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



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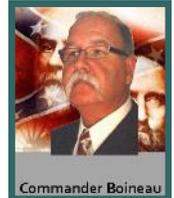
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Camp Historians

Compatriots,

Wow! Here we are in September already with another SCV meeting just a matter of days away. The days do seem to pass swiftly in spite of the troublesome times that we find ourselves enduring. I pray that you and your family are faring well.



Commander Boineau

We have a few members that we have not heard from concerning dues for the coming year, but SCV National has suspended collection of fees for those late in bringing their membership up to date. This is done on the possibility that the COVID pandemic might have caused the delays. Details are in this newsletter.

Many have asked the question, "What are we doing to counter the seemingly unrestricted removal of Confederate Monuments?" Thankfully, Joseph "Buzz" Braxton II, has stepped forward and founded the **South Carolina History Preservation Committee, Inc., (SCHPC)** to address these concerns. The South Carolina Division, SCV has joined with the SCHPC to seek standing in the lawsuit regarding removal of the Orangeburg Confederate Monument. We will do our best to keep you informed about developments with these efforts. To aid us in our communications, if you have not shared your email address with the Camp 842 Adjutant, please do so at: [scv842@gmail.com](mailto:scv842@gmail.com).

Our website, [riversbridgecamp842.com](http://riversbridgecamp842.com), has been updated to reflect some of the realities of operation that COVID has imposed not only upon us, but also the Rivers Bridge Confederate Memorial Association. If you have not visited lately, check it out. As we become more involved in monument preservation, our goal is to place more time sensitive information on the website. We welcome your input on how we can better serve you as well as share the true history of the South with all who have a willingness to listen with an open mind.

We are still taking appropriate recommended health precautions, and things are going well. At first it seemed awkward, but as we become accustomed to procedures things move along just fine. Come join us and meet Compatriot Herbert W. Patrick, Jr.. He joined us and was given the oath last month. Very encouraging! Come encourage us with *your* presence.

Pete

## **South Carolina History Preservation Committee, Inc.**

I have formed the South Carolina History Preservation Committee, Inc., a 501-C3 registered with the state of SC. The immediate purpose is to intervene in the legal action in Orangeburg to prevent moving or destroying the Confederate Monument in Orangeburg. The SC Division SCV is also attempting to intervene with separate legal counsel. Both or either may be denied intervention. The Orangeburg city attorney has taken an unusual step in re-



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questing additional information from the Orangeburg Revitalization Coalition, the group asking for the removal of statue. Senator Brad Hutto's son is representing the Coalition pro bono. The SCHPC has two representatives. These same attorneys represented Camp 842 in our defense of the Edisto Crossing Monument and flag. One is being paid and other one is working pro bono, just as before. Jeff Davis was kind enough to usher me through the incorporation process at no charge. A respected person from the upper part of the state is working closely with us. It is my hope that the South Carolina History Preservation Committee, Inc., will aid and encourage others in preserving Southern causes in future. Hopefully things will go well and word will spread that we are willing to stand up and fight.

## God's Warning

By Billy Graham



I believe that unless America repents, God will judge her. I believe that judgment is near. Judah was judged by the unholy, ungodly nation of Assyria. God used the wrath of men to work out His purpose with His people. There is no reason to believe that He will not let the ax of judgment fall on our heads if we, like Judah, refuse to repent of our sins and turn to His Son, Jesus Christ.

If Jeremiah were here today, I believe he would talk about the lost sense of sin in America. The people of Judah had forgotten what sin was. The word *sin* was seldom mentioned in the temple. The priests spoke soft phrases to the people, but they were never challenged to face up to the evil of their hearts and repent.

Hasn't the word *sin* become almost taboo in America? And as a result, haven't we all but forgotten the meaning of it? Many burdened ministers have told me with tears that their people seem to have forgotten what sin is, and that many of their members have become embroiled in the most grievous sins imaginable. They are distressed and concerned that their people have ignored the fact of sin and its consequences.

The Bible says, "Behold, I will bring you to judgment for saying, 'I have not sinned.' How lightly you gad about, changing your way! You shall be put to shame" (Jeremiah 2:35-36, RSV). My friends, the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). That is just as true today as it was in Jeremiah's day. You cannot break God's laws and get away with it. "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4).

God is saying today to individuals and nations, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 3:15). "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

I ask you today to give your life to Jesus Christ. If you have never come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, repent of your sins right now. Receive Him, and the same Christ who changed lives 2,000 years ago can change your life at this moment, and you can start in a new direction.

*Editor: The words and actions of our ancestors would seem to agree with the sentiment, "A word to the wise is sufficient."*

## General Order No. 3 Dues Late Fee Waiver

August 27, 2010

Compatriots,



We live in uncertain and unprecedented times with the Covid-19 Pandemic which has caused many of our Divisions to be shut down from meetings by their respective state and local governments. Natural disasters have struck our Mississippi Gulf Coast as the result of Hurricane Laura leaving hundreds of thousands without power in Louisiana and Texas. Our thoughts and prayers are with those without power as a result.

Therefore, as Commander-in-Chief, I have decided to waive the \$5-dollar late fee on dues renewal until October 31 this year to accommodate those Camps who are struggling to get their members' dues into Headquarters. Our normal deadline is August 31 but because of these unprecedented times I felt it necessary to extend the deadline to help those Camps who are struggling. We will go back to our normal deadline in 2021.

May God bless those in need, and may God bless Dixie!

Larry McCluney, Jr.  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## Waving the White Flag Won't Save the UDC

By Joyce Bennett -- Author of *Maryland, My Maryland: The Cultural Cleansing of a Small Southern State*



Several years ago, United Daughters of the Confederacy officials barred the Virginia Flaggers from the grounds of UDC Headquarters and on one occasion reported their alleged trespassing to the Richmond police. The Daughters cannot accommodate them, they explain, because providing in-kind support to “political activists” would jeopardize their 501 (c) (3) designation. More likely what lies at the heart of the UDC’s desire to disassociate themselves from the Flaggers is the fact that they make the Daughters uncomfortable. Though they say that it has long been their tradition not to display the flag casually because they do not wish to trivialize it, UDC’s reluctance to wave the old Southern banner seems more rooted in its adoption by hate groups, real or imagined. Regrettably, UDC

**“God bless...ALL who boldly defend the good name and honor of our gallant Confederate dead against the slander and violence being perpetuated by the Godless left” --The Virginia Flaggers Blogspot**

leaders have been reduced to mere supplicants, begging this “great nation and its citizens” to “let” them fly the Battle Flag once in a while, to allow them to memorialize their ancestors in peace.

If vandalism and vengeful street mobs are a concern, the UDC’s president general has determined that caution is advisable and that sometimes resorting to less incendiary flags, such as the First National or the Stars and Stripes, or no flag at all, “will best protect the history and memory of the soldiers.” The Virginia Flaggers, on the other hand, run up the “notorious” colors in spite of threats. While the UDC capitulates to the criminal element and the cultural cleansers, the Flaggers openly defy them, leasing land along busy highways and raising mega Battle Flags.

UDC leading lights have been ceding ground to the South haters for decades. In 1993, after even “conservative” Southern senators, chastised and threatened with a filibuster by Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, voted against the extension of the UDC’s registered trademark, the Daughters removed the Battle Flag from their insignia replacing it with the First National. Inevitably, of course, the Cultural Marxists will fix their sights on that flag also, demanding that it be furled and hidden away.

And now that the words “Dixie,” Antebellum” and “Confederate” have all been labeled offensive by the Twitter verse, will the UDC at some future point be forced to abandon not only the First National as more people learn it’s significance but the very name United Daughters of the Confederacy? Even complying with that outrageous demand will not stop these CMs from harassing the UDC. As Dr. Boyd Cathey explains, their attack on the historical South and its symbols serves for the present the purposes of a far grander scheme that exploits human failings and the desire for retribution:

“It is all about the progressive template which posits that ‘race’ is the central motivating factor in history....The historic ‘colonialized’ peoples, black and brown....according to this narrative, are a downtrodden underclass, oppressed...by the European white patriarchy who have brutally amassed their fortunes and power at the expense of those black and brown peoples.” — “Song of the South and the Assault on Culture,” The Abbeville Blog, July 25, 2019

The protestors who, in the fall of 2018, shut down the dedication of a flagpole and a plaque at UDC National Headquarters, allegedly included “several” descendants of Confederate soldiers, but the crowd more closely resembled the types of people seen at Earth Day rallies in Seattle. Among these demonstrators against “shrines to white supremacy,” were Trey Peters, president of the Richmond Chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America; Black Lives Matter activist and University of Virginia associate professor of religious studies Jalane Schmidt; and, caricaturing the Southern belle in overdone peach, UVA associate professor Anne Garland Mahler, there, she said, to “[take her] Southern heritage back.” The author of *From the Tricontinental to the Global South: Race, Radicalism, and Transnational Solidarity*, Mahler has a pronounced Northern accent (and, as her lectures bear out, a liking for the academe-speak of the present age).

When confronted by Mahler and the others that weekend, the Daughters had quickly cancelled their dedication ceremonies because UDC leaders say that they wish to maintain a sedate detachment from “public controversy.” Accordingly, in the wake of the events at Charlottesville in the summer of 2017, leadership had refused to speak directly to journalists. Subscribing to the news media’s pro-Antifa accounts of what took place in the historic Blue Ridge city, the UDC issued a statement denouncing divisiveness. Currently, the Daughters’ website declares that diversity makes America “stronger” and that the UDC does not align itself with racists, virtue signaling that, according to The Washington Post’s Peter Galuszka, amounts to little more than “lame excuses that [the Daughters are] misunderstood.”

To their credit, the UDC has been involved in litigation to safeguard Confederate memorials and to stop the re-naming of buildings on college campuses, but the organization’s overall tendency to take the path of least resistance has created resentments on the part of some its members. UDC leaders, however, discourage dissent and expect them to keep a low profile. Their questions are answered—if they are answered at all—with measured words and legalese.

Predictably, Peter Galuszka attributes to the UDC a vapid and “rosy view of Southern chivalry and grace in defeat.” But, to the contrary, the Daughters have a rosy view, not of the old South, but of the new America, oblivious, apparently, to the fact that the time for dissolution is imminent. At the 2018 rally in Richmond, one UDC member, venturing out among the protestors to talk to them, was so rudely disabused of her notion that they were just friends and neighbors with a different perspective, she later commented to the media, “I’ve never encountered such hatred.” This should not have come as a surprise because these foot soldiers in the global revolution have been plainspoken about their designs. Hopefully, considering all that has happened in the last two years, the UDC has learned that their PC rhetoric and less provocative flag protocols serve only to encourage the forces arrayed against them—they certainly failed to prevent the George Floyd “protestors” from vandalizing and burning UDC Headquarters in late May of this year. In the wokester’s world, there is no room for well-brought up ladies who wish to celebrate their Southern heritage no matter how charitable those ladies are, no matter how much distance they put between themselves and unreconstructed Southerners like the Virginia Flaggers.

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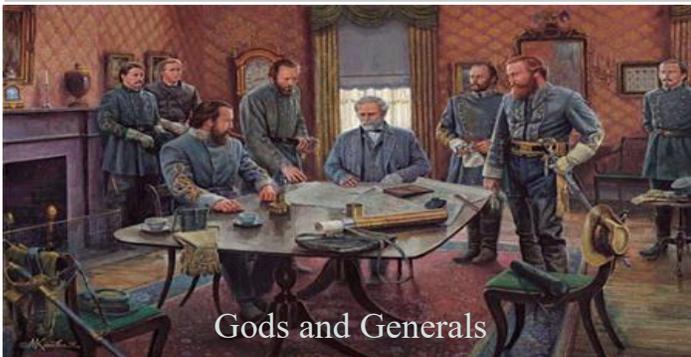


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## Camp No. 842 Calendar

September 11, 1861	Lincoln orders arrest of Maryland legislators who are pro-Southern
September 15	Regular Camp Meeting -7pm
October 20	Regular Camp Meeting-7pm
November 3	Election Day - Don't forget to vote!
November 17	Regular Camp Meeting -7pm

Deo Vindice



After a brilliant victory at the battle of Second Manassas, General Robert E. Lee intended to lead his newly organized Army of Northern Virginia into enemy country. He would attempt to shift the focus of the war in the east from his beloved Virginia and take the fighting to the North. Along the way, he hoped to enlist crucial support from Southern sympathizers in Maryland and perhaps even provoke official

recognition of the Confederacy by Great Britain. If he could win a major battle on northern soil - in Pennsylvania - it might even be enough to end the war's unprecedented bloodshed and gain independence for the South.

That was Lee's vision as he moved his mighty and victorious army northward toward the Potomac River, Maryland and the North. At Harrison Hall, a palatial antebellum home in Leesburg, Virginia, the General convened a council of war. Despite being injured in a fall, Lee was again the master strategist and daring risk-taker. He had divided his forces to move quickly northward and to secure his rear. Soon the mighty Army of Northern Virginia would be reunited - but until that occurred the army would be vulnerable to destruction. It was a risk that Lee felt was worth taking. His adversary, General George B. McClellan, could be expected to move cautiously, and Lee intended to reunite his forces before McClellan could seize the opportunity to strike. All would be well if Lee's daring gamble remained undiscovered by the enemy.

Assembled with their staffs at Harrison Hall were Lee's lieutenants. Present was General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson - Lee's "right arm" - who had superbly executed Lee's strategy at the battle of Second Manassas with devastating, hammer-like blows. There, too, was General James Longstreet - whom Lee would praise as his "Old War Horse." Also present were General J.E.B. Stuart, Lee's cavalry commander - who was treasured by Lee as the "eyes" of the army - and Brigadier General Lewis Armistead, who had helped save the day for Lee's army at the battle of Malvern Hill.

Of those four generals summoned by Lee for counsel at Harrison Hall, General Longstreet alone would survive the war, and he would do so with a severe wound. Ahead too lay what Lee feared most for his army: General McClellan would discover Lee's strategy, and the Army of Northern Virginia would be threatened with annihilation at the Battle of Antietam. It would be the bloodiest single day of fighting in this bloodiest of all American wars - and it would end Lee's attempt to win the war in 1862. All that lay ahead, however, and for the moment, convened in council at Harrison Hall, were the South's best and brightest.