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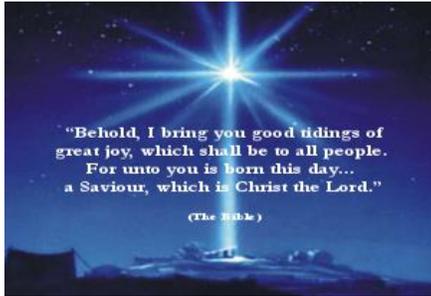
"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green." Jefferson Davis



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"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
(The Bible)

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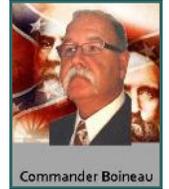
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Friends and Compatriots,

Let me be one of the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas and the very best in the New Year which is just around the corner. Just think of all your blessings and the icing on that cake is that you live in the South. It's enough to cause you to say, "Thank You, Lord."



Commander Boineau

We had an excellent meeting last month. The attendance was the best in a long time and we had a number of visitors interested in joining up; it was inspiring. Thankfully we had enough food for everyone.

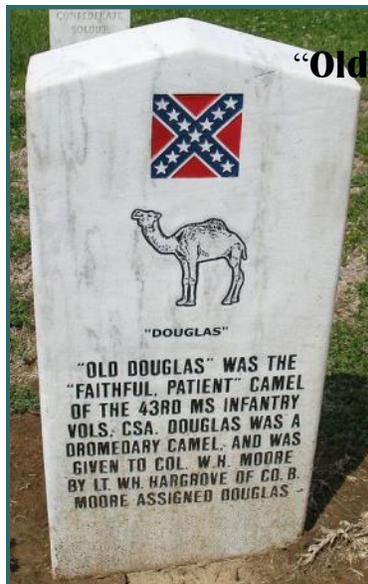
We continued our review of General Sherman's visit to South Carolina and this month we will move deliberately toward Orangeburg and points north pausing as needed to learn more of the intervening skirmishes and lesser known encounters.

First Lieutenant Commander Braxton advises that after over a year the hearing regarding our Orangeburg Flag Site may be heard during the upcoming term of court. It is known officially as, Case 2017CP3801153-Tommy Daras VS City of Orangeburg and has been added to the Court Roster for the period 2018-12-17 through 2018-12-21.

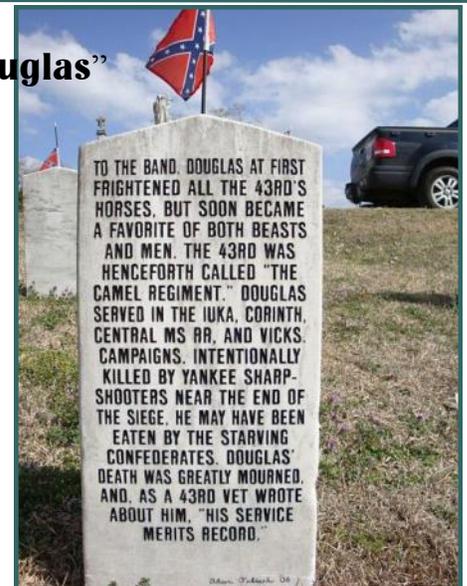
Commander Braxton became aware of the possibility of a hearing by accident. Alert and watchful as always, Buzz followed up and gathered needed information to alert our attorney who was also unaware of the impending hearing. He also made the necessary financial arrangements so that we will have a presence at the hearing. God willing, all will go as planned and this legal procedure as well as this issue will be put to rest. The process should last around 20 minutes. May justice prevail.

Sadly, we report the passing of former Camp 842 Compatriot "Eddie" Hightower on December 5th. Commander Braxton attended the services on behalf of the Camo on December the 8th. Eddie was 81 years old.

Join us at Barker's Mill at 7PM on Tuesday, December 18th, Pete



"Old Douglas"



Jesus is Enough

By Anne Graham Lotz

As I think through the things for which I am truly thankful, I sometimes wonder if my list of thanks is superseded by my list of wants. Just walking through the mall can deceive me into thinking that I don't have enough. In the world of consumerism in which we live, I need to guard against becoming discontented with what I have. I don't want to become someone who is hard to satisfy ... who thinks that I never have enough.

As a child of God, I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. My cancer has underscored the fact I have been fully blessed with the things that truly matter, from Heaven's perspective.

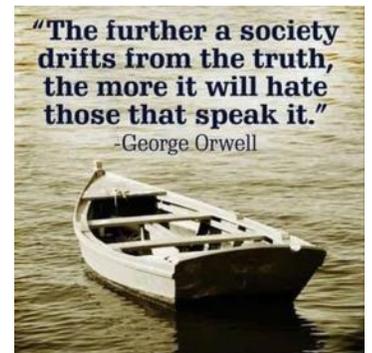
If Jesus is God in human flesh, if He holds the highest position in the universe, if He has a purpose that He is actively completing in the universe as well as in our own lives, it stands to reason that He is enough—for anyone, for everyone; at any time, all the time; in any situation, for every situation!

Editor's note: It is especially at this time of year that we are reminded of our many blessings and particularly the *most precious* blessing from our Creator. He is unchanging; He is the same one who sustained our ancestors in their time of trial.



Deo Vindice!

Editor's note: The first portion of this article appeared in the November issue of *The Bridge*. This will be the conclusion and, as previously mentioned, you will find that a number of points are made that are worthy of deeper consideration and study. Please do not accept any or all of it because you may agree with it. Have an inquiring mind and test all things; the truth can withstand inspection however close it may be.



The Unfulfilled Promise of Reunion

by Steve Quick

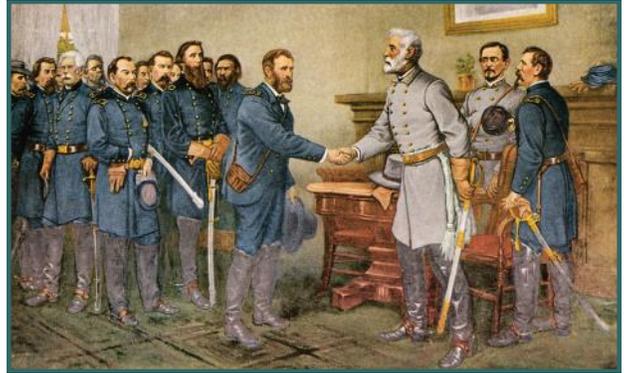
Continued from the November issue of *The Bridge*

- 5) The liberal guilt, which today besets the North, has at its roots the profits from its vast slave trading which did nothing less than finance the Industrial Revolution. At the Constitutional Convention a continuation of the slave trade was a concession wrung by the Northern delegations from the South which allowed the North to continue the international trade another 20 years, until 1808.
- 6) New England slave ships continued plying the waters in defiance of the ban thereafter providing millions of slaves to French and Spanish sugar plantations in the Caribbean and South America.
- 7) The 1860 census reveals 95% of America's slaves were owned by just 5% of the population while 85% of Southerners owned the land and structures they lived upon. This clearly establishes a large, independent non slave-holding class of yeoman farmers who later became the rank and file as well as the heart and soul of the Confederate army. To state their motive for fighting was the preservation of slavery is pure nonsense.
- 8) Secession as a doctrine was asserted by both North and South (Massachusetts threatened to secede on three separate occasions). The abolitionists had also advocated secession. It was only after 1830 when the control of national politics by the North became permanent that secession became associated exclusively with the South. As a nation conceived in secession and built upon the principle that government is contingent on the consent of the governed the South, or any other section of the country for that matter was completely within principle to assert the right.
- 9) Slavery was an inefficient, self-consuming labor system driven by cotton and already well-contained within its own soon to be encountered natural frontiers (the American desert). It required ever newer lands to replace that which it exhausted. The pattern was identical throughout the entire Western Hemisphere. It was doomed for extinction well before the end of the century if left alone.
- 10) Support for war among the general population North and South was weak prior to Sumter. The original seceding states contained only 30% of the Southern population. Four southern states subsequently voted down one ordinance of secession, four others would remain within the Union fold throughout the war. Northern war fever was equally tepid. The manipulation of Ft. Sumter by Seward and Lincoln which resulted in hostile fire polarized the vast middle and guaranteed a long and bloody conflict.

11) The war was unconstitutional and the closing of over 300 Northern newspapers and suspension of habeas corpus that jailed 13,000 Northern civilians (including elected officials) is without parallel in our entire history! The Lincoln Administration repeatedly violated amendments 1, 4,5,6,8, 9 and 10. By contrast Jefferson Davis closed not one paper nor jailed one citizen.

12) Warfare against citizens had ceased in Europe and a conduct of war eventually known as the “Geneva Conventions” codified in Europe during the 1860s forbade war against civilian centers. Contrary to this great humanitarian trend when it became apparent the Confederate armies could not be subdued in the field war was commenced against civilians. The depredations of Sherman in Georgia and the Carolinas as well as Hunter’s and Sheridan’s in Virginia mirror much witnessed in the recent Balkan war.

13) While the war is now represented as an altruistic crusade by the North to free the slaves the historical facts could not be more contradictory. The 1860 Republican Convention contained a platform plank promising protection for slavery everywhere it currently existed. Lincoln at his first inaugural address offered a constitutional amendment forever protecting slavery. A Congressional Resolution in 1862 reaffirmed the war’s aim was to “preserve the Union, not free the slave”.



14) The Emancipation Proclamation was met in the North by laws collectively known as “Black Codes”. These laws forbade entry, travel, work or residence by African-Americans in Northern states. The Proclamation was nothing but a clever ruse to stall imminent European recognition of the Confederacy. It freed no one. Slave states remaining in the Union (in the Border States) not only retained their slaves, but also benefited from the strictest enforcement of the hated Fugitive Slave Law.

15) Blacks served willingly and honorably in the Confederate armies. Estimates of their numbers run as high as 100,000. Their motive was the same as their Federal counterpart; patriotism and the desire to disprove the misconceptions about their race. They fought no more to preserve slavery than to preserve Jim Crow during the Spanish-American War, or the doctrine of separate but equal in Korea.

16) The holocaust that resulted from the halt of the prisoner exchange is the sole responsibility of Stanton (Lincoln’s Secretary of War) and Grant. Its only design was to deprive the Confederacy of manpower with the full knowledge scores of thousands on both sides would perish. By the wars’ end, 30,000 on each side had died in captivity. The largest mass grave in the Western Hemisphere is located at Oakwood Cemetery in Chicago and contains the remains of 4200 Confederate known P.O.W.s. The bodies of the other 1800 were lost and remain unknown.

17) Had the South prevailed Robert E. Lee would have undoubtedly been elected president (the Confederate Constitution limited the President to one six year term) and just as undoubtedly would have taken immediate steps to free the slaves. This single act, proposed as it would have been by President Lee would have been accepted by the South and would have advanced race-relations light years.

18) As it was Reconstruction was the single most corrupt period of our entire history, pitting newly enfranchised Blacks against disenfranchised and occupied southern Whites. When in 1877 the last of the troops and carpetbaggers left only Blacks remained to face the rage and hatred of a humiliated South. The ugliness of the 1960s can be traced unbroken from the 1860s.

19) Recent interpretations, Ken Burns *The Civil War* foremost among them, while artfully crafted, serve only to perpetuate the victor’s propaganda that lies at the root of the unresolved conflict.

By the beginning of the 20th century the wounds of that war had finally begun to heal. Southerners embraced anew the Stars and Stripes while Robert E Lee became a national, not just a regional hero. Confederate Battle flags were returned to the restored states and Southern pride in the old Confederacy was not considered inconsistent with their fundamental American patriotism. Unfortunately South-bashing has replaced the mutual respect of a century ago. In an age of so-called tolerance there are no boundaries to the venom that is daily heaped upon all things and persons Southern; our faith, our heroes, our symbols and our history. It has reopened a rift that may ultimately and ironically fuel a desire for independence from a people who refuse to be homogenized or abused any further. This much is certain, until we understand and teach the Civil War truthfully the ink on the surrender documents signed in McLean’s parlor will never dry.

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Camp No. 842 Calendar

Dec 18	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Dec 25	Merry Christmas, May God bless you.
Jan 1, 2019	Happy New Year, Y'all!
Jan 15	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Feb 1	Leadership Conference Saluda Shoals Ctr
Feb 2	Leadership Conference Saluda Shoals Ctr
Feb 13	Legislative Day at State House

Glock GLK 43 9MM PST 6RD GNS

- Model: 43
- Caliber: 9MM
- Action: Safe Action
- Capacity: 6+1
- Finish: Black Matte
- Stock: Black Polymer
- Sights: Glock Night Sights
Barrel: 3.39" Length Overall: 6.26"



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available; makes
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While you're decorating for CHRISTmas this season, don't forget your local Confederate Memorial. Place a wreath to remember the fallen and to remind the living that we will **#neverforget.**