

Joe Nokes, Commander

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7 – Camp Meeting

November 9 – Beauvior Board Meeting

November 8-10 – Wirt Adams Raid in Natchez, MS

December 5 – Camp Meeting

January 25, 2014 – Saturday Camp Lee/Jackson Meeting

February 24-26, 2014 – 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Quitman

Camp News: Commander's Corner: Joe Nokes

Friends and Compatriots,

Fall Muster has passed and was a complete success. To all of you who helped, participated, and/or enjoyed the event, my hat is off to you.

During our September meeting, we took care of the metaphorical "ton of " camp business. However, everything is far from done.

We have designated a committee to investigate potential costs for carrying out our camp's Nathan Bedford Forrest campaign as designated by the National Office. We should have a preliminary report at this month's meeting.

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has been selected. Food preparations are underway. Thank you to everyone who helped with providing ideas and making selections for these areas.

Just a reminder, our camp elections will occur at the December meeting; yes, in two months we will decide who will lead the camp for the next two years. Some individuals have already stepped forward concerning certain offices. Anyone else wishing to campaign for any of the camp offices, please do not hesitate to submit your name. On the weekend of November 8-10, the Wirt Adams Reenactment will take place at Historic Jefferson College just outside Natchez. If you have never been to Jefferson College, by all means, make a trip down. This is beautiful location and well worth the trip.

In closing, please remember that we are the guardians of our ancestors' good names and legacies. We should not, can not and WILL NOT allow anyone either to deprive us of that role or to degrade them of their legacy!

I remain respectfully, Joe Nokes

Dues are Now Due \$\$\$\$

If you have not paid your dues and are already a member you need to send them into Dan McCaskill our adjutant. You should have received a notice in the mail. By the time you read this, the deadline of October 31 has passed and now you owe a late penalty to your dues. Also, you are in danger of this being your last issue of the Delta General, the state newsletter Jeff Davis Legion, and your Confederate Veteran Magazine. Please make all efforts to renew your dues and help fight political correctness. Remember, our ancestors sacrificed more than just membership dues every year.

Guest Speak for Camp Meeting on November

Our guest speaker is TBA. We will have a lot of business to discuss and need our members to show up and give their input on upcoming events. Remember, the Camp is only as good as its members that contribute their time.

The OCR will once again have the raffle, dinner, and "Capture that Elusive Yankee". The pot is over \$100.00 now. Will someone finally capture him?

It is believed the ladies will be making a homemade soup and cornbread, $\ensuremath{\mathsf{yum}}$





Adjutant's Report for October, 2013 - Dan McCaskill

Commander Joe Nokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Meeting was opened with an invocation and blessing by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown. Joe welcomed all members and guests attending the Meeting and then invited all to partake in the evening meal provided by the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, OCR. After the meal, Joe reconvened the Meeting. Compatriot Richard Dillon led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and salutes to the Flag of Mississippi and the Battle Flag of the Confederacy. Commander Joe Nokes then read "The Charge" given to us by Gen. Stephen D. Lee.

Announcements: The Re-enactment at Farmington, MS will be held the weekend of October 11-13 ; Fall Muster at Beauvoir will be the weekend of October 18-19; re-enactment at Jefferson College north of Natchez will be the weekend of November 8 – 10; Camp Officer elections will be in December, members are encouraged to seek the office of their choice.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney reported next month's speaker would be Ron Kelly, Commander of the 7 Generals Camp in Helena, AR. He will be speaking on the Battle of Helena, AR; Camp; 2nd Lt. Commander Junior Stillman had no report; Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that 39 of the Camp's 58 members had renewed their membership. This represents 67% of the membership. Dan stressed that dues need to be in his hands no later than October 30th in order to beat the deadline for submitting National dues; the Camp has been re-paid its \$1,000 investment in the 2013 National Reunion at Vicksburg. Profit sharing money will be coming at a later date; the Camp currently has \$2,702.57 in the checking account and the Church Fund has enough money to the end of November; As Camp Editor, Larry inquired if anyone had problems receiving the Camp Newsletter; AOT Councilman Larry McCluney announced there would be a GEC Meeting at Elm Springs in Columbia, TN on October 18th and that any SCV member is welcome to attend; he had AOT pins available for sale with all money going into a scholarship fund; MOS&B Commander Earl McCown announced that annual dues were due and that the Chapter would hold officer elections in December; Annette McCluney reminded the ladies that OCR dues were now due.

Camp Business: Before conducting Camp business, Commander Nokes presented Richard Dillon with National and MS Division Life Membership Certificates and pins. Richard is our third National Life Member and fifth Division Life member. The first order of business was a motion was made and duly seconded to have the Camp provide the same meats as last year's Lee-Jackson Banquet, the motion passed. Commander Nokes asked Junior Stillman to be in charge of getting the meat. The date of the Banquet would be nailed down at next month's meeting. Larry McCluney recommended to the Camp Jasmine Taylor as this year's recipient of the Hunley Award. He would get more information on the nominee so the Camp could vote at the next Camp Meeting. The final item coming before the Camp was presented by Joe. At the National Reunion, C-I-C Givens presented what the year 2014 meant to the SCV. It would be the Year of Forrest. Givens wanted every Camp in the Confederation to do what they could to promote the truth about Nathan Bedford Forrest. To that end, Commander Nokes formed a committee to investigate what the Camp could do to achieve this goal. Richard Dillon was appointed chairman and Johnny Gaugh and Larry McCluney were appointed committee members. They are to report their findings at the next Camp Meeting. With no other business coming before the Camp, Joe turned the Meeting over to the ladies for the raffle and "Capture the Yankee". Kenneth Ray and Richard Dillon were winners of the raffle items. The yankee slipped through the hands of Kenneth Ray. The pot is now \$ 118.

Commander Nokes asked Chaplain Earl McCown to dismiss the meeting with a word of prayer. Attendance for the Meeting was 20.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan McCaskill, Adj.

Order of Confederate Rose Report: Annette McCluney

Ladies,

Thanksgiving and Christmas is quickly coming upon us and before you know it, we will be planning for our Lee/Jackson Banquet. If you have any raffle prizes for the Lee/Jackson Banquet to donate, please make sure to get those to Missy Stillman or myself as soon as possible. I have some new and refreshing raffle prizes from Beauvior. For the Black Tie event held at Beauvior in honor of the opening of the Library and Jefferson Davis' 205th Birthday, I have wine glasses that were used at the event and mason jars with handles that were used to serve beer. All of these have the Beauvior logo on them and make a great addition to your wine glass collection. Remember, these proceeds from the raffles pay for the meal we serve every month. Our Capture the Yankee

is now over \$100.00 and is doing well.

December is election time for our Chapter, we need to be thinking of new officers for the 2014-2016 term. This year marks the 15th Anniversary of our Chapter we have come a long way and have seen many faces travel through our Chapter and some have crossed over during those 15 years. Thanks goes out to our founding members as we look forward to another 15 years. At right is a picture of our founding members. How young we were and how few we started.

Annette McCluney, President





Interested in joining the Mechanized Cavalry, See Richard Dillon for more details!

The Mechanized Cavalry was formed as a special interest group of SCV members who like to ride motorcycles to assist in the Charge of the SCV and hope you will give thoughtful consideration in "Jining the Cavalry". We attend all the usual biker rides, as well as, those specifically dealing with the War Between the States and History in General.

The bond we all share as descendants of the most noble warriors this Nation has produced cannot be bought or replicated and as such this makes the Mechanized Cavalry a unique group in itself. If I may be of any assistance feel free to e-mail me at scvmechcav@scvmccsa.org. Ride as you would with Forrest!



Kevin Stone Colonel SCV Mechanized Cavalry, Commanding

Mississippi Division News: <u>Third Saturday of the Month Living History at Beauvior</u>

This is a chance to help every third Saturday of the month at Beauvoir have a history encampment for the visitors. Terry Bailey said just come and help in any way you can. If you are dressed in uniform with a rifle or don't have a rifle, you can still be of help. If you have any kind of display of artifacts (they do not have to be original), then have them there and explain about each of the items. If you wish to set up a tent that is fine, but if you don't have one come and just be a part of the group. There is no particular uniform required. The main thing is to have something for the tourists so they can talk to the participants and learn the facts about the war, reconstruction, the politics that were involved and etc. It's a chance to allow the children to not only look at what the soldiers carried but, to actually hold the items. It's also a great chance to let the children (little and big), to shoot the rifles and muskets. This is a great idea and if you can go down and help for as long as you can. There is no requirement on your time. These events will last until it is time for Fall Muster at Beauvoir. For contact information get in touch with Terry Bailey.

twbailey@live.com

Terry W. "Beetle" Bailey, Alabama Division, SCV Friends of Fall Muster

"Our Confederate Soldiers"

Beauvoir is in the process of adding information (birth, death, family, etc) on the Confederate soldiers/widows who are buried at Beauvoir cemetery, If you would like to contribute any information contact Jane Sullivan at jsulli45@yahoo.com Website: www.beauvoir.org

2014 Mississippi Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans State Meeting Corinth Mississippi, June 6-8 2014 - Information

Compatriots!

The Colonel William P. Rogers Camp is honored to host the 2014 State Convention. The following is some additional information that may be helpful to you. The registration forms are available at this site - battleofcorinth.com.

• Motels

Headquarters Motel – Holiday Inn Express is located at the junction of Routes 45 & 72, the Hampton Inn is across the street. The SCV rate of \$89 a night is good if rooms are booked before May 23, 2014. The price is the same at both motels.

Historical Tours:

1. We are offering an early bird tour of the Davis Bridge Battlefield on Friday June 6, at 1:00 pm. The tour will be led by NPS Ranger Tom Parson the leading expert on the battle. This is a pristine site that is seldom seen by visitors. A real treat!

2. On Saturday afternoon we will offer a bus tour of the many battlefield sites in Corinth- (Limited to 55 persons). A driving/walking tour will also be available for those who want to do it on their own.

We do need to know the number of persons wanting to go on these tours so we can provide guides and buses so please indicate your interest on the Registration Form.

3. On Sunday we recommend a tour of nearby Shiloh and the Brice's Crossroads Battlefields.

• For the Ladies:

Corinth has a number of very interesting shops with many different choices. On Saturday morning from 8:00 am to approximately 3:00 pm there will be Corinth's monthly "Green Market" where local persons sell their Arts and Crafts and homemade items like jellies, pickles, baked goods, clothes, and jewelry. No trip to Corinth would be complete without a trip to Borroum's Drugstore (opened in 1865) for an old fashion ice cream treat and a "Slugburger." Directions will be provided.

Friday Evening Reception:

Our Friday night opening reception will be held at the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center. It is a wonderful building on the Corinth Battlefield with great exhibits on the Battle of Shiloh and the Battle of Corinth. We look forward to having you in Corinth where history comes alive!

Note - See Registration form on page 4 for more information . . .

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SCV before May 23, 2014 \$30.00 AT THE REUNION \$35.00 OCR before May 23, 2014 \$10.00 AT THE REUNION \$15.00					
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Left Over Convention T-Shirts

Gentlemen of the MS Division,

We have a lot of t-shirts left over from the reunion. By a lot, I mean couple of hundred, I sold 91 to the Old Court House for them to resale and make a profit. Saturday at our fall flea market, we had a booth, and we only sold 24. Someone said we, the division, could save them and use them for door prizes etc. I am willing for some group to come over and get the rest of them and use them for whatever purpose they wish. We need to remove them from our room. If anyone wants these shirts they need to contact me asap.

Thank you,

Wayne McMaster (waynemcmasteris@gmail.com)

Special Memorial Service

Special Memorial and Dedication honoring Private John Wiggs Co. C, 40 Miss. Infantry born March 17, 1841 died Jan. 7, 1892 buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Chickasaw county, Miss. The marker has been placed and will be dedicated. Dinner will be served after the services. Memorial and Dedication will start at 11 am sharp. All reenactors are invited to attend to help the Chickasaw Guards as they host this event. Commander David Horn especially desires to have a good showing of riflemen for the Honor Guard. The 15th Miss. Honor Guard will be present

with their colors and others are invited to bring their colors also. All reenactors are encouraged to arrive before 10:30 am to line up. Directions to cemetery: from Calhoun City take Hwy 8 East toward Houston, in Vardaman take a right on to Hwy 341, stay on Hwy 341, you will enter Chickasaw county and the cemetery will be on the left side of the Hwy across the road from the church.

For more information contact Commander David Horn at 662-791-1204 or James Taylor 662-983-7246 home 662-983-8301 cell

National SCV News: National Reunion in Charleston, SC

Editor's Note: If you plan to attend the Reunion in Charleston, SC in 2014, then you need to at least reserve a room at the Embassy Suites as soon as you can. I reserved my room on July 24 and the impression they gave me was they were going quick. But never fear, if you cannot get a room there, or if you want something within your budget, go to http://www.scv2014.org and see what they offer. Early registration form



Hosted by the 10th Brigade, South Carolina Division

for the Reuion is offered on the next page. As of the October GEC meeting, the Reunion Committee reported that all rooms at the Embassy Suite in North Charleston are sold out. If you plan to attend the reunion, you must use alternative motels that are provided for reservations.

Message from the Commander-in-Chief

Greetings Gentlemen,

I hope you are well. The General Forrest advertisement project has been interesting to say the least. I wish to give you a quick update. Many have sent me comments and suggestions. Thank you for those. We will have our new SCV-wide communication system up and running soon and this will make sharing information much more efficient.

Just a few quick notes:

1. Be prepared for anything from the press. If you run the ad and are called by the media remember to simply remind them that if they insist on spreading the harmful stories about Forrest then <u>they must prove them</u>. Further on this subject, I have been sent references to statements and articles from our own predecessors in the UCV, the SCV and the UDC parroting the same misinformation about General Forrest and his alleged relations with the KKK. I was aware of this before I even ran the essay by Dr. Bradley. I personally spoke with him about this and he assured me that there is absolutely no corroboration for any of these statements and no proof to back them up. Our duty is to set the record straight and vindicate the Southern Cause. We must be ready to admit that even our own people have been wrong. Much of what is said about Forrest was invented in the 20th century and is the result of a marketing campaign for D. W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation*. I dare say, if your media pundit was to point out the manner in which the African-American is portrayed in that film, he will declare that it is wrong and the height of racism, but yet he will emphatically say that the depiction of Forrest as the klan leader, in the same film, is right on target—nonsense. <u>They can't have it both ways</u>. Both depictions are to dramatize a movie, don't be a tool to marketing, stick with the facts.

2. I heard from a few that they were worried that downloading from a site like yousendit or sendspace. They were concerned that they would infect their computers with viruses and trojan horses. I have been sending files through these companies for many years with no such incident. I called yousendit with your concerns and they assured me that they do all in their power to prevent such calamities.

3. Budget. I am well aware that advertising can be expensive. At least one division has offered to help offset the cost by dipping into their own coffers to support the camp with this effort. But, be creative. Put the ad on facebook and other free venues. Print a stack of them and tack them to phone poles (where it is legal to do so). Come up with your own ideas to get the debate started. Do you remember the "Hope and Change" posters that we were subjected to during the presidential campaign of 2008? Those posters were stuck on EVERYTHING! ...and you know what happened then.

Thank you for your determination. Do the best that you can and let's see what this will do for the cause. God bless you all and God bless Dixie. I am,

Respectfully yours, Michael Givens, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Confederate Veterans



Sons of Confederate Veterans 119th National Reunion North Charleston, SC July 16-19. 2014 1864 – H. L. Hunley - 2014



Grand Total

Individual Member Registration (Basic Registration is required for ALL members attending the reunion)

Early Registration (Inru March 31, 2014) (\$55.00 Each)	Qty	x 55 =
Late Registration (After March 31, 2014) (\$65.00 Each)	Qty	x 65 =
Wed, July 16: Harbor Meet & Greet Tour (\$65.00 Each)	Qty	x 65=
Thurs, July17: General Forrest Cavalry Breakfast (\$30.00 Each)	Qty	x 30=
Thurs, July17: C. Irvine Walker Preservation Luncheon (\$35.00 Each)	Qty	x 35=
Thurs, July17: General Johnson Hagood Heritage Dinner (\$35.00 Each)	Qty	x 35=
Thurs, July17: Ladies Tour (\$35.00 Each)	Qty	x35=
Thurs, July 17: Fort & Battlefield Tour (\$35.00 Each)	Qty.	x35=
Fri, July 18: Gen. Ellison Capers Chaplains Breakfast (\$30.00 Each)		x 30=
Fri, July 18: Lt. Richard Kirkland Awards Luncheon (\$35.00 Each)		x 35=
Fri, July 18: H.L. Hunley Tour (\$40.00 Each)	Qty.	x 40=
Sat, July 19: Mary Boykin Chesnut Debutante Luncheon (\$30.00 Each) (Debutantes Free)		x 30=
Sat, July 19: Gen. Wade Hampton III Grand Banquet and Debutante Ball: (Single: \$70.00)		x 70=
(Couple: \$130.00)	Qty	
Numbered Medal (\$150.00 Each) (Limited to 150 Medals)		x 150 =
Additional Reunion Medals (Non Numbered) (\$35.00 Each)	Qty.	x 35=
Ancestor Memorials (Printed in Program) (\$10.00 Each) (Attach Ancestor Memorial Form)		x 10 =

Make Check payable to Low Country SCV and mail to address below

Due to the nature of tour booking and catering demands, all tour and meal purchases are considered to be final. No refunds will be issued. The 2014 National SCV Reunion Committee does reserve the right to limit or cancel any tour prior to the reunion due to limited booking of reservations. In the event there is a cancellation of any tour, the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part

Name:			SCV Member # _		
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Contact the Embassy Suites, North Charleston, SC at 1-843-747-1882 for room rates, availability and reservations. Ask for the 2014 SCV Reunion Rate.

Tenth Brigade, South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans David Rentz, 2014 SCV Reunion Chairman, www.scv2014.org Mail Checks To: Low Country SCV, P. O. Box 1170, Ladson, SC 29456-1170



Are you eligible for membership in the MOSB?

The members of the MOS&B are descendants of the Confederate Officer Corps and elected government officials. We are dedicated to the preservation and education of the memory of our ancestors and the traditional values of our Southern Heritage.

Address all general business or advertising correspondence to MOS&B IHQ, P O Box 1700, White House, TN 37188-1700. Or you can contact Earl McCown for information. Join in the fight to preserve the memory of the Officer Corps.

Heritage Rally 2014

Compatriots,

The Budget and Finance Committee will review funding requests prior to the Fall GEC (General Executive Council) meeting. Those requests <u>must be received no later than September 23, 2013</u> and <u>must be received in one of two formats</u>, to be considered at that time! It is preferred that requests and supporting documentation be sent as attachments to an email message directed to Adjutant-in-Chief Ritchie (aic@scv.org) and Executive Director Sewell (<u>exedir@scv.org</u>).

If you send the request and supporting documents in hard-copy format, <u>they must be sent to AIC Ritchie, Executive Director Sewell and Army</u> <u>Commanders Earnest, Strain and Owens</u>, who also serve on the Budget and Finance Committee. Mailing addresses can be found on the National Committee page at: <u>http://www.scv.org/committeeView.php?cid=BF</u>.

Those requesting funds should read the Funding Proposal Guidelines found on the Forms and Documents page of scv.org at: http://www.scv.org/pdf/FundingProposalGuidelines.pdf

The form to be used to make a Funding Request is also on the Forms and Documents page at: http://www.scv.org/pdf/SCVFundRequests.pdf The information requested on the form is the minimum that is needed to consider a request. Those making requests are encouraged to

submit supporting information if it helps clarify the purpose and other particulars of the project.

If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, form or process, please contact me.

Stephen Lee Ritchie, Adjutant-in-Chief aic@scv.org (765) 759-8038

Heritage Violation Confederate flag raises issues, ire at UR

A University of Rochester student says college officials violated his right to free expression by forcing him to take down a Confederate flag that he had put in the window of his room on campus.

Matthew Papay also said that the email that two UR deans — Richard Feldman and Matthew Burns — sent to students last Friday misconstrued what happened. "The deans lied in the email about why I took it down — saying I did so by choice after discussion with fellow students — when in reality the school told me to take it down," said Papay.

"I am from North Carolina and the school is blatantly ignoring my rights to express the cultural identity I choose to identify with, even though the school prides itself on how 'culturally diverse' it is."

Burns, dean of students at UR, said on Wednesday that he did not lie, but had incomplete information about the controversy when they sent out the email on Friday.

He also said that the graduate house adviser who told Papay to take down a paper replica of the Confederate flag had "misspoke," and that the replica should have been allowed to stay.

Even though UR is a private college, Burns said there should be no intention to inhibit free expression. "The whole purpose of higher education is to get ideas out there that sometimes are unpalatable," said Burns. Papav's flag

In their email last Friday, Feldman and Burns said that the Confederate flag was taken down from Papay's bedroom window "after a brief and civil discussion among some of the students involved." Actually, Papay was told to take the flag down.

The controversy dates back about three weeks when Papay, a 19-year-old sophomore from Weaverville, N.C., put a Confederate flag in his window at a students' residence hall, located on the Fraternity Quad of the UR campus.

It was up for about a week when, in the days leading up to the university's Meliora weekend, graduate house adviser Catherine Christian told him to take the flag down. "It is against fire code to hang flags in your room. I will be coming by after my classes today to make sure it is no longer up," she said in an Oct. 11 email to Papay.

Papay responded by asking what provision of the fire guidelines he was violating. Christian responded with an email saying that the flag was acting as a drape, which is not permitted.

He took down the flag but then replaced it with a paper flag after he said that he confirmed with the fire marshal that paper would comply with regulations.

Christian responded with an email saying that her supervisor informed her that people have been complaining because the flag was up again. "I understand that your flag is up out of pride and you can feel free to leave it up but on a wall of your room," Christian said. "It should not be in the window because of the discomfort it is causing people and because it does not necessarily represent the heritage of the whole house."

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Confederate Flag Issue Continued ...

Papay was not in his room at the time, but his roommate removed the paper flag.

As word spread about what had happened, a heated discussion took place on a Facebook page associated with the university's class of 2017. The 32 pages of comments included a range of remarks, including: "Did this individual or group of people stop and think what that flag symbolizes to black people, to us?"

Another commentator said Papay "clearly isn't racist or trying to offend anyone," but Facebook comments made by others were clearly derogatory toward African-Americans — and were removed, apparently by students. "They were racist and inappropriate," said Burns about the comments deleted.

Although UR helps administer the Facebook page, Burns said that UR officials did not order anything taken off the site. Papay weighed in with an essay posted on the Facebook page. "My name is Matthew Papay and I am the student who posted the flag in the window. . . . I am not a racist. I do not discriminate," wrote Papay at the outset of his essay. Papay said that the Confederate flag is "used by a small percentage of people in certain hate groups," but that he has "never personally met a southerner who displayed it out of hate," and that he did not put the flag up to offend but as a show of his heritage. He said that he would not keep it up knowing it is offending people. "But that doesn't mean I shouldn't have the right to put it up," Papay said in the interview.

Some UR students interviewed on campus expressed little doubt that a Confederate flag conveys an inflammatory message. "There is obviously a lot of people who take offense at the Confederate flag," said Jon Aho, 18 a first-year student from Fairport. Manon Benisty, 19, a sophomore from South Orange, N.J., added: "I am surprised by it and not happy to hear about it. I would expect this at another school." But Karen Ruiz, 19, a sophomore from San Antonio, Texas, cautioned that even if the flag is offensive, students should take into account the principles involved. "If I want certain rights to be given to me, I shouldn't take away others' rights," she said.

The deans' page-long email focused on the Facebook comments. "While much of the 'dialogue' on the page is civil and respectful, several comments are clearly inappropriate and offensive. These comments are in no way a reflection of the college's views," wrote the deans. The email concludes by saying that in coming days and weeks "the college will engage students and other members of our community in dialogues and restorative circles to address these questions."

Burns said that three of the students who wrote derogatory comments have been asked to meet with college officials. "We are going to talk with them," said Burns, who doesn't expect disciplinary action. He also expects to have forums on campus where race relations can be aired. A number of experts on the First Amendment note that private colleges don't have to give the same constitutional protections as public colleges.

But Roy Gutterman, director of the Tully Center for Free Speech at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, at Syracuse University, went on to say: "Does it really flow with the purpose of the college to suppress offensive speech?"

JGOODMAN@DemocratandChronicle.com

Immediate Press Release from CIC Givens

Recently, a controversy has arisen regarding the appropriateness of the name of a professional sports team. While this is a matter for others to sort out and one which the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has no reason to comment upon, we do feel compelled to speak to a peripheral issue that has occurred. In attempting to offer his opinion and enter into the debate, New York Daily News cartoonist Tom Stiglich has taken the opportunity to depict the logo of the team with a Nazi flag and the Confederate Battle Flag.

Again, the primary debate is one that we have no interest in entering, but the implied similarity of the two flags is ridiculous and unconscionable. The outrageous social ideologies of Hitler and the well-known horrors of the Nazi regime, mass exterminations of ethnic groups and human eugenics, are completely incompatible with the foundations of the Confederacy and the South of 1861-1865.

This is not the first time this contorted comparison has been offered, but it needs to be the last. Men of goodwill can often disagree and have healthy debates, but to simply superimpose "Nazi" and everything that goes with it over someone, some group or some philosophy with which you disagree is childish and beneath the dignity of Americans.

The Confederacy did not practice "ethnic cleansing"; in fact, it attempted to practice political cleansing by reestablishing a Constitutional Republic. Judah P. Benjamin served as Secretary of War and then as Secretary of State. It would be almost a half-century until a US President would appoint a Jewish Cabinet member, when, in 1906 Theodore Roosevelt appointed Oscar S. Straus to the post of Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Additionally, untold numbers of blacks, many of them free, served in Confederate units. Also worthy of note is the record of General Stand Watie of the Cherokee Braves; he was the last Confederate general to surrender his troops.

Mr. Stiglich owes the myriad Confederate descendants an apology. Shame on him and "Hail to the Cherokee Braves."

Sesquicentennial Of the War for Southern Independence Articles: American Civil War November 1863

November 1863 is best remembered for what was to become the most famous speech made during the <u>American Civil War</u> - the Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincon. Again, as in <u>October 1863</u>, the weather dictated what senior commanders could do in the field.

- November 2nd: President Lincoln was invited to make a speech at the dedication of the new cemetery at Gettysburg. Jefferson Davis visited Charleston and publicly stated that he believed the city would not fall.
- November 3rd: Sherman continued his march to Chattanooga. Unwilling to rely on a single rail line from Decatur to Nashville for his supplies, he ordered that it was rebuilt as double tracked.
- November 4th: General Bragg, supported by Jefferson Davis, rid himself of General Longstreet and his 20,000 men who were sent to support Confederate troops at Knoxville.
- November 7th: General Meade, commander of the Army of the Potomac, attacked Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Several Confederate redoubts were captured at Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock River and 1,629 prisoners were taken. However, the North lost far more men killed – 83 to 6.

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- November 8th: Meade continued his assault on Confederate positions but by now they are no more than skirmishes as opposed fullscale assaults.
- November 9th: Lincoln visited the theatre to see a play called "The Marble Heart" that starred John Wilkes Booth.
- November 14th: Sherman arrived at Bridgeport at the head of 17,000 men. His men had covered 675 miles in just fourteen days. At Bridgeport, Sherman was briefed by Grant as to the state of play at Chattanooga. Sherman was told not to expect any help from the Army of the Cumberland, as it would maintain its defensive position rather than an offensive one.
- In the South, the Confederate Government ordered the use of force in its efforts to collect taxes. This included the confiscation of property and was primarily directed at farmers in North Carolina who were refusing to pay their taxes.
- November 15th: Sherman started his campaign against Chattanooga. Accepting Grant's advice, Sherman viewed the role of the Army of the Cumberland to be solely defensive.
- November 16th: Longstreet finally reached Knoxville. However, lacking heavy artillery, Longstreet was unable to besiege the town, which was well defended by Union troops commanded by General Burnside.
- November 18th: Lincoln left Washington DC en route to Gettysburg. November 19th: The dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg took place. 15,000 people assembled there. The dedication started with a two-hour speech by Edward Everett as to the course of the battle. Lincoln spoke after Everett and for only ten minutes and received polite applause. Some in the gathering were unaware that he had even spoken. 'The Times' in London considered Everett's speech to have been very good while the President's was a disappointment. His speech was carefully prepared and not, as was once thought, put together on the train journey from Washington to Gettysburg. Lincoln himself said "the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here."
- November 20th: Sherman's advance on Chattanooga was delayed by heavy rain.
- November 21st: With better weather, Sherman prepared for his attack on Chattanooga.
- November 23rd: Unionist troops took Orchard Knob just outside of Chattanooga. The capture of this position gave them a height advantage over Confederate positions around Chattanooga. Such was the strategic advantage of Orchard Knob, Grant made it his headquarters.
- November 25th: Sherman started his main assault against Confederate positions around Chattanooga, especially the men based on Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. By 15.00 the positions held by the Army of Tennessee had fallen. Seven Congressional Medals of Honour were awarded for the Union assault on Missionary Ridge. One went to Lieutenant Arthur MacArthur, the father of Douglas MacArthur.
- November 26th: The Army of the Potomac threatened an attack on Richmond.
- Bragg withdrew his forces from the Chattanooga area To Dalton, Georgia, having lost 10% of his men 6,667 out of 64,000. Bragg was not to know that Sherman's army had suffered a similar percentage of casualties 5,824 out of 56,000 men. By withdrawing, Bragg kept his army as an effective fighting unit. However, Sherman's army was free to advance on Atlanta.
- November 27th: The Army of the Potomac meets that Army of Northern Virginia at Mine Run
- November 30th: An attack on the Army of Northern Virginia was cancelled at the last minute when Meade decided that Lee's men were too well dug in

<u>Beauvoir Christmas</u> <u>Festival</u>

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