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



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Compatriots,

I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful time as you celebrated the 240th Birthday of our nation. As joyous an occasion as it may have been, there are many who see no brightness on the horizon for America. As they watch reports of what is going on all around us they become understandably discouraged and pessimistic. As we look at the history of the South we know that it has seen more than its share of hard times and yet it persevered and rose from the ashes. Before we pat ourselves on the back let us answer the question, "Was this resurrection solely through our own efforts?" I submit that more than anything else the South's reliance upon God brought about our resurgence. We're not called "The Bible Belt" for nothing. That is at least we used to be. We would do well to consider again what sustained our ancestors through four years of war and ten years of so-called reconstruction and return to it. Not only would it be a blessing to us, but to the whole of America as well. We are not a religious organization, but I believe our ancestors loved God supremely, their neighbors as themselves, and they shared the good news of Jesus Christ. If it worked for them, why would it not do the same for us?



I thank all of you who have already sent in their dues and I encourage all others to do likewise as soon as you can. In our recently filed Annual Report we had an overall loss of 11 members from last year. Sadly six of these were through death and were thus unavoidable, but the remainder apparently threw in the towel as a result of the continuing assaults by the legions of political correctness. Whatever the case, please stand firm and, now more than ever, attempt to recruit some stalwart younger men willing to pick up the flag and go forward.

I ask that prior to our next meeting that you contact a Compatriot in your area who may not have attended in a while and invite him to come with you. The answer might be "no", but at least he'll know we are thinking about him. Don't hesitate to invite a guest either, especially your "younger" friends. Just kidding about the age; we're looking for a few good men of all ages.

Well, keep your powder dry and be present and accounted for on the 19th at Barker's Mill. Hope to see you there.

Pete

**Please get your Dues in no later that 8/1/16. Sooner if at all possible.**

## Southern Baptist Resolution

The history of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has been inextricably tied to the Confederacy and her heirs for over a century and a half. Great pulpit expositors, as well as seminary professors that left their mark in the area of Biblical thought and world view offered service to the Confederacy, as chaplains and men of arms, as well. Therefore, it was a profound disappointment and excruciatingly disheartening to hear the anti-Confederate Battle Flag resolution that was approved by SBC messengers meeting in St. Louis on June 14.

The resolution offended on several levels -- first of all, simply put, it did not adequately deal with the Truth of the nature of the Flag, particularly disappointing as Christians should place a premium on the Truth. The 800,000 men that served the Confederacy held, and always will hold, full title to that banner -- it is a soldiers' flag and their political agenda was nothing more than defense of their home.

Furthermore, as the Fifth Commandment compels us to "honor father and mother", those of us who enjoy Confederate ancestry are bound to tell the Truth of our ancestors fight and flag. Finally, the tone of the resolution has the effect of intimidating the consciences of Southern Baptists into holding a terribly negative opinion of Confederate symbols.

All that said, the SBC is not a hierarchy; local congregations are in no way bound to the resolution. They may continue on as they have done, in some cases, for many years, in helping their community to retain its history and honoring the men that rebuilt their community after a tragic war and devastating reconstruction. Today, we call upon the great SBC congregations throughout the South to do just that, ignore this distraction and get on with the priorities of Gospel proclamation, building up of the fellowship of Faith and pursuing a witness of goodwill in the community. Untold numbers of these SBC churches, over the years, have cultivated great relationships with SCV camps by opening their facilities for regular meetings and special occasions, not to mention the cemeteries owned by SBC churches where the remains of legions of Confederate heroes lie -- these are sites for numerous memorial services.

Of course, in addition to the historical ties of the Confederacy and SBC, thousands of SCV members are also members of SBC churches. In closing, we call on our camps to pursue "peace with all men" (Heb. 12:14) by cultivating good relationships with all organizations in their community, particularly houses of worship, be they SBC, other Christian denominations or Jewish Synagogues.

Deo Vindice!  
Charles Kelly Barrow  
Commander-in-Chief  
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### Charleston Channel 4 to Air Documentary on Confederate Flag in South Carolina.

South Carolina Division Commander T. Leland Summers reports that ABC affiliate, Channel 4, in Charleston has produced a 30 minute documentary about developments with the Confederate Flag in South Carolina over the past year. It will air Friday, July 8, at 7 PM. Commander Summers along with Alan Roberson, Curator of the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum, were interviewed last week at the Relic Room. Considering how the SCV and others revering the Confederate Flag have been treated by the media in the past, we will be most pleasantly surprised if this is a balanced presentation and not just another installment in the "feeding frenzy" that followed the sad events in Charleston last year.

One of the interviewers expressed his "astonishment" (his word) to learn that there were Black soldiers who fought for the Confederacy. Commander Summers pointed out to him that there is a Black Confederate buried in the Emmanuel AME Cemetery in Charleston and the grave is maintained by a SCV Guardian. Finding this hard to believe, the interviewer was shown the supporting documentation by Commander Summers. How will it turn out?; we'll just have to wait and see.

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## Political Correctness Is Tied To Basic Ignorance

*Lt Col (ret) Edwin L. Kennedy, Jr*

I have concluded that political correctness is tied to basic ignorance. Basic ignorance is endemic in our society as is political correctness. Jay Leno's "Jaywalking" video clips; "Watter's World" video clips, and numerous YouTube clips showing interviews of supposedly educated people prove my point.

I retired from the Army almost 20 years ago and ran a large high school Army JROTC program. In 2002 I successfully sued our school district in Leavenworth, Kansas for trying to illegally fire me just for asking if my son could wear his Dixie Outfitter t-shirt. Kansas City Federal District Court handled the settlement requested by the district before they literally lost their shirts. My son got to wear his shirt. That did not end the retribution so I left and returned to teaching at the Army's Command and General Staff College in 2004 where I frequently encounter ignorance as stunning as I did when working at the high school.

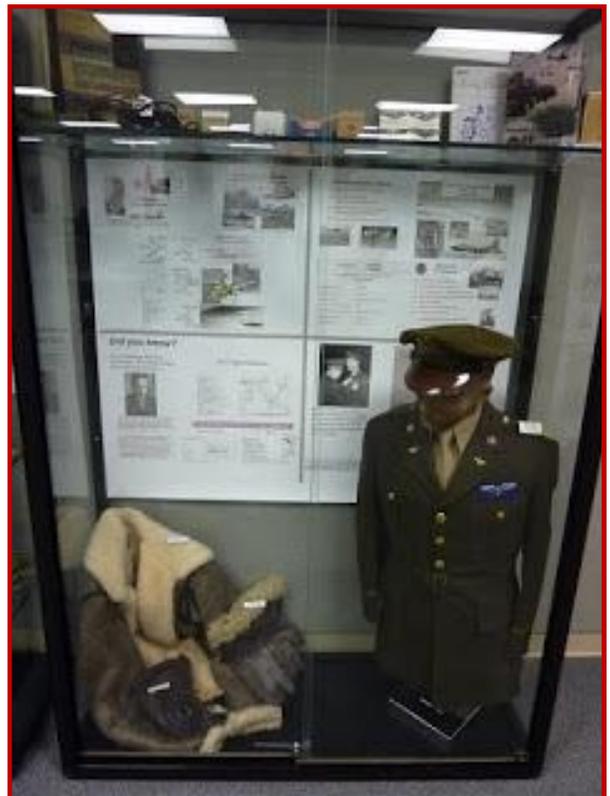
I taught graduate history at the staff college prior to retiring and, as a certified Army historian, continue to integrate history into all of my instruction. I now teach executive-level leadership. Our course continues to take our students to study at War Between the States battlefields and Chickamauga, Georgia is one of my favorites that we frequent. Because our leadership course uses a case study centered on the movie "12 O'clock High", I tie my other course instruction to the case study. For example, a direct tie to the 8thUSAAF in WWII ("12 O'clock High") and the battle of Chickamauga is that the grandson of a famous cavalry division commander at Chickamauga was the first U.S. general killed in action in Europe during WWII.

In order to illustrate my instruction, I obtained three large glass display cases and populated them with historical military displays related directly to leadership instruction. For "12 O'clock High", I emplaced an extensive collection of uniforms and equipment used by USAAF bomber crews. Behind the exhibit I put posters showing the ties to our instruction and some historical facts. For three years one of the posters had a photo of the general whose grandfather was a Confederate cavalry division commander at Chickamauga with an annotation that he was KIA over Germany in June 1943 leading bombers on a mission to Kiel.

One of my fellow instructors, retired Army officer, Joe Judge filed a complaint against me. For three years he never looked at the display. He was not interested. Not only did I receive a formal counseling from my supervisor for emplacing this photo in the exhibit, I was threatened with punishment if it was not removed ---- effectively censoring factual history. Judge, who has no history knowledge, was responsible for the censoring and banning of any display with the photo in the future. His ignorance was solely based on his "feelings" that the photo and caption explaining who the general was might "offend" our black students. Rather than educate our students, Judge decided that their potential feelings were more important than historical facts.

Because of this, I was forced to remove the display of Brigadier General Nathan Forrest, III in his USAAF uniform. This was done despite the fact that Forrest, III was KIA and is now buried in Arlington National Cemetery. I have taken the entire exhibit down and will no longer emplace any exhibits as censorship is the antitheses of intellectual freedom and education. I know of other instances with fellow instructors of this type of political correctness over-riding common sense. It is a sad effect of political correctness that is assisting in the dumbing-down of our culture ---- in this case our Army officers. Thanks to Joe Judge, our students will wallow in ignorance because Joe had no clue that Brigadier General Nathan Forrest, the Confederate general, fought at Chickamauga and we certainly don't want our officers to know the fact that his grandson fought honorably for the U.S., losing his life doing so.

The case in the exhibit showing Brig Gen Forrest, III's photo at right:



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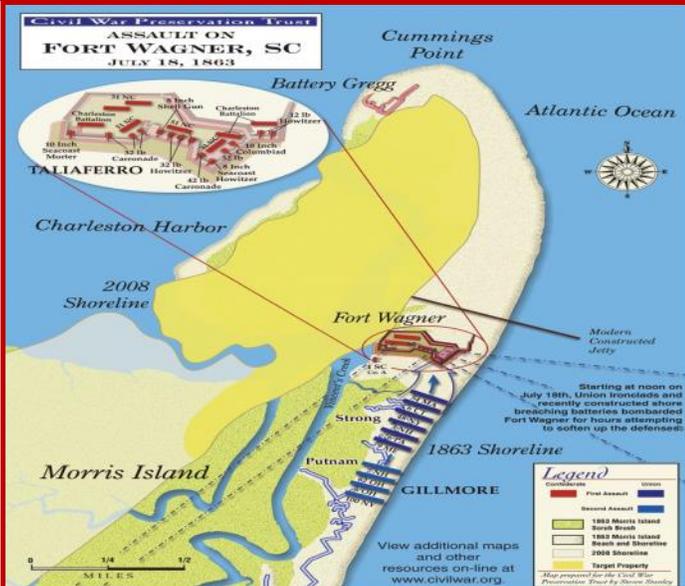
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## Camp No. 842 Calendar

July 18, 1863	Assault on Fort Wagner
July 19	Regular Camp Meeting 7 pm
July 30, 1864	Petersburg mine explosion and assault
Aug 1	DUES DEADLINE - Pay now avoid rush.
Aug 16	Regular Camp Meeting 7 pm
Aug 18, 1864	Battle of Weldon Railroad, Virginia
Sep 20	Regular Camp Meeting



## Fort Wagner/Morris Island

**Other Names:** Second Assault, Morris Island

**Location:** City of Charleston

**Campaign:** Operations against Defenses of Charleston (1863)

**Date:** July 18, 1863

**Force Commanders:** Maj. Gen. Quincy Gillmore [US]; Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard [CS]

**Forces Engaged:** 6,800 total (US 5,000; CS 1,800)

**Estimated Casualties:** 1,689 total (US 1,515; CS 174)

**Description:** After the July 11 assault on Fort Wagner failed, Gillmore reinforced his beachhead on Morris Island. At dusk July 18, Gillmore launched an attack spearheaded by the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, a black regiment. The unit's colonel, Robert Gould Shaw, was killed. Members of the brigade scaled the parapet but after brutal hand-to-hand combat were driven out with heavy casualties. The Federals resorted to siege operations to reduce the fort. This was the fourth time in the war that black troops played a crucial combat role, proving to skeptics that they would fight bravely if only given the chance.

**Result:** Confederate victory