



THE BRIDGE

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



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For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

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Compatriots,

In preparing this brief message I have struggled with what to say that would be uplifting and encouraging. I suspect that many, if not most of you, are feeling downhearted and discouraged. What options do we have? We are probably of a mindset closely approximating that of our ancestors back in April 1865. They too probably wondered, "What are we going to do?" Well, we know one thing that they did NOT do and that was to give up. For over ten years they were trodden asunder, but they persevered. A belief and trust in God made that perseverance possible.

Earlier I mentioned options and basically we have two; we can respond to our present situation as fallible human beings or we can respond as God would have His children to respond. Will we lash out in anger or will we remember in prayer those who are in authority over us that we all may live in peace? Times such as these that we are entering will have a need greater than ever for citizens of moral courage and spiritual fortitude. Let us honor our forbears by being citizens of similar character and strength.

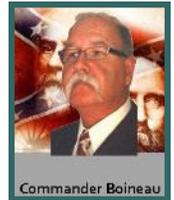
The Newsletter Editor has advised that, at least for the foreseeable future, the Bridge will only be available online. The reason being primarily that our third wide-format printer has bitten the dust. Yes, another printer could be purchased, and while that is expensive, the ink is what runs into money. Manufacturers, such as HP, now have software installed as updates to the printer that prevent the use of less expensive third party ink. After we had used third party ink for years an update was installed that ended that. We were forced to use HP ink at twice the price or more and eventually even those ink cartridges were not recognized. Once the software is updated there is not going back. Add to these expenses the increased cost of paper and postage and you have soon wiped out the fifteen dollars dues that the Camp charges. We will attempt to do an information sheet to be distributed at meetings but because of size it will be limited in scope.

You will note that the position of Camp Historian is vacant. This is the result of the young men who formerly filled that slot not renewing their membership this year. If you have the interest and what it takes to fill this position, please let us know. We would be glad to give you the opportunity to help us out.

We have made numerous appeals in the past for ideas on how we can improve our meetings, but so far the response has been zero. If we continue to do the same thing while expecting a different outcome, that is defined as insanity. Why do we continue to just mark time? No one would agree that our organization is not worthwhile so why do we act as if it is? It is important that we chart a different course for Camp 842 before we get to the point of no return. One or two people can not do it. It requires all of us working together. We can do it, but the biggest question is, are we willing to put forth the effort?

November 17th is literally just around the corner so we hope to see you a Barker's Mill at 7PM. Bring a friend or a recruit and encourage us with your presence.

Deo Vindice -- Pete



Commander Boineau

God's Command to All: Repent!

By Billy Graham

If the world ever needed a spiritual awakening, it is now. The destiny of nations and individuals has been changed when men and women daring to repent of their sins have turned to Jesus Christ by faith. Sin has cankered many civilizations, and at this moment it threatens to destroy ours.

There is hope, but it is only in God. There is forgiveness, but it can only be found at the foot of the cross, where Christ died for our sins. This is God's promise in Acts 3:19: *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."*

It is not that God wants to see people groveling in subjection before Him. In His imperative call for people to repent, He has their welfare and happiness as His motive.

Repentance is an act that breaks the chain of captive sinners and sets Heaven to singing. The repentant heart is the one that God can use.



TODAY'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, America needs Your healing. Thank You for Your longsuffering grace and mercy on our nation. May Your Holy Spirit convict our hearts and draw us back to Your righteousness through repentance and faith. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

SC Division State Convention --The Pee Dee Rifles have some great things planned for you.

Friday March 19, 2021

12-5PM - SC Division Executive Council Meeting
Homewood Suites Ball Room ([3450 W Radio Dr, Florence, SC 29501](#))

6 - 9 PM - Friday Night Social - **Homewood Suites Ball Room**

Saturday March 20, 2021

9AM-5PM South Carolina Division Convention
Convention at Florence Civic Center ([3300 W Radio Dr, Florence, SC 29501](#))

- Prices are low as we can get them - keeping prices at the 2014 convention rate.
- Location for all events is within 1 block of each other - right at the intersection of I-20 and I-95.
- Convention medal patterned off 1921 UCV medal.
- 60 page color program featuring [Don Troianai](#) Print
- Friday Night Social is catered BBQ meal with sides
- [Stan Clardy](#) will provide entertainment at Friday Night Social and Saturday during lunch
- [Members have the option to register online and pay with a card if they choose.](#)
- lots of great vendors lined up
- Displays of period items from several collectors and museums
- Convenient to shopping for ladies who do not attend meetings

SC Division State Convention Update

CONFIRMED: Susan Hathaway from the Virginia Flaggers is scheduled to attend. Susan is an outspoken voice in the heritage community encouraging thousands to stand up for our history. Come out and meet Susan at the convention **March 19-20.**

Register By Mail

Make Checks Payable to:
Pee Dee Rifles Camp 1419
 Mail forms and check to:
 Ron York
 1455 Marion Green Rd
 Florence, SC 29506

Online Registry & Forms at:

<https://scscv.com/>



Susan Hathaway

The Calhoun Monument Deserved Legal and Historical Protection

By Stewart O. Jones



John C. Calhoun Monument

As some business owners and residents on King Street described it, “Charleston was raped” on the night of May 30, 2020, as mobs looted and burned the Holy City, turning so-called “peaceful protests” violent. Following numerous calls to remove the John C. Calhoun Monument and repeal the South Carolina Heritage Act, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg took a resolution to the city council to defy state law and remove the monument. Meanwhile, Democrat state lawmakers encouraged Charleston’s local leaders to tear it down regardless of the state law.

On June 23, the council held an emergency meeting via Zoom and voted unanimously to remove the statue of Calhoun on Marion Square. In the dead of night (at approximately 1:00 a.m. on June 24) crews began working to remove the statue of Calhoun.

While Marion Square (the site upon which the monument was set) has a unique agreement as a privately owned public space, the monument itself was erected with funds collected by the Ladies’ Calhoun Monument Association (LCMA) and entrusted to the City of Charleston. Therefore, it had all the protections of a “public war related monument” as specified under the SC Heritage Act.

Aside from that, the history of the monument tells an incredible story, one certainly worthy of sharing with generations to come. Shortly after Calhoun’s death in 1850, a multitude of civic organizations (led by the LCMA) began raising funds to erect a monument to “South Carolina’s Greatest Son”. Their task would take over 46 years to complete.

The cornerstone for the base of the monument was laid in 1858. During the ceremony, a chest was placed in the ground by dignitaries, each of whom placed an important item in the box. Some of those items included a cannonball from the Battle of Fort Moultrie (then

known as Fort Sullivan) in 1776, one hundred dollars of continental money, locks of Calhoun’s hair, material that had been used at his funeral, and a multitude of original documents — including some of his speeches.

The LCMA would soon divert their energy toward the worst war in American history by turning “their attention from rendering honors to the dead to administering to the living; to staying the blood that gushed from many a wound...” At their final meeting before the War Between the States, they resolved “that it is the wish of this Association, that the Calhoun Monument shall be the first public work carried on after the restoration of Peace, as a just tribute to the memory of our Political Father, John C. Calhoun.”

Some of the funds for his statue were used to relocate Calhoun’s body from his grave as the Yankees ransacked, burned, and looted the South. His body was returned to its proper resting place at St. Phillips Church in Charleston after the war was over.

The original statue was finally erected in 1887, and — as a symbol of remembrance for the “cast iron man” — was one of the earlier statues in South Carolina. It was also a symbol of reconciliation for southerners who had just lost everything in the war and during Reconstruction. There was an effort by the LCMA toward an educational fund; however, those efforts were met with challenges.

The original statue was said to be an inadequate representation of Calhoun; therefore, a second bronze figure was commissioned. In 1896, the statue was erected and placed atop a 115-foot pedestal made of Carolina granite. One hundred and twenty-four years later, that statue of Calhoun was removed from its pedestal and brought down. Shortly after this demolition crews toppled the pedestal, breaking the base in the process, which the City of Charleston is planning to bust up next week.

Politicians and radicals are always seeking ways to make themselves relevant. Unfortunately, many today believe that they must destroy the figures of the past in order to stake their claim on the present. As an eighth-generation South Carolinian, I believe that this “cancel culture” mentality is doing a grave injustice to everyone.

There is a serious physiological problem in society. Some believe specific issues around the country are happening because of the history of the South and the United States. Some believe we all must appease the Left and condemn America’s Founders as racists whose memories should be wiped from the public eye.

The fact of the matter is that the death of George Floyd had nothing to do with John C. Calhoun. The deaths of the nine innocent people who were murdered at Mother Emanuel AME Church in June 2015 by a psychotic individual who was on mind altering drugs had nothing to do with John C. Calhoun. Even if an action is committed for truly racist reasons, those actions cannot simply be blamed on the people of the past.

All of this poses a serious question on individual responsibility. Today, many have adopted the belief that government, or even society, is responsible, rather than the individual. I fear that the sacred stones of liberty and history will continue to be destroyed until this personal responsibility is restored. People must stop pandering to calls from cancel culture mobs.

The problems of today do not stem from statues. The destruction of the John C. Calhoun Monument is a story of capitulation, one in which the cornerstones of liberty are being chipped away. Further, many of the statues being destroyed were statues of reconciliation — in the case of Calhoun’s monument, erected to bring people together after nearly one million Americans died in the War Between the States.

While this erasure of Southern heritage began many years ago, the current protection of monuments in South Carolina started in the year 2000, with the passage of the SC Heritage Act. The bill was enacted as a compromise to bring the Confederate Battle Flag off the dome of the South Carolina State House. The flag was to be moved to the Confederate Soldier Monument on the front lawn, in exchange for the protection of all public war-related, African-American, and Native American monuments and memorials. The law also protects the many streets, bridges, parks, and public areas of the state and its subdivisions that are named after historical figures from being renamed or rededicated.

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Camp No. 842 Calendar

November 17	Regular Camp Meeting - 7 pm
December 15	Regular Camp Meeting - 7 pm
January 19, 2021	Regular Camp Meeting - 7 pm Robert E. Lee's Birthday
March 19-20	SC SCV State Convention - Florence



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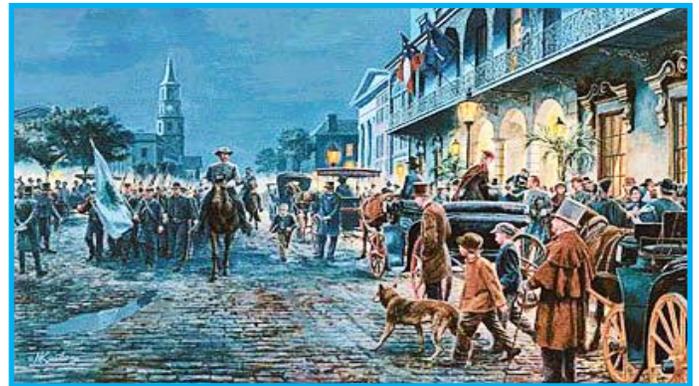


Charleston - Autumn 1861

The large-scale battles that would produce American's bloodiest war had yet to come. Southerners were still rushing to arms, fielding new troops, parading through city streets and drilling on courthouse squares

Nowhere did the flame of Southern patriotism burn brighter than in Charleston, South Carolina. Like most Americans on both sides, Charlestonians believed the War Between the States would be brief and bloodless. The Federal naval blockade had not yet applied its deadly squeeze. Federal artillery had yet to bombard the handsome city structures into battered buildings. The pain and suffering of war had not yet reached most Southern homes.

Instead, an atmosphere of hope and celebration still affected the South - and Charleston. Companies like the Jackson



Charleston -- Autumn 1861

Guards - named for Southern martyr James T. Jackson - paraded through Charleston's streets before admiring onlookers. Southern women made uniforms and raised funds for the boys in the field. Southern dignitaries were honored with reception and balls.

In mid-November of 1862, General Robert E. Lee was welcomed to Charleston by the port city's leading citizens. As special military advisor to President Jefferson Davis, Lee had come to Charleston to oversee development of South Carolina's coastal defenses. He was a guest at the Mills House, Charleston's most prestigious hotel, and was treated as an honored visitor. Rank and position - not fame - afforded him Charleston's genteel courtesies. He was not yet the South's most beloved figure: that glory awaited him on countless bloody fields of the future. Such acclaim - and the wartime horrors to come - could hardly be imagined amid sea breezes on a warm autumn night in Charleston.