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"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green." Jefferson Davis



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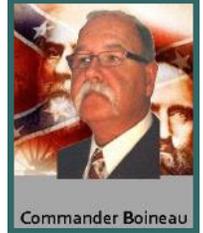
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**Vacant**

Historian

Compatriots,

As I write this brief message, for some reason my mind turns to this day in 1862. It was on April 6th & 7th that Confederate forces under General Albert Sidney Johnston were engaged in a bloody struggle at Shiloh. While the first day held great promise, Union reinforcements arrived in time to deny the boys in gray a hard-fought victory. One of the many wounds sustained by the Southern Cause in this battle was the loss of General Johnston.



Commander Boineau

I am unsure as how to frame my next request since most men are not keen on housekeeping duties. Having said that, however, we need to get our house in order to receive guests at our Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 22d, at 7PM. In the past we have placed this responsibility on some of the ladies, but it is nowhere written that men are incapable of such a task. Is that a correct statement? If you agree, or maybe even if you don't, please come and help us "spruce up" the camp so that our guests will not think us uncivilized. Many hands make light work.

The realities of life become more and more evident to us each day. Since our last Annual Banquet more of our faithful Compatriots have "crossed over the river," and our ranks continue to dwindle. This is where each of you become even more important. This is where you can have an impact by personally encouraging a Compatriot to attend our Banquet and thereby encourage us with their presence. While we enjoy seeing old friends, we are not at all averse to making new ones; bring a friend who may not belong to the SCV and let them see firsthand what we are about. Be PROUD of your Southern Heritage while you can. You have heard it before, "All that is needed for evil to triumph, is for good men to do nothing."

I want to say "Thank you" to all those who keep our Camp up and running. For fear of leaving someone out, I will not name names, but each of you know who you are. There are those who are here before everyone else and those still here after all others are gone. The work continues through the month as well and is not just the second Tuesday of the month. Without you all and your efforts, we would fold; I salute you. Be presented and accounted for on the 18th and the 22nd.

Pete

**Confederate Memorial Day Observance Elmwood Cemetery, Saturday, May 6, 2017.**



**Annual Banquet at Barker's Mill  
Saturday, April 22, 7 PM**

**Guest Speaker Compatriot Albert Jackson**

**Subject: Current Status of the Ordinance of Secession Signer's Monument  
Winner of the Henry Golden Boy HMR .17 Caliber rifle will be announced.**

## DOES SOUTH CAROLINA HATE THE SCV?

And by that headline, when I say South Carolina, I am referring to GOVERNMENT; be it State, County, or local; and not to all individual South Carolinians.

### Exhibit 1:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans are being asked by Holly Hill Town Council not to publicly display the Confederate Battle Flag on property their camp owns just outside the town limits, citing a potentially negative impact on local businesses and the community.

The council at its regular meeting Monday night passed a resolution opposing the display of the Confederate Battle Flag on Highway 176. The resolution reads:

*The mayor and council respectfully request the Sons of Confederate Soldiers, as the owners of property on Orangeburg County with tax map number 0332-15-05-002.000, do not authorize the construction and display of the Confederate Battle Flag for public viewing due to the assumed negative impact on local businesses and the community at large.*

"I want to reiterate that (the property in question) is not in the town limits," Councilwoman Jan Wiles said. "It is not something we can actually control. We can request it be changed, but it is not in our control."

Mayor William Johnson announced he and council members will meet with representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Holly Hill Town Hall. The meeting will be moderated by Pastor Gralin Nix Hampton of New Way Church House of Ministries in Holly Hill, the mayor said.

"I encourage everyone to come and take part in this meeting," Johnson said.

### Exhibit 2:

The annual Flowertown Festival held in picturesque Summerville is usually a celebration of everything Southern by all the people of South Carolina's Lowcountry.

But in this day and age of political correctness, there are those who don't really need a reason to be offended or angry, just an excuse.

As reported by both The Charleston Post and Courier and also The Summerville Journal Scene, the Summerville camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans set-up a booth on private property adjacent to the festival proper. The SAME display (a replica of the CSS Hunley) that members of the H.L. Hunley Camp have displayed for the past 6 years. A replica of the CSS Hunley for the festival-goers to see and learn of.

This year, sightseers and tourists were denied the opportunity to learn of the first operational submarine to ever sink an enemy vessel due to a "technicality," specifically the "lack of a necessary business license permit."



**H.K. Edgerton was present at Summerville.**

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Bunting said the submarine display actually arrived in Summerville as usual prior to the festival but was turned away because it lacked the permit required by all vendors.

"By all appearances what went on this (festival) year appears to be collusion in my opinion...to satisfy a problem with a community organizer," Bunting said.

Louis Smith, founder of the Community Resource Center, a black community organizer, appeared to confirm that claim. "If that exhibit had been approved, we were going to protest by putting black people in chains," Smith said Sunday at the festival. Smith said the display was a tool to spread hate toward the black community and could not believe that it was allowed at a family event.

Because the SCV is a non-profit, and because their display was educational in nature rather than commercial, no "business license" was required. And additionally, the town government isn't the organizer of the event, but rather the Summerville Family YMCA.

According to the local Y's executive director Gary Lukridge, "That vendor was outside of our jurisdiction," he said. "We can't control what happens on private property."

It was further reported that "Lukridge confirmed that he spoke to Smith 'a couple of weeks' before the festival and relayed the information that the Hunley exhibit would not be coming."

We also have word that at their next meeting the Town Council is expected to take a public stand against the SCV and against display of Confederate symbols.

Louis Smith, the community organizer, is also seeking criminal charges against individual SCV members claiming that they violated the civil rights of festival goers by walking around and passing out small Confederate Flags. He is also claiming that the SCV refused to give flags to black people (something that we know was not true).



**From the Southern Heritage Newsletter.**

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## Southern Heritage - Then and Now

Seldom does he open his mouth that something profound is not forthcoming. This was no exception. Our friend, **Dr. Clyde Wilson**, gave this brilliant talk back in 2003 at a banquet in North Carolina:

As the direct descendant of a private in the 42nd North Carolina and a sergeant in the 20th North Carolina, I am honoured to talk to a group descended from notable officers in our War of Independence-or the War to Prevent Southern Independence, as I like to name it.

Nobody gave me any orders as to what to talk about, which is a happy situation. I am going to talk about "Southern Heritage Then and Now," about the place of Southern heritage in American life.

We all know that before and during the War and during Reconstruction and for years afterward, our ancestors were officially the demons of American history. We were the evil people who tried to "destroy the greatest nation on earth" because of our lust for slavery. This is easy to believe if you start out with the assumption that everything Yankees do is always righteous and that, obviously, any people who don't want the inestimable blessing of being governed by Yankees are by definition bad people.

There were always decent Northerners who decried this bloody-shirt mentality. It was, interestingly, the Northerners who had actually fought in the War who wanted to treat defeated Southerners with respect and to do what they had fought for-restore the American Union-rather than continue to oppress, exploit, and slander the South.

Joshua Chamberlain at Appomattox saluted the defeated. He later wrote of the Confederates: "There stood before us ... the embodiment of manhood, men whom neither toils and sufferings, nor the fact of death, nor hopelessness could bend from their resolve." And he remembered his feeling was not of triumph but rather that all Americans should fall down on their knees and beg forgiveness.

Another hard fighting Union soldier, Ambrose Bierce, was enraged by a Republican orator who wanted to prevent the decoration of Confederate graves. He wrote these verses:

The brave respect the brave. The brave

Respect the dead; but you-you draw

That ancient blade, the ass's jaw,

And shake it o'er a hero's grave.

But such generous foes then were a minority.

In the 1890s, things began to change. A truce was called to which most Northerners and Southerners subscribed in good faith. It was symbolized by Charles Francis Adams, Jr., who in 1907 made a speech on the centennial of R.E. Lee's birth called "Lee, the American." This speech was delivered in Boston and Charleston and others places. (Charles, Jr. was the only one of the Adamses who actually fought in the War, by the way.)

The truce was also symbolized by Fitz Lee and Joe Wheeler and many Southern volunteers joining up for the war with Spain and by joint reunions of Union and Confederate veterans. And by D.W. Griffith, the genius of early American cinema and son of a Confederate soldier, who produced *The Birth of a Nation*, which combined a sympathetic account of Southern experience with an admiring portrait of Lincoln.

The terms of the Truce went something like this. Northerners agreed to stop demonizing Southerners and to recognize that we had been brave and sincere and honourable in the War, although misguided in trying to break up the Union. Northerners agreed also that Reconstruction was a great wrong that would not have happened if Lincoln had lived. And they willingly accepted Confederate heroes like Lee and Jackson as American heroes.

For our part, Southerners agreed, in exchange for a little respect, that we were glad that the Union had not been broken up and that we would be loyal Americans ever after, something which we have proved a thousand-fold since.

And both agreed that the War had been a great tragedy with good and bad on both sides, a great suffering out of which had emerged a better and stronger United States.

The Truce held pretty well for a long time, til past the middle of the 20th century. I have seen a photograph of Franklin D. Roosevelt making a speech before a huge Confederate battle flag. Harry Truman picked the romantic equestrian painting of Lee and Jackson for the lobby of his Presidential Library. Churchill wrote admiringly of Confederates in his *History of the English Speaking Peoples*, and *Gone with the Wind*, book and movie, was loved by audiences worldwide.

If you look at the Hollywood movies and also the real pictures from World War II, you will see battle flags painted on U.S. fighter planes and flying over Marine tents in New Guinea. Well, my friends, that truce is over.

Let me tell a few stories from recent history. George W. Bush, while governor of a Southern state and running for president, sent his henchmen in the middle of the night to remove two harmless UDC plaques from a state office building. Governor Pataki of New York banned the true Georgia flag from the display at the state capitol.

More recently, Vice-President Cheney refused to come to the funeral of a longtime respected Congressman if that Congressman's wishes to have a Confederate flag and "Dixie" at his funeral were followed. The Secret Service was on hand to make sure that the V.P. was not embarrassed by any display of evil symbols of the Confederacy. (Nevertheless, a few months later, he came back and South Carolinians gave him a dinner at which they contributed \$300,000 to his campaign chest.)

These are not leftwing multiculturalists. These are so-called "conservative" Republicans. These are people who could not have been elected without the votes of Confederate descendants.

I could spend the rest of the month talking about the total unconditional surrender of Southern institutions to organized hatred of the South. Right now, there is a carpetbagger who holds an endowed chair in history at a major Southern state university who teaches that America would be a better place if Southerners had been exterminated at the end of the War. Another carpetbagger in another endowed chair in history in the South teaches that so-called Southern honour was nothing but crude, violent suppression of dissent. Another teaches that Southern women did not really support the War and their menfolk, but were in secret rebellion against the white male ruling elite. Another teaches that every favourable thing we believe about our ancestors' courage, skill, and honour is a "Lost Cause Myth," a pack of lies made up after the War to cover up our evil and failure.

When the Confederate flag controversy was raging in my state, some 90 historians in the state signed a statement which said that the Confederate flag represents slavery<sup>7</sup> and nothing but slavery, and that this is not an opinion but is a "fact" established by their expert knowledge. The unstated premise was that South Carolinians are deluded about our own history and need to be corrected by wiser people. What they are really saying is that we should discard our history and accept their myths.

Of course, many of these historians were in other fields and knew nothing about the War. Some were recent imports from strange places like Burma or California. Their position did not rest on study and knowledge. It is a party line that you must agree to, to be a member of the club of so-called "experts," an officially proclaimed "truth" not too different from what used to pass for history in the late Soviet Union.

But my main point is: The Truce is over. Those times are gone. Yet

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## Sons of Confederate Veterans



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## Camp No. 842 Calendar

Apr 18	Regular Camp Meeting, 7PM
Apr 22	Annual Banquet - Drawing for Henry Rifle Speaker - Compatriot Albert Jackson
May 6	Confederate Memorial Day Elmwood Cemetery
May 12	Rivers Bridge Confederate Memorial 10AM
May 16	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Jun 20	Regular Camp Meeting

many of those who are charged with the defense of our heritage are living in a dream world, pretending that it is still 1950. The breaking of the truce has nothing to do with us. We did nothing to cause it. We kept our part of the bargain. It has happened because they have changed and they are in a mode which requires them to scapegoat us - and not for the first time in history.

We have been for several years now fighting brush fires instead of realizing that we are in a war - a cultural cold war with an enemy who wants us dead. Our Confederate heritage is being banished to a dark little forbidden corner of American life labeled "Slavery and Treason." And incidentally, all the vast admirable contributions of Southerners to American history over four centuries are redefined as "American" and not really "Southern."

The people who are after our heritage are not folks we can win over by presenting historical evidence and assuring them that we are good, loyal Americans free of hate. They could not care less about truth or heritage. In fact, they don't even know what we are talking about when we speak of honouring heritage, that is, respecting our forebears. We are not in an argument over the interpretation of the past. Our very

identity as Southerners - today and tomorrow, as well as yesterday - is at stake.

If I am right, what should we do? First, I think, **we need to embrace and claim all of Southern history, from Captain John Smith and Pocahontas right up to this moment.** The four years of war, as important as that is, is only a part of the long and continuing history of Southern people. The SCV summer camps are a great idea. So is the "Lincoln Reconsidered" conference recently sponsored by the Virginia SCV and the Abbeville Institute summer schools. We need many more such events where respectable scholars can be mobilized to challenge their mythology. We ought to commission a thorough, comprehensive documentation of Union army atrocities, which are now being played down as insignificant, and perhaps mount a campaign for reparations - for after all. Southerners are a people who have been, and still are being, economically exploited through the whole existence of the United States.

But most of all, we need to reorient our thinking and fight this war rather than the last one. And I must say that many of those Southerners who have the most power and influence have betrayed the Southern people and left the real fight to be carried on by blue collar Southern white males, who have less public power than any group in the United States today. We need action from Southerners who have influence, who make campaign contributions, who can call up governors and state legislators and newspaper editors and put on some real pressure.

In one of the greatest of all war films, the 1964 Zulu, there is a scene just before a few hundred British soldiers are attacked by thousands of war eager natives. An anxious young soldier asks: "Why us?" The veteran unflappable old sergeant-major replies: "Because we're here, boy, that's why." **We are here. If we are going to save our heritage as a part of American life, it will have to be done by us. After us, it will be too late.**

