

The Gray Line News



High Bridge



High Bridge Camp # 1581

Sons of Confederate Veterans

"DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF OUR SOUTHERN HERITAGE"

July 10, 2020

Dear Compatriots,

I hope you all are doing well. I would like to start out by again saying thank you to (censored) or the use of (censored) for our meetings while (censored) was shut down.

We have had a lot to talk about and our June meeting was very interesting and informative. We had quite a few distinguished guests including 7th Brigade Commander Bill Crews who offered a lot of insight and advice concerning our war memorial in Farmville and in other counties.

I cannot understand this trend going on of trying to erase history. Not just Confederate history, but all history. History is history and cannot be changed.

It is a shame that we have to be engaged in a constant battle just to try to preserve our history. Our organization is more important than ever. We have the responsibility of teaching the truth about our noble and patriotic ancestors and stomping out the lies and false propaganda that our uninformed, ignorant adversaries are trying to push as facts.

There is much more to be discussed and I encourage you to attend our next meeting to be held at (censored) on Thursday, July 23, at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you there. Until then, take care.

Respectfully Yours,
Don Reynolds, Commander

Gentlemen! We have a place to meet.

As I understand it, we are meeting at (censored) this month.

Dues are Due

Do not fear – YOU ARE NOT LATE !!! The billing for dues went out a little early this year and your dues are not actually due until August 1st, 2020. However, if they are NOT paid by August 28th, you will incur an additional \$5.00 late fee to the National SCV. So please remit your dues payment.

A VERY PROPHEPIC ARTICLE

(I have used this article before but it seemed appropriate now)

Letter To the Editor (of an unknown Texas newspaper)

History

TO THE EDITOR:

I was wondering if anyone involved in this frenzy to do away with all Confederate memorials has set a date for how far they will go back to get all the reminders of slavery off the earth? The Confederacy was 150 years ago. I hear people fussing about George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. They both owned slaves about 250 years ago so that means nothing they did was worth anything. People have complained about the way Christopher Columbus treated the natives when he arrived, so we have to do

away with anything that honors him. Now we have gone back 500 years. Following this logic we would have to ban all Bibles. The apostle Paul once sent a runaway slave back to his master. If Paul condoned slavery there goes three-fourths of the New Testament. Now we have gone back 2000 years. The entire Old Testament is based on the Abrahamic Covenant. Abraham not only owned slaves, he had a child with one of the household slave women. Now we have gone back some 5000 years.

Now that we have gone back to ancient times, let's not forget about the pyramids of Egypt. That was the ultimate use of slave labor. What about the Roman Coliseum? It is the site where slaves were made to kill each other purely for the pleasure of the elites in the society. Should the Coliseum and Pyramids be destroyed? After getting rid of all these reminders will anyone's life be any better? We cannot put our 21st Century culture on the people of the past. We need to change our attitudes and actions toward each other instead of concentrating on some pieces of stone and street signs.

Deborah Miller

Wake Village, Texas

Someone finally said it. How many are actually paying attention to this?

There are African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Arab Americans, etc. And then there are just Americans.

You pass me on the street and sneer in my direction. You Call me "White boy," "Cracker," "Honkey," "Whitey," "Caveman" ... and that's OK.

But if I call you, Nigger, Kike, Towel head, Sand-nigger, Camel Jockey, Beaner, Gook, or Chink ... You call me a racist.

You say that whites commit a lot of violence against you, so why are the ghettos the most dangerous places to live?

You have the United Negro College Fund.

You have Martin Luther King Day. You have Black History Month. You have Cesar Chavez Day. You have Yom Hashoah. You have Ma'uled A l-Nabi. You have the NAACP. You have BET. If we had WET (White Entertainment Television) we'd be racists. If we had a White Pride Day, you would call us racists. If we had White History Month , we'd be racists. If we had any organization for only whites to "advance" OUR lives we'd be racists.

We have a Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a Black Chamber of Commerce, and then we just have the plain Chamber of Commerce. Wonder who pays for that?

A white woman could not be in the Miss Black American pageant, but any color can be in the Miss America pageant.

If we had a college fund that only gave white students scholarships you know we'd be racists. There are over 60 openly proclaimed Black Colleges in the US . Yet if there were "White colleges" THAT would be a racist college.

In the Million Man March, you believed that you were marching for your race and rights. If we marched for our race and rights, you would call us racists.

You are proud to be black, brown, yellow and orange, and you're not afraid to announce it. But when we announce our white pride, you call us racists.

You rob us, carjack us, and shoot at us. But, when a white police officer shoots a black gang member or beats up a black drug-dealer running from the law and posing a threat to society, you call him a racist.

I am proud. But you call me a racist.

Why is it that only whites can be racists?

Wes Black, Saint Joseph, Missouri

9/8/2017 Facebook post

Friday July 3, 2020

To The Editor Farmville Herald:

With the recent fall of the Confederate soldier memorial statue in the Town of Farmville, it brings to mind this being one of my favorite pieces of southern architecture.

While being an American Civil War author and preservationist, I have always enjoyed pointing out this monument to visitors to the area, with its representative soldier, who faces to the south as if to defend Farmville from its foes in the final days of the war in Virginia.

What's done is done. I have mulled over the circumstances and have come up with this proposal. Directly across the river from downtown Farmville lies the mortal remains of those disinterred from the original "burial grounds" containing about 350-400 bodies in a mass grave. These soldiers gave their lives in the Confederate Hospital Center in Farmville, in what is now called Cumberland Heights.

Coincidentally, the site also marks some of the final fighting of the American Civil War on April 7, 1865. Here, Cumberland Heights was defended from a river crossing by Union cavalry and infantry.

How appropriate it would be to have this monument replaced at the site of a military hospital mass grave overlooking one of the strategic points of the battle?

Chris Calkins
Historian, preservationist,
Longwood College alumni

Editor's Note: Chris Calkins is a good friend and past Park Manager at Saylor's Creek Battlefield State Park. Chris made a good argument for the location of the Confederate War Memorial Monument. There are a couple of errors in his text which are based on what was "common" knowledge from 20 years ago. The mass grave story was what I heard when I first joined High Bridge Camp

in 2002. The Cemetery was being used from 1862 through the burning of High Bridge and the "mass grave" legend didn't seem plausible and soldiers were dying in the hospital regularly but not enough to keep a grave pit open. There were no "mass graves" but individual burials. From my research, the bodies were buried in canvas shrouds with a wooden headboard giving their name, rank, unit, and date of death. All had rotted when the community decided to clean up the Cemetery. Around 100 bodies buried in a temporary cemetery behind the hospital and from other burial sites used, after the High Bridge was burned, were moved to the Confederate Cemetery after the Federal troops left Farmville. There remain around 400 graves at the Farmville Confederate Cemetery, all unmarked. *Newsletter Editor*

Confederate Flags

They are the honorable and legitimate symbols of our American history. The banners used by the Army of the Confederate States of America were the last ones flown in defense of the American Declaration of Independence and Constitution. After all, the Declaration states, ***"Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government..."*** The seceding States held legal referendums and followed the orders of secession exercising their legitimate constitutional rights. When New England endeavored to secede in 1803, 1811, 1814 and 1844, their rights to do so were not denied. You see, those men whose treachery executed the Republic knew precisely what they were doing and have relentlessly used the power of the state and its organs to elevate their motive and tarnish the vanquished. Because the victor

writes the history the vanquished are misrepresented and their motives are disparaged, and their bloody sacrifices are tarnished. Humanist Yankees who later embraced Marxism are ever anxious to obliterate any vestige or symbol of Christian America. The objection to those banners is nothing more than an indictment of those institutions entrusted with the serious task of education, higher education and news dissemination. It also is an indication of the power of the state to indoctrinate. Those helpless subjects who object to Confederate Flags only reveal their own level of ignorance and compliance. There is not a single truthful historic reason to excoriate Confederate Flags. Yet, some government parks forbid Confederate Flags to be used by re-enactors, cemetery officials display emotional trauma if a Confederate Flag is placed upon the grave of one who gave his life for it; also parade and event sponsors routinely ban Confederate Flags for fear of offense. Can this truly be the manner in which a Nation whose rich history, honored truth and civilized behavior treats its War Heroes and its history? It is what it is and you are witness to tyrannical propaganda ruthlessly at work.

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A. M. Evans, Newsletter Editor

The Unknown

Alex W. Bealer

Afar from friends who loved him well,
Amid the battle smoke alone,
This well-beloved soldier fell
To sleep throughout the years "unknown."

What loving mother watched for him
With longing eyes and speechless moan?
How many eyes with tears grew dim
Because the soldier died "unknown?"

But God, who watches over all,
Knows well the one beneath this stone;
And when the angel's trumpet shall call,
He shall no longer be "unknown."

From: *Confederate Veteran Magazine*, Vol.
XVI, No. 12, December 1908, Page 662.

If the Farmville Confederate Monument is moved to the Farmville Confederate Cemetery it might be appropriate to attach a plaque with this poem to it making it a "Grave Monument" as well as a War Memorial. *Moffatt Evans, Editor.*

Next Meeting

July 23, 2020

Future Meetings

Aug. 27, 2020

Sept. 24, 2020