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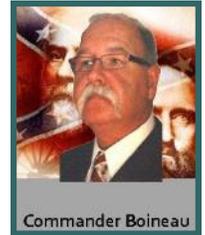
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Compatriots,

Wow! Have you gotten your Christmas shopping done? Well, don't look now, but the big day is just around the corner. Among the gifts that you may consider as a stocking stuffer is a ticket for our Glock raffle; at \$5 each you can give a bunch.



Commander Boineau

Our guest speaker for our December meeting will be SC Division Chief of Staff Perry Smith. Compatriot Smith is a member of the Ellison Capers Camp 1212 in Moncks Corner, and his presentation will be on the Confederate cruiser CSS Shenandoah. This vessel was one of the last major Confederate warships and is pictured at the left. We would like Camp 842 to have a respectable turnout so please make plans now to be with us.

Our annual Legislative Day this year will be February 2, 2020. We will meet at the Confederate Monument at 7:30 am. We have the Blatt Room 108 starting at 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. We will then go to the House Chambers at 10:00am and the Senate Chambers at 12:00 noon.

We need to communicate to our Representatives and Senators the importance of getting our bill out of committee and onto the floor; it is of utmost significance that it be passed. Our visit will have more impact if we show up in substantial numbers. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Realizing that your time is valuable and that when you invest some of it by coming to meetings, you should receive something of value in return. For this reason we want to make every effort in the coming year to have a worthwhile presentation each month. We need your help to identify subjects of interest and we welcome and encourage you to be willing to make a presentation on a topic that will further our knowledge of the period 1861-1865. We have the information if we only share it.

Camp elections are to take place this month, but we have few office seekers. I ask this of you. Though you may not wish to assume an office now, if you would like to one day, please let me know and we will arrange for someone to work alongside you in preparation for being a future Camp Officer.

Again, if at all possible, be with us for our next meeting to welcome Chief-of-Staff Perry Smith as he brings us his presentation on the CSS Shenandoah; we'll be looking for you.

Pete



Put some raffle

Tickets in their

stocking



‘Thanks Be to God!’

By Robert Morgan



“Thanks be to God!”—Wouldn’t it be great to engrave that phrase on the lintels of our minds? How wonderful to recognize every blessing God sends, and, as it comes our way, to say, “Thanks be to God!”

Gratitude is the attitude that reclaims our spirits in times of disappointment or distress. However bleak our circumstances, we can always find reasons to say: “Thanks be to God.” That little phrase can bear us through difficulty and lift us from defeat. Last year, for example, the remains of Christians slain in Libya were returned to their families in Egypt. The father of one of the victims said of his son, “Thanks be to God, he died a hero. ... He and his brothers, the martyrs, did not abandon their faith.”

The phrase is especially powerful because it is Biblical. It appears five times in the consecutive books of Romans, 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians, expressing thanks to God for setting us free; for victory over sin and death; for spreading His message through us; and for Jesus, His indescribable gift!

Let’s go through life with this phrase engraved in our minds. A grateful heart lifts our spirits, honors our Savior, frustrates our enemy and magnifies our influence. Whatever you’re going through today, take a deep breath, look to Jesus, count your blessings, and say five times: “Thanks be to God!” **Editor - Do you suppose that our ancestors ever prayerfully uttered those words, especially, between 1860-1877?**

UNC to give Silent Sam statue to Sons of Confederate Veterans

By Leah Asmelash, CNN

Just over a year after the Confederate monument was pulled down by protesters, the University of North Carolina System announced the statue commonly known as "Silent Sam" will be given to a Confederate history group. A \$2.5 million charitable trust will go toward its care and preservation -- a move that angered critics of the statue.

The UNC system announced Wednesday that Silent Sam would be given to the North Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which will now own all rights, title and interest in the monument as part of a legal settlement after the group sued the system, according to the news release.

Though it's not stated where exactly the statue will go, the settlement states that the statue cannot be located in any of the 14 counties containing a UNC system school.

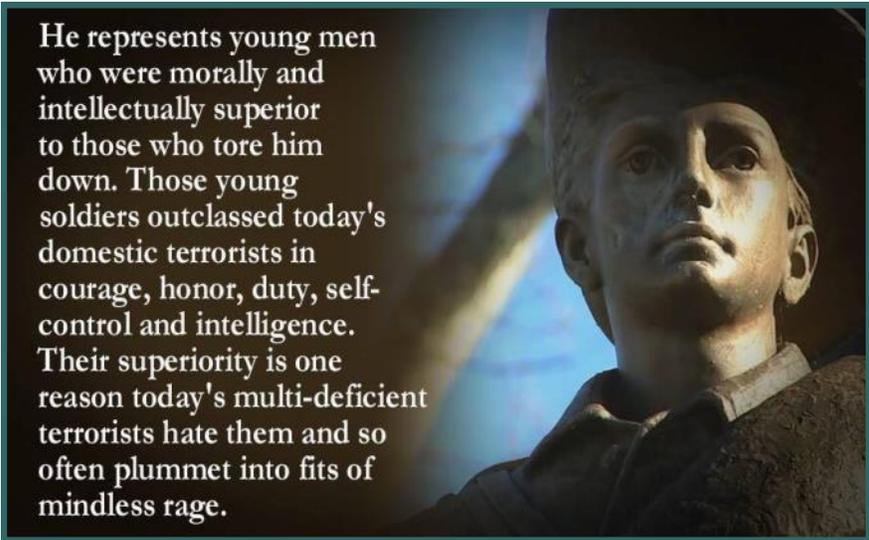
UNC-Chapel Hill, where the monument was previously located, will fund a charitable trust of \$2.5 million using non-state funds to be used for the upkeep of the monument and "potentially a facility to house and display the monument," the release stated.

In an email obtained by CNN that was sent to students and faculty, Interim UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz offered his "deepest appreciation" to members of UNC's Board of Governors and the system's interim president following the announcement, thanking them for "resolving this matter."

Though the decision means the statue will no longer be on the university's campus, some have criticized the decision to allot \$2.5 million.

"I'm glad the statue is finally going to be off UNC's campus but ... we're going to pay \$2.5M so that a Confederate sympathy group can build it a permanent memorial?" state Rep. Graig Meyer said on Twitter. Meyer represents parts of Orange County, where UNC-Chapel Hill is located.

UNC chancellor forced to leave job in 2 weeks after approving removal of the remains of 'Silent Sam' Confederate statue.



He represents young men who were morally and intellectually superior to those who tore him down. Those young soldiers outclassed today's domestic terrorists in courage, honor, duty, self-control and intelligence. Their superiority is one reason today's multi-deficient terrorists hate them and so often plummet into fits of mindless rage.

Two Victories

By Susan Lee
Virginia Flaggers

We are happy to share the news of TWO major victories today in the fight to save our heritage.

In Virginia, a Louisa County judge denied a motion in a murder case to remove a portrait of Robert E. Lee from the Louisa County Circuit Courthouse.

Attorneys for Darcel Murphy, who faces the possibility of the death penalty if he is convicted for the murder of Kevin Robinson in March 2016, had argued that the portrait of the Confederate general in the courtroom could influence jurors during Murphy's trial. Murphy is African American, as was Robinson.

The display of Confederate symbols "violate the defendant's right to equal protection under the law," lead attorney Douglas Ramseur wrote in his 2018 motion to remove the portrait. "There is no greater offense to the Equal Protection Clause [of the Constitution] than government favoritism of one race over another."

Sanner agreed that the Lee portrait is much larger than any other portrait in the courtroom. But he described the image of Lee in his uniform, standing in front of a tree, as "benign."

"The concern of the Defendant in this case is really not what this portrait depicts, but who it depicts," he wrote. "Setting aside its subject, the portrait does not compromise the fair administration of justice."

The judge said, referring to slavery, that "those who played an active role in defending the indefensible face substantial difficulty in escaping the harsh judgment of history."

But he also noted that many people admire "the real or perceived qualities of General Lee." He noted that Lee is one of the few individuals to have a state holiday observed in their honor.

"It is difficult for the Court to accept that nothing other than the implied original and continuing racism of the Virginia General Assembly supports that distinction," Sanner wrote.

Meanwhile, a HUGE win in Alabama, where the Alabama Supreme court REVERSED a lower court ruling on the Confederate monument in Linn Park in Birmingham, and UPHELD Alabama's historic monument protection law!

The Alabama Supreme Court today ruled that the city of Birmingham violated Alabama's monument protection law when it placed a plywood screen around a Confederate monument in Linn Park in August 2017.

In a 9-0 decision, the justices reversed a lower court ruling in favor of the city. The Supreme Court sent the case back to circuit court with instructions to enter an order that the city broke the law and must pay a \$25,000 fine.

The Legislature passed the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act in 2017 in response to removals and calls for removal of Confederate monuments on public property. The law prohibits local governments from moving, altering, renaming, or otherwise disturbing monuments that have been in place 40 years or more.



The stone base of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument has been in Linn Park since 1894. The marble shaft was added in 1905, when the Pelham Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy dedicated the monument. Former Birmingham Mayor William Bell ordered the covering of the monument. Bell took that step after a city councilman asked that the monument be removed.

Attorney General Steve Marshall filed a lawsuit asking the court to declare the covering of the monument violated the Memorial Preservation Act. In January, Jefferson County Circuit Judge Michael Graffeo ruled that the law violated the city's rights to free speech and due process.

"Just as the state could not force any particular citizen to post a pro-Confederacy sign in his or her front lawn, so too can the state not commandeer

the city's property for the state's preferred message," Graffeo wrote.

In a 44-page opinion today, Justice Tommy Bryan cited legal precedents and concluded that the circuit court erred in ruling that the city had constitutional rights to free speech and due process.

The ruling also addressed the amount of the fine. The law calls for a \$25,000 for each violation of the act. Bryan concluded that the city was subject to a single \$25,000 fine, rather than a fine for each day the monument was covered.

While we realize the fight is only beginning, let's take a moment to pause and thank God for these victories. Every win helps our momentum, encourages our supporters, and reminds those who would have every trace of our history and heritage removed that there are still plenty of us with PLENTY of fight left.

God bless all those who continue to fight the good fight, and God save the South!



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Sons of Confederate Veterans



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Camp No. 842 Calendar

Dec 17	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM - Elections CSS Shenandoah - SCDCOS Perry Smith
Jan 19, 2020	Happy Birthday Robert E. Lee
Jan 21	Regular Camp Meeting Happy Birthday T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Bringing Cleburne In

On November 30, 1864, he valiantly led his troops into a devastating firestorm at the battle of Franklin. The next day, his body was found among the dead and the South mourned a favored son.

The Battle of Franklin was the finale of John Bell Hood's vain hope to crush the Northern hold on Nashville. The results were disastrous: unsupported, uncoordinated attacks against a strongly entrenched Union line shattered the last Confederate hopes in Tennessee. Among the five generals to fall that day,



Patrick Cleburne, the Irish immigrant lawyer from Arkansas who had risen to division command, was shot down as he led his men forward. His division, broken and battered, was now only a shadow of what it had once been - the finest in the Confederate army in the west. "If we are to die," Cleburne said that fateful day, "let us die like men." The following day, December 1, 1864, Cleburne's soldiers bore the body of their commander from the area on the Carter Plantation where he fell.