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July 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.

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, first, thank you Kevin Atchison for filling in for me at the June meeting. Another thank you to Mike Reynolds for his presentation on the Mechanized Cavalry. I am sorry I missed the meeting as I hear it was an interesting program and exciting meeting with much interaction.

I want to thank everyone in attendance at the last meeting and express how proud I am of our camp for working together during this difficult time. Emotions are running high at the very least. With all the political correctness going on about the Confederate Battle Flag and the continuing fallout from that, we really have our work cut out for us. I fear this is only going to get worse as

time goes on. Given that, now is the time to step up and become involved. Our only hope in saving our heritage is to fight for it in large numbers. We continue to get new recruits with applications for membership and the timing couldn't be better.

I urge everyone to keep informed about our ancestral quest because there are a lot of unpleasant actions happening and it seems more comes up every day. On Saturday 4 July we participated in the Melbourne Independence Day Parade and the Tampa flag rally. Both went great with no opposition during the parade and we were well received. Quote of the day from spectators at the parade was "keep it flying".

Then came the attack on us and our flag in the media by Councilor Lopez. We scrambled to muster our troops for the City Council "discussion" of whether or not to ban our Battle Flag in Melbourne parades. We won a victory on 7-14-15 which allows us to continue to fly the Battle Flag during parades in Melbourne. This is usually our slow season ...

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

God Bless the South! Commander L.M. Thornton

EVENT

04 July	Melbourne Fourth of July Parade
09 July	E-board meeting.
13-18 July	SCV National Reunion
23 July	Camp Meeting
25 July	Flag Education - Public Service at Tampa FAF site 1 pm.
13 Aug	E-board meeting
15 Aug	Flag Education - Public Service at Tampa FAF site 2:30 pm.

PROGRAM

Potpourri or This and That

By popular request we will have one of our Show and Tell nights for compatriot's treasures! That means y'all dust off your collection of artifacts, weapons, letters, photos or what have you about WBTS collectibles and bring them to the meeting. Find a table that you can keep an eye on and spread them out. Please take time to make up cards with the item's story to place with it and tag your treasures with your name. We will rotate and give 3 minutes for explanations to as many compatriots as possible. We have not done this for some years and it is fun, educational and very interesting; so find your favorite items and come to the meeting!

Editorial Comment by Bill Hardy "Confederate Legends" Camp 1395

Since publication of the June edition - "news" events concerning "the flag" have poured forth so rapidly and continuously as to be beyond a monthly publications ability to keep up. It must be assumed that our readers have kept abreast of the daily breaking news. So, this edition will focus on analysis and commentary in an effort to place the non stop news items in a broader context. As is apparent to any thinking person, something much bigger than the issue of the Battle Flag on the South Carolina State house grounds is going on. But, beginning with its removal July the 10th CIC Kelly Barrow issued the following statement.

Editor 1387: We must add an AMEN! To that statement.



STATEMENT BY CHARLES KELLY BARROW, COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is dismayed that the politicians of the great state of South Carolina have traded their integrity for the fleeting benefit of appeasing those individuals and groups who do not let facts stand in the way of their objectives. Not only does the removal of this flag constitute a breach of trust arising from the assurances of permanent protection when the Confederate Battle Flag was removed from the Capitol to the Monument, it also evidences a capitulation to the malicious campaign that has fanned the flames of divisiveness for the sole purpose of political gain. It is a politically convenient insult to the legacy of millions of South Carolinians.



Like all Americans, we are broken hearted at the act of senseless evil that took the lives of 9 beautiful souls at the Emanuel AME Church. It was the work of a deranged racist who wished to provoke the kind of disharmony and division that has been unintentionally created by this hastily conceived legislative act. We, the SCV, have been outspoken against the use of our ancestor's symbols for hateful purposes. We do not tolerate it within our membership or outside our membership.

Our organization was founded in 1896 by the Confederate Veterans who fought under this Battle Flag. We were charged by them with upholding their honor and the memory of their extraordinary record of valor and sacrifice. We are their flesh and blood, and we will continue to oppose the wave of cultural cleansing and political correctness that sullies their name and divides Americans of good will.

We will also escalate our fight against the demagogues of all races, who are closed-minded to the Confederate Flag's many positive contexts. Our membership is multi-racial and multi-ethnic and we are supported by a strong majority of the American people.

The removal of this Flag from the Memorial where it is properly displayed as an important symbol of South Carolina's difficult journey is not the courageous way to build bridges to the future. No political act can erase the memory of these brave and good men. And as this particular flag comes down, thousands more are being lifted, for the St. Andrews Cross stands not for hate, but for love.

Melbourne City Councilwoman Is Trying Again

After such a close loss (4-3) many predicted that Teresa Lopez would mount another attack on our Battle Flag and the SCV's right to participate in Melbourne Patriotic parades of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veteran's Day. Most of us thought she would wait a while for our strong public backing to fade.

Ms. Lopez has issued a call to her backers in the naacp and the Puerto Rican Red Brigade to mount an e-mail and letter writing campaign to FLOOD CITY HALL with demands for a new Melbourne City Ordinance that bans the Confederate Battle Flag from all public display, and forbids City Council members or City Employees from participating in events that allow the display of the flag.

We must fight back with a letter writing and e-mail campaign of our own. Ours will be positive and **Thank You!** Is its theme. Thank the Council for voting to leave the existing Ordinance in place and not starting a "legal study" which is politico speak for get it into the works and we will pick at it through the entire process to gradually shape it for what we want.

Write a very brief **Thank You** note to the Council for defending 1st Amendment rights and sent it to cityclerk@melbourneflorida.org.

To send it to individual council members go to this directory for the 6 District Councilmen and Mayor send them a polite and short e-mail.

<http://www.melbourneflorida.org/departments/management-services/personnel/staff-directory/-npage-8>

For those who were at the 14 July Council Meeting and thought we had a slam dunk victory, but left early, you need to know to stay around for the vote. Mr. Porsi who "**talked**" on our side all evening **VOTED** against us.

District 1 Mike Nowlin	voted with us, leave existing ordinance in place.
District 2 Betty Moore	voted with us, leave existing ordinance in place.
District 3 Dan Porsi	voted against us, for a study.
District 4 Debbie Thomas	voted with us, leave existing ordinance in place.
District 5 Molly Tasker	voted against us, for a study.
District 6 Teresa Lopez	voted against us, for a study.
Mayor Kathy Meehan	tie breaking vote – with us, leave existing ordinance in place.

From a legal perspective the following excerpt from the official minutes is what happened.

23. COUNCIL DISCUSSION RE: City's involvement and support of events, projects and organizations displaying the Confederate flag. (Requested by Council Member Lopez)

The following motion by Council Member Lopez failed due to a lack of second:

Allow the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City of Melbourne not to sponsor or cosponsor any events or organizations that allow the hosting or participation of the Confederate flag and the prevention of city officials to participate in any events that allow the participation and hosting of the Confederate flag.

The following motion failed by a 4-3 vote (Council Members Thomas and Nowlin, Vice Mayor Moore and Mayor Meehan voted no; Council Members Tasker, Lopez and Porsi voted yes):

Allow staff to research and provide clarification on whether Council should alter in any way Section 2-683 of the City Code relating to city sponsored events.

Statement About Puerto Rico at Melbourne Council by Rob Murray

I'm Robert Murray. I served in the United States Army for 3 years and the Army Reserve for 9 more.

On March 1, 1954, Lolita Lebron and three comrades calmly entered the United States Capitol, walked through the lobby and up to the visitor's gallery above the chamber in the House of Representatives, which was in session. Shortly thereafter, Lolita gave the order, the Nationalists unfurled the Puerto Rican flag, Lolita stood up and shouted "Que Viva Puerto Rico Libre!" and within seconds they opened fire on the U.S. Congress. Five congressmen were wounded in the attack. All four Nationalists were immediately arrested.

Should the Puerto Rican flag be banned from any event or locality simply because it was displayed by someone who committed this atrocity?

The Sons of Confederate Veterans denounces all forms of racism and anyone who misuses our ancestors' Battle Flag. We mourn the recent hateful shootings in Charleston, South Carolina just as we do any act of violence against innocent people.

We do not impede honoring the ancestors or heroes of any group of people and we expect the same tolerance and understanding of diversity extended to us. We don't want to remove statues or memorials to the heroes of any of our fellow Americans, nor do we have any inclination to block or protest celebrations of anyone's heroes or symbols. All Americans deserve equal protection and respect under the law.

We want to recognize, not antagonize. We are not confrontational; we just wish to honor our families and their heroes. We have the right to do so without harassment or condemnation, as we respect other people's rights to honor whomever they desire.

The Confederate flag stands for history, heritage, and genuine pride in our ancestors and in our Southland. We are the rightful heirs to this soldier's flag and we denounce anyone who will misuse it or any other symbol. We are not bigots and we despise anyone who harbors these beliefs.



Jacob Summerlin Camp 1516 Adjutant and long time SCV'er Marshall Brewton has been forced to resign his office due to health issues, please remember Marshall in your thoughts and prayers.

Nelson Winbush Interview <http://independentfilmnewsandmedia.com/behind-the-dixie-stars-documentary>

Will Slippery Slope Follow Confederate Battle Flag



By Byron York, Published July 7, 2015

Some conservatives have seen efforts to remove the Confederate battle flag from the statehouse in Columbia, South Carolina, and also from other public places around the South, as the beginning of a slippery slope in which roads and landmarks named after Confederate figures are changed, monuments are removed, and a significant part of American history is obscured from view. "The Left's 21st century agenda: expunging every trace of respect, recognition or acknowledgment of Americans who fought for the Confederacy," tweeted Weekly Standard editor William Kristol on June 23. "It's our own mini-French revolution, expunging history in a frenzy of self-righteousness."

There are clearly some who would like to do just that. David Brooks, the New York Times columnist, recently advocated removing Robert E. Lee's name "from most schools, roads and other institutions, where the name could be seen as acceptance of what he did and stood for during the war." "This is not about rewriting history," Brooks argued. "It's about shaping the culture going forward." That's the talk in elite circles. But a new poll suggests that most Americans, white and black, view the flag differently from other memories of the Confederacy and are not on board for the wholesale removal of names and monuments commemorating those who fought for the South in the Civil War.

First, the flag. A new poll, by CNN and ORC International, asked 1,017 adults whether they favor or oppose "removing Confederate flags from government property that is not part of a museum." A majority, although not an overwhelmingly one – 55 percent -- favors removal. Inside those numbers, 50 percent of whites and 73 percent of blacks support removal. Majorities in all the nation's regions except the South favor removal, and the South itself is split almost evenly, with 49 percent in support and 50 percent in opposition. The poll was taken from June 26 to June 28, after an intense national discussion about the place of the flag in public life in the aftermath of the Charleston shootings.

Then there is the question of roads, landmarks, monuments and institutions. First, the pollsters asked whether the public supports "renaming streets and highways named after Confederate leaders." Nationally, the result was just 29 percent support, while 68 percent oppose. Broken down by race, 26 percent of whites approve of renaming streets, while 71 percent oppose. Among blacks, 33 percent approve renaming streets, while 63 percent oppose. Then the pollsters asked whether the public supports "removing tributes to those who fought for the Confederacy from public places." Whites strongly oppose the idea, with just 21 percent supporting removal and 75 opposing. Blacks are evenly divided, with 49 percent in support and 50 percent in opposition.

There's no region in the country in which a majority supports removing those tributes. Support is just 28 percent in the Northeast, 29 percent in the Midwest, 24 percent in the South, and 24 percent in the West, with majorities around 70 percent opposed in every region. Solid majorities of both political parties oppose removing tributes, as well. Sixty-three percent of Democrats, 69

percent of independents, and 85 percent of Republicans oppose. Opposition is also fairly even among age and income groups.

The numbers suggest that when it comes to the debate over the place of the Civil War in contemporary life, there is the Confederate battle flag and then there is everything else. In response to the question, "Do you, yourself, see the Confederate flag more as a symbol of Southern pride or more as a symbol of racism?" 57 percent of respondents say Southern pride, 33 percent say racism, and five percent say both equally. Inside those numbers, 66 percent of whites say the flag is a symbol of Southern pride, while 25 percent say it represents racism. For blacks, the numbers are completely different: 17 percent say the flag is a symbol of Southern pride, while 72 percent say it is a symbol of racism. No other Confederate reminder - no Lee Highway, no Fort Hood, no war memorial -- produces the kind of lopsided reaction that the flag does. That could change, of course. The public conversation has been nearly all about the flag in the days since the murders in Charleston, and might at some point turn to the broader issue of Confederate memory. But for now, if the new opinion numbers are accurate, there's no public consensus for a mini-French Revolution.

Jubal Early Camp 556 Tampa Answers Requests For Flag Education



From: confederatevet@verizon.net Sent: 7/16/2015

2:18:50 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time Subj: Tampa Flag Site

We are going to need some help at the Tampa Flag site on the following days to help with parking. I was contacted by two different groups who want to visit the site and get a **History lesson on the flags and the war**. I have obtained the use the field across the street from the owner so parking won't be a problem.

Sat. July 25th show-up around 1:00 there is a group from Polk County coming over and the girl in charge said there would be close to 200 vehicles.

Sat. Aug.15th Black Water Jeep Club will be at the site around 3:00, so be there at 2:30.

If anyone wants to help out let me know I think this will be a chance to educate the general public on the different flags and what we as SCV Members stand for. Any Mech.Cav .member is welcomed to speak.

Commander David King Jubal A Early Camp #556

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For more on the Memorial Park <http://www.tampascv.org/cmp.html>

Tampa Flag Rally by Mike Herring, 5th Lt. Cmdr., Florida Division SCV Camp 556 Visit wtsp.com and TBO .com for videos and commentary

They came from Jacksonville, Merritt Island, West Palm Beach, Titusville, Arcadia, Fort Myers, Bartow, on motorcycles cars and trucks. There were Southern Banners and Federal flags in huge numbers and the focus site was Confederate Memorial Park in Tampa Florida which host a 139 foot pole adorned with the largest Battle flag in the world.

Those who answered the call to defend our symbols gathered to hear several speakers inform the attentive crowd with points of history and persuasion. Supporters began to arrive 2 hours prior to the 7 PM start and none were disappointed. Local news media and one television crew listened attentively to the remarks and interviews were noticed throughout the court yard and parking area.

\$275.00 was collected to purchase flags for future display and many brochure and pamphlets disappeared from the information tables. Host Camps Judah Benjamin 2210 and General Jubal A. Early 556 spearheaded the hastened event which was announced just this past Monday. Estimated attendance was between 2 and 3 hundred and the gates did not close till 8:45.

Thunder, rain and lightning were threatening but remain distant.

Special thanks is extended to Phil Walters for planning which included plenty of flags and warm, friendly Southern music.

Forward the Colours!

Online Petition For Florida Veterans Hall of Fame

If you have not done so, please click on the link below and ask why the Florida Governors Cabinet decided not to allow three distinguished Florida Confederate Veterans into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame. Add your name to the petition.

Sam Pasco, namesake of Pasco County, David Lang, founder of the Florida National Guard, and Gov. Edward A. Perry.

Don Young will have pins available at the Camp 1387 meeting, get one and wear it PROUDLY!

https://www.change.org/p/florida-cabinet-and-dept-of-veterans-affairs-leave-no-american-veteran-behind-induct-florida-s-historical-veterans-in-the-florida-veterans-hall-of-fame?just_created=true

Flag from the Florida Old Soldiers and Sailors Home restored

By Kelly Crocker Commander Camp 1614

Florida's Old Confederate Soldiers Home was dedicated on April 6, 1893, consisting of an Italian-styled villa of nine large rooms and a house of two rooms, located at 2336 Talleyrand Ave. in Jacksonville, Florida. Official regulations required residents to have evidence of their Confederate military service and honorable discharge or parole. The Home was first financed and maintained by the United Confederate Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Martha Reid Chapter No. 19 UDC.



Throughout the years, Florida U.D.C. Chapters gave generously of their time and resources to meet the needs and provide luxuries to the beloved veterans. Confederate organizations of years past acknowledged that the aged soldiers were "a living monument to the War Between the States" and should be cared for, protected and honored. In the years between 1893 and 1938 the number of veterans in the Home ranged from as few as three to as many as forty-seven. For forty years the Home operated and survived on State appropriations and donations from veteran organizations and the U.D.C. Florida's Confederate home remained in operation until 1938, when the last veteran died. When the property was sold, the State Commander of the United Confederate Veterans transferred funds to the State of Florida for the establishment of an endowment fund to be used for scholarships at the Florida State College for Women (FSU) and the University of Florida.

The Kirby Smith SCV Camp 1209 of Jacksonville, Florida was able to recover this Flag recently and has preserved it to museum standards. From other photos, this flag can be seen hanging over the fireplace mantle in the Home. A close inspection of the flag reveals a few burn marks that testify of its display there. Unique features of the Flag include its large size and the larger star in the middle.

Compatriot David Lloyd of the Kirby Smith Camp has taken on the project of identifying the men who lived at the Home. In his research he has identified 5 Confederates so far, that are buried in Gadsden County. Four of these men are buried in unmarked graves at the Florida State Hospital cemeteries at Chattahoochee; FL. Commander Crocker has asked Dale Cox to help arrange an audience with the Superintendent of the FSH. Dale has been granted access to records in the past, and we are hopeful to work with the FSH in marking the graves of these brave Confederate Soldiers.