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DECEMBER 2015 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, Florida

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from menu 7:00 – 8:00 Program 8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting.

Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December.

Male descendants of men who served the Confederacy, their wives and others interested in the War For Southern Independence are invited to attend.

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Greetings, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Social. God Bless the South!
Commander L.M. Thornton

EVENT

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| 10 Dec. | Christmas Social – 2 nd Thursday; bring wrapped gift under \$10; bring canned goods for CITA donation |
| 09 Jan. | Sharpes Cemetery Cleanup 10 am to 2 pm |
| 14 Jan. | E-board meeting |
| 17 Jan. | Commander Young speaker at St. Augustine Lee – Jackson; everyone welcome |
| 28 Jan. | Regular Camp meeting and Lee – Jackson observance |
| Feb. ? | Call Miss June now for pick up, or start saving items to donate for Garage Sale |

PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Bring a wrapped gift for exchange and other items for door prizes and drawings. Also, anyone who forgot canned goods last month for CITA bring them and we will get them delivered. Gentlemen uniforms please we will be swearing in several new compatriots.



Please remember compatriot Robert Lee Weaver who crossed over the river 22 November and his family in your thoughts and prayers. All condolences should be sent to Lee Ann Phillips, his daughter, at 285 Milford Point Dr. Merritt Island 32952.

DECEMBER 18TH, 2015
(2ND Thursday)
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
CAPTAIN J.J. DICKSON
CAMP 1387

****INVITES****

All Members and Their Families

To Our

*****CHRISTMAS SOCIAL*****

AWARDS, GAMES, NEW MEMBERS INDUCTION,
& HOMEMADE DESSERTS

Location:

*McKlaw's BBQ
600 East Eon Gulfco Blvd.
Indian Harbour Beach, FL*

*6-7 PM**Order Brico menu
7-9 PM** Christmas Social,
Awards, Games, Gift Exchange*
& Homemade Desserts*

Ladies, If you can bring a dessert, it would be appreciated!

*****Gentlemen*****

Please wear UNIFORMS or CAMP SHIRTS.

-----LADIES DRESS AS YOU WISH-----

* *Gift exchange should be a unisex gift of \$5-\$10.*

(Questions? Call Miss June 321-984-9967)



15TH ANNIVERSARY

"RAID ON FORT PIERCE"

DECEMBER 12TH & 13TH, 2015

SAVANNAS RECREATION AREA

1400 Midway Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34982



DEC. 11TH, THERE WILL BE A LIVING HISTORY SCHOOL DAY FROM 9 TO 1PM. AT THE SAME LOCATION, THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF ARTILLERY, INFANTRY, PERIOD COOKING, BLACKSMITH, UNIFORMS, AUTHENTIC CAMPS, CALVARY AND MORE FOR THE STUDENTS

BATTLE SCHEDULE

2:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday

CAMPS OPEN

9am to Battle
Camps reopen after
after the Battle

Fun for the whole family and young at heart. Walk through history's past and talk to living historians. This will our 15th year, representing both sides of the most controversial time in "American History". Visit our authentic camps see how men, women and children lived in Florida just after our statehood was established.



Admission
\$5

Children
under 5 free

*SPONSORED BY THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
PVT. GEORGE W. THOMAS CAMP 1595*

*HOSTED BY SOUTHERN VOLUNTEER BATTALION &
THE 4TH BRIGADE US*

For info: Commander Jim Odell ~ thejdawg569_2000@yahoo.com

*All proceeds to benefit the Raid on Fort Pierce, and Sons of Confederate Veterans,
Camp George W. Thomas #1595 and the CSS Hunley Award for OUTSTANDING ROTC Cadet*

Camp 1595 needs assistance conducting this event; call Commander Odell to volunteer.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Don't Dishonor your Past Congregants by Erasing Their History by David McCallister Florida Division Heritage Operations



It was reported on Monday, November 23, 2015 that Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA was setting about to ERASE the history of its Congregants with a Confederate connection by removing, out of site, many of the memorial plaques on display in the sanctuary, especially those that included the "Southern Cross" Battle Flag. [Article here](#)
This decision is a slap in the face to the 70,000,000 descendants of Confederate Veterans whose forbearers loved, served and were protected by the Southern Cross, especially those who were Episcopalians.

Targeted for removal are commemorative plaques to our beloved hero Gen. Robert E. Lee who was attended the Church when he lived in Richmond after the War, as well some to the Jefferson Davis Family. (Pres. Davis was attending THIS church the morning he received news that the defensive lines had broken, and that he and the CSA government should evacuate.) In case you've not been there, the Church took an inventory of the 'offensive' Confederate tainted memorabilia, and you can see it [here](#).

Unfortunately, the problems are farther reaching than just St. Paul's Church. It was reported, and has been confirmed, that in June, the Church passed a resolution banning the display of any Confederate Battle flag in any Episcopal Church. Read Resolution DO44 [Here](#). Some will remember that the Sons of Confederate Veterans was scheduled to hold a memorial service here, but at the last minute, was turned away.

In short, this Resolution MUST be rescinded, and the ERACISM at St. Paul's must be reversed NOW!

We must make our voices heard!

Here are a couple of quick actions you can take today to help:

1. Sign a petition [here](#).
2. Forward this email and/or the petition on to your friends, family, fellow camp members, other Episcopalians, lovers of American History, Veterans, etc, and ask them to sign, including sharing on your and their social media.
3. If you are an Episcopalian, you can let your Pastor and fellow Congregants know that you are unhappy with this disharmonious Resolution.
4. Contact the Rector of St. Paul's and share your opinion. His contact info is: The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley (804) 643-3589 X 5001; e-mail: rector@stpauls-episcopal.org

Tell the Rev. Adams-Riley to stop Erasing the history of its Congregants! Although the good works of the Episcopal Church are appreciated, this "Eracism" is disrespecting your family and that you are offended, and that the Church should re-consider this decision.

For more information please contact David McCallister, Florida Heritage Operations Chairman at 813-778-1202 or drmmystery1881@gmail.com.

National Legislative Issues

Senate Bill 1689 - Reduces Highway funding for States that have an SCV License plate; in Committee on Environment and Public Works.

House Resolution 3007 – Bans Confederate Battle Flags from display on Confederate graves in National Cemeteries; in sub committee.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3007>

House Resolution 344 – Deplores use of Confederate Battle Flag in State flags of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi; Committee on the Judiciary.

Please write or call your Congressman and your Senator.

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This and That

Legal shuffles ... http://www.godanriver.com/news/danville/confederate-flag-will-not-return-to-grounds-of-sutherlin-mansion/article_92755d40-7e59-11e5-86a1-b37da377287d.html

Slavery in the Confederate Constitution

<http://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/review/slavery-in-the-confederate-co> The Abbeville Institute is the place where we go for historically correct history.

Then and Now WBTS photos. You can switch between the then and now photos by dragging the white or yellow dot at right of each picture to the left or right... Enjoy!

<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/ng-interactive/2015/jun/22/american-civil-war-photography-interactive>

Hillsborough County Veterans Park TBO groundbreaking story 4/2013
<http://www.tbo.com/brandon/ground-breaks-for-war-between-the-states-memorial-b82482537z1>

Civil War memorial design creates friction in Hillsborough TBO article 10/2015

<http://www.tbo.com/news/breaking-news/civil-war-memorial-design-creates-friction-in-hillsborough-20151028/>



I suppose we'll have the Confederate Battle Flag fight all over again... in Mississippi
POSTED AT 4:31 PM ON NOVEMBER 28, 2015 BY JAZZ SHAW

[As the New York Times reports this week](#), we obviously didn't have enough other things to worry about between terrorists trying to burn down the world (at least the Christian parts of it) and our cities spilling over with racially charged protests and riots. No... that's not enough to keep anyone busy, so we may as well have yet another fight over the Confederate flag. Having cast out the demons of South Carolina and turned the entire state into a bastion of racial equality and harmony, the fight moves even deeper into the deep south. Dane Waters, the head of Tipping Point strategies, is heading to Mississippi in an attempt to bind together a coalition of community and government leaders to tear the stars and bars from the state flag once and for all.

This week, Mr. Waters, a self-described conservative who has been retained by a group of people he declined to name, will arrive in Mississippi to pick up a difficult task: forming an unlikely and perhaps unmanageable alliance of preachers, business executives, state boosters and civil rights advocates to remove forever the Confederate battle flag from the state flag. He is working with the Flag for All Mississippians Coalition, which was started by Sharon Brown, an activist in Jackson, who is black. The campaign has already been organizing supporters and held a hundreds-strong rally at the State Capitol. But Mr. Waters spoke of other tools that will be brought to bear outside the public eye, such as pressure on political donors and lobbying in the Legislature.

We'll see how that works out. The people of Mississippi held a referendum regarding redesigning the flag and in 2001 and it was rejected by a wide margin. Other incomplete movements have been ginned up several times since then and the state's residents don't seem to have changed their feelings overly much. That doesn't stop the various "interested parties" from outside the state, though, and it's not just Dane Waters. My friend and radio co-conspirator Doug Mataconis tends to look at the flag issue in a rather black and white way (if you'll pardon the phrase) and has determined that anyone who supports this *symbol of hatred and resistance to racial equality* is simply on the wrong side of history and [needs to get right with whatever program is on the horizon](#). (Outside the Beltway)

Doug says the following is FACT.

The reality, of course, is that the debate that occurred in South Carolina in the wake of Dylann Roof's racially motivated murders in a church closely tied to both the struggle against slavery and the Civil Rights Movement is one that needs to occur throughout the south, and perhaps

nowhere more than in Mississippi which was a focal point of both the worst aspect of the Confederacy and the resistance to the end of Jim Crow. Whatever those nostalgic for the history of the Civil War might try to say, it is obvious that the Confederate Battle Flag long ago **became [a symbol of hatred and resistance to racial equality](#)** rather than some remembrance of heritage. In some sense, the debate over this issue was settled in the wake of the war, when Robert E. Lee himself, who became President of what is now Washington & Lee University in Virginia argued that **[the flag should not be displayed in public](#)** and left instructions that no such flags were to be displayed at his funeral or his grave after he died. Indeed, it wasn't until the resurrection of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s and then most especially the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s that the flag seems to have become a public symbol again. After *Brown v. Board of Education* and similar decisions from the Supreme Court, and the efforts of the Eisenhower Administration and subsequent Presidents to enforce Federal laws protecting the rights of African-Americans, many states in the South began flying the flag and integrating it into their state symbols in what was obviously an attempt to foster resistance to Washington and an effort to intimidate the African-American residents of their respective states. As the years went by, many states began to abandon those symbols, but it was Charleston that really brought home the point that it was time to **[abandon the flag](#)** as anything other than a museum piece, which is the step that South Carolina has taken. Mississippi should take a cue from its fellow Southern state and enter the 21st Century already.

Doug, my old friend, you're a great guy, but I'm afraid you have far too much blue Jersey blood running through your veins (read: "Yankee") to ever really get this issue deep down in your bones. And I'm also sensing a bit of willful blindness to dates in the history books to boot. It's fine for detractors who assume by default that anyone with the offending flag on their pickup truck is a racist to fling about such claims, but they need to be supported in fact. First of all, there may have been a spread and resurgence of the flag (in various versions) during the 1920s and the 1950s, but it's simply ignorant to claim that the flag "wasn't a public symbol" from the end of the Civil War until then. Without much checking, (indeed, right in the New York Times article linked above) you will note that the stars and bars have been flying over Mississippi continuously since the 1890s as part of the state flag currently under discussion. That doesn't mean it was hidden in closets or trotted out in a clandestine fashion for Klan meetings. It was over the state capitol and everywhere else the state flag flies. It was in plenty of other places as well.

But quibbling over dates in a history book doesn't get anywhere near the heart of the matter I give credit to the Times reporter for actually going out and speaking to some of the residents who actually get it because they live it.

"My flag's been flying for 33 years, and I'm not about to take it down," said Nancy Jenkins, 58, a postal worker who is white and who flies the Mississippi flag and the United States flag at her house a block south of Louisville City Hall. "It doesn't stand for hate. It means a lot of people fought and died."

Indeed, Nancy, a lot of people fought and died to be sure. But it goes much deeper than that and spans the history of the nation. That's something I learned from living in the South for a fair while and getting to know the people there. (Darned nice of them to tolerate a Damn Yankee from New York and allow him into their homes.) Back in July I attempted to express some of this as best I could in a column which generated the greatest number of letters (supportive ones, anyway) I've ever received from a single piece. The vast majority were from southerners, of course. It dealt with what I learned was **[the real meaning of the stars and bars](#)**.

None of that had anything to do with endorsing slavery. None of it had to do with a war that happened more than a century before aside from the wreckage left behind. It didn't matter if you were black or white as long as you remembered that you were southern. And in that we find the

greatest embarrassment of all in this debate. It seems that any other demographic group in the nation can be proud of their heritage... except for The South. If you are from below the Mason-Dixon you will seemingly live in perpetuity with the scars of the antebellum past. And if anyone wants to spit on you in the gutter after you've been beaten down in the contest of public debate, there will be nobody to defend you. It's always okay to make fun of the southern man. And if you want to tear down his flag or even his flagpole, the nation – and most particularly the media – will throw you a ticker tape parade.

"The South" – at least as defined as a unique, richly flavored heritage in the American melting pot – nearly died at the end of the 19th century. But it hung on in the tenacious way that southerners have always held on. They held on even as they came (as Virgil Cane said) and tore up the tracks again. And as they held on and regrouped through the 20th century, they had a symbol to cling to. It might not have been the best symbol, and others would obviously see it as a sigil of war, but it was the symbol they had. And they hung on to it. It grew to mean something deeper and more profound about the cultural identity of just being from The South when everyone else wanted to pretend that The South had never existed.

That's what it's all about. And it's what it's been about for a very, very long time. And if there's one more thing that we Yankees (along with everyone in the SJW) should learn, it's that southerners hang on to tradition and pride like an alligator with a deer carcass. If you're coming to try to take it away you'd best be ready for a fight. And be sure to bring a bag lunch and a flashlight. It'll probably take all day and most of the night.

Oh, and before we go, Doug... Lynyrd Skynyrd called and asked me to leave you a message.

Veteran's Day Parade Melbourne



While our turnout may have been a bit weak the spectators gave us our usual warm welcome and endorsement. No problems or negative reception and we had more folks than usual approach us with greetings and "...thank you for representing us."

The same was true at the afternoon Massing of The Colors in Cocoa at BCC. A rumored protest of our participation did not happen.