-white Critical Race Theory? It vilifies white people, white children, and dehumanizes them, demands that they admit privilege, and requires them to acknowledge things that do not exist like systemic racism. There is not a single law in America discriminating against anybody because of skin color and there hasn't been in well over a half century. In fact, it is just the opposite with affirmative action programs that shower privilege on blacks and discriminate against whites.

The majority of white people do good because they study and work hard, stay out of trouble, have a good attitude. Nobody gives them a damn thing. Where will Critical Race Theory lead? Or will we stomp it out right now?

What Vasily Grossman above said is exactly what Gina Carano said earlier this year in an accurate, intelligent statement acknowledging that Germans dehumanized the Jews first, before rounding them up with ultimate destination for many, the gas chamber. Carano was fired from her successful show, *The Mandalorian*, by woke bigots at Disney. The Walt Disney Company today, far from the patriotic All-American company it was in years past, promotes a program of anti-white racism to its captive employees. They should SUE Disney every chance they get.

The "perversion of language" that the woke do all the time is another Communist technique:

*Perhaps the single greatest evil was the perversion of language. As if by magic, the concentration-camp system was turned into a "reeducation system," and the tyrants became "educators" who transformed the people of the old society into "new people."*⁴

The term "equity" is a prime example. It refers to equal outcomes, not equal opportunity. America is not about equal outcomes. American is about equal opportunity so that those who are ambitious can work harder than other people and reap the benefits if they so chose.

The Declaration of Independence states:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

We have a great country because of the ideals of our Founding Fathers who were all white men. If that's white supremacy, it has created the greatest nation in the history of the world and has served us well, white, black, Hispanic, Asian, men, women, all of us.

To the horrors of Marxism and Communism admired by so many in academia and on the left, must be added the inhumanity of the Nazis:

. . . Communist regimes have victimized approximately 100 million people in contrast to the approximately 25 million victims of the Nazis. This clear record should provide at least some basis for assessing the similarity between the Nazi regime, which since 1945 has been considered the most viciously criminal regime of this century, and the Communist system, which as late as 1991 had preserved its international legitimacy unimpaired and which, even today, is still in power in certain countries and continues to protect its supporters the world over. And even though many Communist parties have belatedly acknowledged Stalinism's crimes, most have not abandoned Lenin's principles and scarcely question their own involvement in acts of terrorism.⁵

It would be nice if academia and the left would acknowledge Stalinism's crimes, but BLM's founders are proud to proclaim to the world that they are "trained Marxists."

Admitting the crimes of Marxism would take character and honor, which is missing from much of academia as it teaches young Americans a fraudulent history like the *1619 Project* so they will hate their country. The *1619 Project's* primary theme -- that the American Revolutionary War was fought because the British were about to abolish slavery --- is a total, complete and utter fraud with not one iota of evidence, I mean, not one letter, newspaper article, diary entry, nothing, yet Biden's Federal Government is pushing it into high schools all over the country along with racist Critical Race Theory.

Nikole Hannah-Jones got a Pulitzer Prize for the *1619 Project*, which proves that Pulitzer Prizes mean nothing in this day and age. The *NY Times* got one too for their reporting on a hoax, Mueller's Russian investigation of the Trump administration. Both of these Pulitzers should be rescinded or have asterisks by them indicating that they are frauds.

All of this is a shakedown by the left with the constant false accusation of racism. It wasn't enough to steal the last election. Nikole Hannah-Jones wants reparations. The Democrat Party has a sick, maniacal desire for power. They all want white people, who have never been racist in the least, to pay money to people who are the essence of racists, for whom race is everything. They have their own Marxist Communist-type ideology in Critical Race Theory and identity politics.

The things that MLK fought against are the very things that many in academia are pushing today, and it should not be tolerated. NO taxpayer money should go to ANY academic institution that teaches even a hint of Critical Race Theory. State legislatures need to crack down on this racist hatred. Academia might as well offer courses by the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Party because there is no difference in the Klan's racial hate, and academia's racial hatred via Critical Race Theory.

American capitalism obliterated Marx's class struggle of the 1800s that academia so wanted to work here. We have never had any use for Communism or socialism. Our constitutional republic and the freedom, opportunity and wealth capitalism gives us makes us way more dynamic than any pathetic system of government handouts. We will run circles around that garbage, and we have since 1776.

Much of academia is an unimpressive racist hateful place in this day and age. The mediocre philosophies that come out of it don't compare to the freedom and opportunity that we already have.

America defeated real fascists, Nazis and Communists last century. We will certainly not be fooled by Marxist wannabes in academia this century, or ever.

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Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill and OCR Chapter President Sandra Stillman presented the floral tribute to Past Commander-in Chief Chuck McMichael on behalf of the members of our SCV Camp and OCR Chapter."