



THE BRIDGE

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



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Compatriots,

I'm sure you have heard the old saying, "People talk about the weather, but no one ever does anything about it." You may have come to think about our efforts to protect Southern Heritage in the same way; "We talk about it, but are we doing anything about it?" If you have been keeping up with events in Orangeburg, you will know that the answer is yes, we are doing something. Through the efforts of the South Carolina History Preservation Committee (SCHPC), the South Carolina Division SCV, and the Paul McMichael Chapter of the UDC, a concerted effort is under way to protect the Confederate Monument in Orangeburg. Our own Joseph "Buzz" Braxton II and Jimmy Wingard are in the forefront of efforts by the Committee. We know not what challenges they may have to face for their devotion, but they are to be commended for being willing to step into the breach. They truly honor the memory of their Confederate Ancestors.



Commander Boineau

It would be appropriate to ask ourselves, "What am I doing to preserve history and honor my ancestor?" The importance of history has been lost for many of our fellow citizens in recent decades. If we take time to look around our nation today, however, it is easy to see the "dividends" that historical ignorance is paying. The South is castigated for attempting to form our own nation in 1860, but how many remember the number of times that the South has stepped forward to defend the Constitution of the United States of America with all we had? Name the war fought by the United States of America in which the South did not do our part and more to defend the Constitution as delivered by our forefathers. May the South stand tall in our present circumstances to preserve our precious, God-given, inheritance for our posterity. Let our only kneeling be in prayer to our God Most High.

The Adjutant advises me that dues continue to come in. For each compatriot who makes the decision to continue to stand with us, we are thankful. This very act in many instances has the potential to carry an exorbitant price; we have compatriots who are still in the work force and not every employer looks upon SCV membership favorably. Not only continued employment, but also promotions and pay raises may be affected by holding SCV membership. No, you're right, this should not be, but that is the reality of the world we live in. So again, thank you, to all who stand faithful regardless of the cost.

Be with us on Tuesday, October 20th at 7PM as we gather once again to celebrate our Southern Heritage through fellowship and encourage one another in our cause.

Deo Vindice,

Pete

Ohio Congressman Clement Vallandigham said the war was... "a wicked, cruel, and unnecessary war"; "a war not being waged for the preservation of the Union"; "a war for the purpose of crushing out liberty and erecting a despotism".

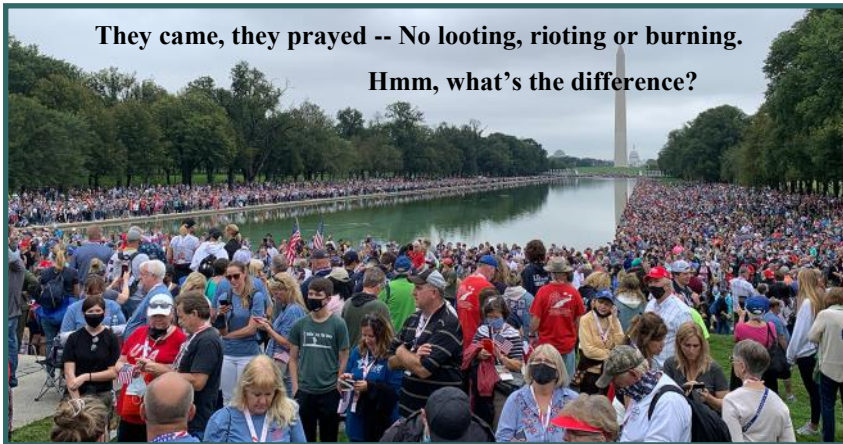
(Lincoln banished Vallandigham to the Confederacy).

Time to Get On the Right Road

A preacher once said that America is not at a crossroads, as some contend; America is a long way down the wrong road. We need to come back to the crossroads and take the right road. Historically, there have always been times when the US (and certainly ancient Israel) strayed from the right road and suffered the consequences for it. Most people are familiar with the story of the prodigal son, who leaves his father's house, spends his inheritance on wild living, winds up sitting among pigs and eating their food (the worst possible condition for a Jewish boy), and returns to his father with a repentant heart. His father has forgiven him even before the young man says he is not worthy to be called his son. This is a story for individuals and for nations, as we can read throughout human and biblical history.



The problem for us modern Americans, who have satellite navigation systems in our cars, is that we don't know where the right road is, because we have lost a sense of right and wrong and no longer submit to any authority higher than our own minds and life experiences. There is no right, and so we must tolerate everything, because to say no to anything gets you labeled intolerant or worse.



They came, they prayed -- No looting, rioting or burning.

Hmm, what's the difference?

It is the height of hypocrisy for those who claim to be tolerant to be intolerant of any view but their own. These are the ones who strictly oppose censorship of any and all ideas, except those with which they disagree. It turns out free speech isn't so free after all. If your speech doesn't fit with the spirit of the age, you will pay a price. Sometimes it can cost you your job. In some countries, it can cost you your freedom. In a few, you pay the price for speaking out with your life. America is now in stage one of this familiar scenario. Canada is toying with stage two, prosecuting people who say things—including in sermons from pulpits—of which their government disapproves.

What is to prevent America from sliding farther toward our own destruction? Let's not be like the people described in the song "Vincent," in which Don McLean sings, **"They wouldn't listen, they're not listening still. Perhaps they never will."** There is no money-back guarantee on the United States. There is no certainty this country will continue to exist. Ronald Reagan used to say America is just one generation away from losing it all.

Are we that generation? We could be, but I believe that if we remember what made America great in the first place, we have hope. No, I'm not referring to any political party or politician; our only hope is to turn once again to faith in The Lord God Almighty. We have heard the oft repeated verses from 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says, **"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."** Our duty is not only to hear, but to act upon what is said; it takes sincerity of heart and action.

I try to encourage folks to remember the faith of our ancestors and how it enabled them to cope with and rise above the calamity they faced during and following the War for Southern Independence. Well, the same God who delivered them is the same God to whom we should look for deliverance in our day. He does not change. He still honors those who honor and revere Him. Are we too filled with sinful pride to seek His help? He is but a prayer away. We have a choice to make and as you know, choices have consequences.

Our Favorite General



If anyone is guilty of committing genocide it would be Lincoln and Union Generals Grant, Sheridan and Sherman. Dr. Thomas J. DiLorenzo, economics professor at Loyola College in Baltimore, tells us that Sherman once wrote to his wife that his purpose was the "extermination, not of soldiers alone...but of the people" of the South. Sherman often ordered his soldiers, many of whom were street criminals from Northern as well as European cities, to shoot civilians at random. There is a famous quote from Sherman's wife. 'May ALL Southerners be driven like swine into the sea. May we carry fire and sword into the states till not one habitation is left standing.'

"The government of the U.S. has any and all rights which they choose to enforce in war - to take their lives, their homes, their land, their everything...war is simply unrestrained by the Constitution...to the persistent secessionist, why, death is mercy, and the quicker he or she is disposed of the better." General W. T. Sherman, Jan. 31, 1864.

For Immediate Release

Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Press Release



NEWTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ISSUES A STAY ORDER TO NOT REMOVE THE NEWTON COUNTY CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Newton County Superior Court Judge John Ott issued a Stay Order that absolutely forbids Newton County Commissioners from removing the Newton County Confederate Monument until the appropriate Court had rendered a final decision. Currently the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans have filed an appeal of the case with the Georgia Court of Appeals and, should it prove necessary, will take the case to the Georgia Supreme Court.

On Monday, September 21 Newton County Chairman, Marcello Banes was planning to have the Confederate Monument removed during the night, despite of the agreement in open Court at a hearing at which Chairman Banes was personally present that the County would not remove the Monument until the final decision was made. The Stay Order issued by Judge Ott indicates that Chairman Banes will be served personally with the order and the order further gives the Newton County Sheriff direction to arrest anyone who attempts to remove the Confederate Monument.

These actions of disrespect toward the Superior Court by Chairman Banes is further evidence that he and his fellow County Commissioners have no regard for Superior Court Rulings or State Law. They seem to think they are self-empowered to blatantly violate State Law passed by Georgia's State Legislators or ignore agreements made in open court.

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be filing amendments to all their on-going lawsuits to include the Mayors, City Council members and County Commissioners to make them personally liable for their blatant violation of State Law 50-3-1.

At Right: Newton County Veterans Monument erected in 1906 by the Ladies' Memorial Association.

**TO THE CONFEDERATE DEAD
OF NEWTON COUNTY
THEIR GALLANT AND HEROIC DEEDS
LIKE MONUMENTAL SHAFTS ARISE
FROM OUT THE GRAVEYARD OF THE PAST
AND MARKS THE TOMBS WHERE VALOR LIES.**

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Camp No. 842 Calendar

October 8, 1862	Battle of Perryville, Kentucky
October 20	Regular Camp Meeting - 7 pm
November 3	Election Day - Don't forget to vote!
November 17	Regular Camp Meeting - 7 pm
December 15	Regular Camp Meeting - 7 pm



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Warhorse From Connecticut

Little Sorrel began his military career when purchased by the Federal government for use in the War for Southern Independence. In 1861, he and a number of other Union horses landed in Confederate hands when Southern forces at Harper's Ferry captured their transport train. After reviewing the newly captured prizes, General Stonewall Jackson selected a pair of chestnut horses for his own use. He intended to keep the larger of the two for military purposes and named that horse Big Sorrel. The smaller of the two was given the name Fancy and was to be sent to Jackson's wife Mary Anna as a gift. Within a matter of days, however, Jackson recognized that Big Sorrel frightened easily and did not have a disposition suitable for battle. Fancy, on the other hand, proved to be a much calmer and more reliable horse. Jackson changed Fancy's name to Little Sorrel and the horse from Somers, Connecticut became his mount for the remainder of the war. Jackson rode his new horse into some of the most famous Civil



War battles, including Sharpsburg and Fredericksburg, and it was Little Sorrel who carried Jackson on the fateful night in 1863 when friendly fire mortally wounded the General at Chancellorsville. After Jackson's death, Little Sorrel briefly lived with Jackson's widow before moving to the Virginia Military Institute and then the Confederate Soldiers Home at Richmond's Robert E. Lee Camp. After years of making appearances at county fairs and Confederate soldiers' reunions, Little Sorrel passed away in March of 1886 at the age of 36. Shortly after, he was given to a taxidermist, who mounted his hide on a plaster model. Little Sorrel was put on display, first at the Soldier's Home in Richmond and later at the Virginia Military Institute where he remains today, behind glass. It was not until 1997, however, that Little Sorrel's bones were cremated and interred on the Virginia Military Institute's parade ground in front of a statue of Jackson.