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Sons of Confederate Veterans

"DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF OUR SOUTHERN HERITAGE"

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Commander's Corner

Dear Compatriots,

I hope that you and your families are doing well. I hope you all are enjoying the cooler weather as much as I am.

We had a great turn out for the roadside cleanup on Saturday, September 26th. Thanks go out to our ten members and special thanks to our two guests. We picked up ten bags of trash at Marshals Crossroads, then went to the Memorial Flag we raised on 360 and bagged four more there. We had a good morning and got it done in record time.

Our holiday dinner is coming up November 19th. It is always a good time and I hope to see you and your families there. We will discuss the holiday dinner and meeting in more detail at our October 22nd meeting. Until then, you and your families take care and be blessed in these trying times.

One more thing, elections are coming up Tuesday, November 3rd. Please be sure to cast your vote and encourage your friends too.

Respectfully Yours,
Don Reynolds, Commander

This Month's Speaker

Malinda Zachary was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was the youngest child of 4 with 3 older brothers. She was raised in a Christian home and was always taught to serve God, country, and others first. Malinda

graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in education from Oklahoma State University. She taught middle and upper school history, government, civics, political issues, and Civil War History for 13 years. Her goal was to make history come alive and to teach truth that is so often not found in history books. Malinda says, "We are all making history every day...it's so important to learn from the people who walked this earth before us, and leave a legacy for those that will walk on after us."

Malinda currently lives in Amelia, VA and enjoys publishing her podcast, "Keep it Real Parenting" and is the co-owner of Catch His Vibes, an apparel company whose goal is to help support Christian youth organizations across the country.

A Short History Lesson

Just as the War for American Independence of 1776, the War for Southern Independence of 1861 was fought over "taxation without representation." The North was constantly trying to raise taxes on Southerners through high tariffs on imported goods in order to protect the inefficient big businesses in the North. These big businesses could not compete with manufactured goods from England and France with whom the South traded cotton. The South did not have factories and had to import most finished products.

The Industrial Revolution allowed England and France to produce and ship across the Atlantic products that were cheaper than the products of Northern manufacturers. When Lincoln was elected President, he and the U.S. Congress immediately passed the Morrill Tariff (the highest import tax in U.S. history), more than doubling the import tax rate from 20% to 47%. This tax served to bankrupt many Southerners. Though the Southern states represented only about 30% of the U.S. population, they paid 80% of the tariffs collected. Oppressive taxes, denial of the states' rights to govern their states, and an unrepresentative federal government pushed the Southern states to legally withdraw from the Union.

Since the Southerners had escaped the tax by withdrawing from the Union, the only way the North could collect this oppressive tax was to invade the Confederate States and force them at gunpoint back into the Union. It was to collect this import tax to satisfy his Northern industrialist supporters that Abraham Lincoln invaded our South. Slavery was not the issue. Lincoln's war cost the lives of 600,000 to 700,000 Americans. The truth about the Confederate Flag is that it has nothing to do with racism or hate. The Civil War was not fought over slavery or racism.

Why Did The South Secede?

a perspective by A. M. Evans

"When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, 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 to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness." Thomas Jefferson
"Declaration of Independence"

If you read the Declaration of Independence in its entirety, it could, with a very few word changes, have been written to apply to the Southern States secession from the Union. Many of the reasons that Jefferson laid out for the colonies separation from England were applicable to the situations that the Southern States suffered at the hands of the Federal Government.

The most blatant example was "taxation without representation" or in the South's case under representation. The South was an agrarian society based on agriculture and small business. The south's populace was spread between a relatively few large cities, large plantations, small farms, and what we today would call small independent home businesses. What this all boils down to is less dense population in the South than in the North which was industrialized and very densely populated. Since the size of Congress is determined by population and number of states, the South was grossly overpowered by the North in most votes including votes on taxes and tariffs.

According to many figures the South was paying about 80% of the revenues collected by the Federal Government. About 80% of

those revenues were being spent on Northern infrastructure and very little being spent in the South. The Federal Government was behaving much the same as King George the 3rd prior to the revolution. As the old saying goes "you can only kick a dog so many times before he turns and bites you". The Morrill Tariff was the kick that that made the South bite, it raised tariffs from 20% to 47% which bankrupt many small farmers and business men. It would seem that Northern industrialists were dictating the fate of the South through the Federal Government. When Southern states started to secede, Lincoln saw his revenue source drying up and raised an army to crush the "rebellion" as he saw it and bring the Southern states back into the Union. He found that the South's resolve was no mere attempt to get their way as Massachusetts and New York had done earlier in the century to sway Congress to give in to their demands. Mr. Lincoln's War not only destroyed his source of revenue it cost the lives of 700,000 men, women and children from all races. Instead of being deified as the revisionist history books did he should have been tried for war crimes. The South never wanted war but when Lincoln's army invaded they weren't afraid to fight even though many knew that the industrial might and manpower resources of the North put them at a huge disadvantage.

THE TWO WOLVES

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside all people, He said, " My son the battle is between two wolves inside us all. " " One is evil, It is anger, envy ,jealousy , sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego."

"The other is good. It is joy, peace, love , hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

Thee grandson thought about it for a minute, and then asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed." CHEROKEE PROVERB



Five members of the Morris family sworn in at their G G Grandfather's (Private John P. Morris) Grave site. L to R: Zack, Hunter, Wesley, Mathew, Jake. Swearing in are at Left Commander Don Reynolds and at right Adjutant David Easter.



Adopt a Highway L to R: Chris Burks, Fred Bryant, Mark Fathbruckner, Wesley morris, Jake Morris, Hunter Morris, Benji Morris, Whit Morris, Marvin Busic, Don Reynolds, Russell Bryant, David Easter

CONTROLLING HISTORY

This was printed as a Letter to the Editor in a Florida Newspaper several years ago.

Thank goodness that the Confederate Flag has been removed from the South Carolina Capitol. And now they are at last removing monuments from New Orleans.

It is comforting to know that racism will finally be ended by pulling down the flag and removing the Confederate Monuments. Blacks will now be free to live the American dream, free to keep their families together, free to value education, free to support their own children, free to stop murdering one another, free to graduate from high school, free to get married before having babies, free to stop crime in their neighborhoods. Now we will all rest easier knowing that those problems have ceased to exist.

About 6 percent of the people in the South owned slaves. Was the war about slavery or state's rights? It appears that about 13 percent of our population is in control of history.

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1868 Commencement Speech at Davidson College

"Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate ancestors. Make sure they have no reason to be ashamed of you."

Robert Lewis Dabney
Chief of Staff to Stonewall Jackson

Next Meeting

Oct. 22, 2020 7:00 Charley's Café
Guest Speaker: Malinda Zachary
Thomas Jonathan Jackson, the man

Future Meetings

Nov. 19, 2020 6:00 Charley's Café
Guest Speaker: Travis Toombs
Jan. 28, 2021 7:00 Charley's Café
Feb. 25, 2021 7:00 Charley's Café

Upcoming Events

Annual Holiday Dinner 3rd Thursday in
November (Nov. 19th) at Charley's
Jan. 28 2021 Election of Officers