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THE CHARGE GIVEN BY GENERAL STEPHEN D. LEE
 TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!



NOV, 15th & 16th THE HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS GAMES

For the first time at Beauvoir! A huge event featuring live music, Celtic dance workshop, children's games, parade, Scottish vendors, food, men's & women's amateur Scottish heavy athletics competitions, a medieval village and more! In addition, don't miss the Saturday Night Ceilidh (pronounced as you know; Kay-lee)!

“New” Officers elected in October:

Commander: Doug Jefcoat, 1st Lt. Commander: Ronnie Mitchell; 2Lt Commander: Irvin Gatlin; Quartermaster: Billy Langley; Chaplain: Joe Cosper and Adjutant: Cotton Norris. They will be “installed” at the Lee-Jackson Banquet in January.

Hope you enjoy the information in this month’s Dispatch. Next Month: “Attacking the Confederate Flags: An Example of White Northern Hypocrisy” by Joseph Fallon

PRAYER REQUESTS



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED TO PUT SOMEONE ON THE PRAYER LIST.

E-mail: jay_b_good@msn.com or call 601-649-1867 at work.

Our thoughts are with Nancy “*She who must be obeyed*” Ford as she recovers from some recent minor surgery. The thought of Carl without “*adult supervision*” during this time is unsettling. Get well soon Nancy!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOTE CORRECTION IN DATE BELOW!

SERTOMA OF LAUREL CHRISTMAS PARADE SAT. DEC. 6th (Erroneously marked as Dec. 1st in Oct Dispatch)

Although this parade seems to get longer each year it is a great time to fly the colors, shoot some powder and have a good time. We need at least two men with rifles and there needs to be at least two flag bearers. We also need to have someone carrying our banner so everyone knows who we are. Let all along the parade route know that we are the Jones County Rosin Heels - Sons of Confederate Veterans, not just a bunch of guys that get dressed up in *costumes!* If you have a child or grandchildren who are 6 - 7 years of age or older, who can carry a very light weight banner it would greatly help. We also need some lovely ladies marching with the banner carriers. Remember, The larger the contingent, the better it looks.

The parade begins promptly at 10AM. We'll gather in the parking lot of Carl Ford's old office on Rogers Street around 9:00AM.

AFTER PARADE DINNER - MAULDIN COMMUNITY CENTER

This is where the pay off comes from the parade marching. Good food. Remember, the more the merrier. Once again, there is no particular agenda unless someone wishes to speak some words of wisdom. even if that's the case, ain't nobody gonna be listening anyway. We're gonna be too busy gossipin' and eatin'!

CITY OF PETAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Later the same day as Laurel's parade is Petal's. We form about 4 - 4:15 PM in the parking lot where Hudson's is located, and the parade begins at 5 PM. It's a great deal of fun because the people are within just a few feet when you march by them. It is about the same length as Laurel's, but becomes dark not long after we begin and when we fire, the flames from our rifles are really noticeable. It's a fun parade with great response and a good ending to the day.



Defending the Southern Heritage

By Dr. Clyde Wilson*

Many good people have been working in recent years to preserve public acknowledgment and celebration of our Confederate history. Our fights have been largely defensive reactions to the innumerable strokes of our enemies, and most of them have been defeats. Our enemies control most of the “*respectable*” political, religious, educational, business, and media institutions of American society, including nearly all “*Southern*” institutions.

We have lost in part because many defenders of Confederate symbols have not understood the nature of the battle. Southerners are a conservative people. They prefer the traditional to the abstract and are slow to adopt new theories (one of the several characteristics that distinguish them from other inhabitants of the United States). This is a good and healthy virtue, but like all virtues it can, if we are not careful, become a self-defeating rigidity. The conservative philosopher Russell Kirk contrasted mere stand-patter conservatism of the dull-witted or poor in spirit who reject anything new with the true conservatism of an Edmund Burke or a John C. Calhoun who perceived that it was necessary to change in order to conserve because new conditions had created new threats to our patrimony.

Unfortunately, too many spokesmen in the fight for Southern heritage are stand-patters, i.e., dinosaurs on their way to extinction. They are trying to live in a world that they grew up in but which does not exist any more. The world that they grew up in accepted Southerners and Southern heritage as a positive part of America. That world began disappearing a half century ago and is almost gone.

After Reconstruction, which all sensible Northerners came to realize had been a grievous mistake, most Americans, North and South, took the Road to Reunion. Southerners had to agree that they were glad that the Union had been saved and a stronger America had emerged. (They were already genuinely glad of the end of slavery.) For the most part they did this with sincerity and enthusiasm (they had to if they had any hopes of personal success). Southerners became good and loyal members of the new America. They have lived up to that pledge every generation since; in fact have been the most loyal of all Americans and done more than their fair share in every war.

As their part of the bargain, Northerners acknowledged that Southerners had been brave and honorable in their war for independence, and their heroes, like Lee and Jackson, would be celebrated as American heroes. (There were always a few old Yankees around who wanted to exterminate the rebels, and indeed there still are, but they were a minority.) This is why “*The Birth of a Nation*,” creation of D.W. Griffith, son of a Confederate soldier, could be regarded as a national epic at the beginning of the twentieth century. Will Rogers, another

son of a Confederate soldier, was a national institution and he and Shirley Temple and many others portrayed very sympathetic Southern characters in the films of the 1920s and 1930s.

Gone With the Wind, book and movie, was an all-time bestseller in the North as well as the South. Every major male non-Southern Hollywood star in the 1950s and 1960s portrayed a heroic Confederate: Errol Flynn, John Wayne, Clark Gable, Allan Ladd, Charlton Heston, Richard Harris, Montgomery Clift, Henry Fonda, Ronald Reagan, and Richard Widmark, to name just a few. In all his best movies, John Wayne is a Confederate: “*Red River*,” “*The Searchers*,” and “*True Grit*,” the last two based on Southern novels.

Confederate battle flags were seen among American fighting men, in real life and film, during World War II and Korea, and Vietnam. Douglas Southall Freeman’s *R.E. Lee and Lee’s Lieutenants* were celebrated as accounts of American military valor. When President Roosevelt inaugurated the first completed dam of the TVA, he did so on a platform that flew US and Confederate flags.

That world does not exist any more!

Defenders of Southern heritage should stop acting like it does. The people who want to do away with Confederate symbols are not people who will come around when you argue a little historical interpretation with them, or when you point out (as you know to be true) that your forebears were not fighting for slavery, or prove that you are a loyal American whose heart contains no hate and violence.

They do not care! They have no heritage of their own and do not know what a heritage is. They believe in their own self-interest and fashionable abstractions. We do not and will not in the foreseeable future live in a world where Southern heritage will be publicly honored except by us. We live in a regime where Confederate symbols are scheduled for complete obliteration. At present, we can expect no help from our own institutions, the politics of Southern states being dominated primarily by Big Business. (A phone call from the president of Nations Bank or the publisher of a big newspaper carries more weight with any politician than 20,000 Confederates at a rally, or any number of personal visits from earnest citizens. This is a fact.)

The Compromise is broken. Why this happened would take several books to explain. Northern society has periodically gone through fits of fanaticism which have focused upon us. When was the last time you thought about telling people in New York or Seattle what to do? Never! Because it is not a part of our national character as Southerners. But hundreds of thousands of Northerners are thinking about you and about their right to suppress your evil ways. In their fantasy world, which is the only culture of any significance they have, you are the evil obstacle to making the world perfect. They have always been that way.

It has nothing to do with you. It is their problem. It has nothing to do with the South except that the South lies convenient for their aggressions. They cover up their emptiness, hatred, hypocrisy, and insignificance by identifying

you as the Enemy. This is the way Puritans behave when they lose their religion. Our forefathers saw this clearly. It was that kind of society and people that they fought to be free of!

Many of our official defenders have not figured out that the Compromise no longer exists. In a recent legislative election in South Carolina, the leftwing candidate brought out a bevy of veterans and SCV members to publicly condemn the conservative candidate because the conservative candidate was a Southern activist who allegedly would not repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was as if the conservative candidate was one of the spoiled Yankee children who promoted treason in time of war in the 1960s. These good people are too blind to figure out that those 60s traitors are now in power in America and are the ones who are hell-bent on using their power to destroy every last vestige of our Southern heritage and ideal.

This unfortunately represents the attitude of too many flag defenders. One despairs at such blindness. The compatriots I am talking about, however, can be educated. I have seen it done. Democrats and Republicans both, of the ruling establishment, are relying on this kind of stupid “*patriotism*” to kill off challenges to their power. Southern heritage is the first casualty of that power.

WAKE UP! It is not 1945 any more, or even 1975. You can either honor your Southern heritage and preserve your Southern identity, or you can give unthinking obedience to the America of today. You cannot do both without engaging in self-defeating contradiction.

Here are a few suggestions:

Don’t compromise. Compromise is only a defeat and a springboard for another attack. Don’t think that being a good sport will make the other side good sports. Who follows an uncertain trumpet? You will probably lose. But a loss on principle preserves a rallying point. John C. Calhoun says: “(A) *defeat on principle is not an overthrow, while a victory by compromise is a defeat.*”

Be worthy of your ancestors. Don’t be a goody-goody “*American*” humbly begging to be allowed to keep a shred of your heritage. You are a member of a great people who are under attack and have been betrayed by their leaders. It is needed to defend the Southern people here and now and not just the noble Confederate soldier.

Think like a Southerner. We cannot defend just our Confederate forebears, as important as that is. They are but a part of Southern history. Lay claim to all of Southern history and culture, from Captain John Smith and Pocahontas to Dale Earnhardt. To concentrate on Confederate history alone is to concede to the enemy that the Confederacy can be segregated off as an evil episode of slavery and treason. It also plays into the North’s everlasting tendency to claim anything Southern that is good, as “*American*,” that is, non-Southern. George Washington is just as Southern as Robert E. Lee. Thomas Jefferson is just as Southern as Jefferson Davis. Andrew

Jackson is just as Southern as Bedford Forrest. Alvin York, and Audie Murphy, and the Alamo are just as Southern as Stonewall Jackson. Lay claim to all of your heritage!

Avoid argument with the enemy and concentrate on educating yourself and members of our people, especially the young, not forgetting the many Yankees of good will. In Heritage Haters you are dealing with people who send their children to private schools while busing yours and still think they are morally superior to you because they are in favor of busing and you are not. They are not interested in debate or evidence. Remember, they are not attacking your great-grandfather's war: they are attacking you! And, as we learned in the flag fight in South Carolina, this goes double for the academic "experts" in the war era, who are even less interested in evidence and perspective than the ordinary flag hater.

Don't be discouraged. So beautiful and powerful is our heritage that it has taken them decades to cut away as much as they have. It will take some time and hard work to recover lost ground. If you have to argue, turn the tables. The significant factor is the North's motives! They are the ones who invaded us, violating the fundamental American principle of the consent of the governed.

If you must debate, don't make indefensible statements that will be laughed out of court, like the war was not about slavery, most Southerners did not own slaves, and an exaggerated count of black soldiers in the Confederacy. Yes, the war was partly about slavery, though not on their side and not as centrally and in the way that they claim. Counting families, approximately one-fourth of Southerners were owners of domestic servants, almost all of them of a few people who lived and worked closely with the family.

Yes, there were a great many black Confederates who helped sustain the armies and the home front, but not as enrolled soldiers.

Stop supporting federal government wars out of unthinking loyalty. For a long time the US armed forces had a chivalric Southern flavor. They now combine all the worst aspects of bureaucracy, imperialism, graft, affirmative action, and Political Correctness, in an atmosphere of moral depravity.

Cure yourself of Republican party thinking. What further proof is needed that the South and Southerners have nothing to expect from the Republican "conservatives" except payoffs to individuals to betray their people? As the Rev. Robert Lewis Dabney pointed out long ago, the Northern "conservatives," in the entire course of American history have never conserved anything. George W., though raised in Texas, suppressed innocuous Confederate plaques. McCain, though a descendant of Confederates, branded our flag as a hate symbol to be suppressed. The Republican governor of New York banished the Georgia flag.

Shortly after their candidate was elected President, the *Wall Street Journal* and *National Review* published pieces ridiculing Southern conservatives. The message was clear: Give us your votes and shut up!

The worst thing that can happen to the South is to be turned

into an appendage of the bland, principle less elements represented by the Republican party. Think like a Southerner, not like a knee-jerk "conservative." If Jesse Jackson causes a ruckus in Decatur, Illinois, applaud him. You can be sure that if he was making trouble in your town, Decatur, Illinois, would be cheering him on. They just don't want him to bother them.

My standpatter compatriots, if you want to be a good American as defined by the ruling institutions today, forget about your Southern heritage. But most Southerners care for family, place, Christian social order, courage, loyalty, honor—all things besieged in America today. That is, after all, why we love our heritage.

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Note from the interim editor:

George is taking a short sabbatical from the Dispatch and some other duties. This responsibility has fallen on my shoulders as a result.

Therefore you may have noticed a slight "shift" in the overall tone of the newsletter as well as a significant reduction in content.

I welcome all input into the contents and style and if you will e-mail me at jay_b_good@msn.com I will be glad to consider your input.

Letters to the editor are also welcome with comments on just about any subject which you may wish to "chime in" about. This is, after all, your dispatch, not my personal soapbox/stump from which to expound on my own privately held beliefs.

LTC (ret) John C. Cox, MSSG,
General McCain, HQ Camp, SCV
Columbia, TN



The Halloween tour at the Deason Home was well attended. According to Frances Murphy there were 311 visitors which was down from the 400 last year. We're in competition with the Fair and some other things so it's still a respectable number.

Kudos to John Parker and his new cannon which, assisted by Bert King's artillery piece disturbed the neighborhood with repeated volleys! "Dr." Cotton Norris had a great hospital tent display set up and his patient the ever-ready PVT John "Fearless Jack" Musgrove willingly let Cotton operate on him multiple times!

PVT Musgrove in his other persona as a radio personality for Dixie 1570AM WZIK in Bay Springs produced and aired an excellent PSA in advance of the occasion.



October Meeting at "Simply Southern" Laurel

Election of New Officers who will be installed at the Lee-Jackson Banquet in January. Tools for the installation will be rented from Lowe's and McCoy's Building Supply.

Coco reported that the camp has plenty of power and caps at the moment. He pointed out that he is possession of more than \$1,000.00 which is profit from the sale of powder and caps to others etc. He suggested that a separate account be established to hold these funds.

A Motion was made by Joe Cospser that a separate account at Region's bank be created. Motion seconded by Irvin Gatlin: Vote: Motion passed,

A Motion was made that checks be signed by Ronnie and Coco, by Billy Langley seconded by Ronnie Mitchell. Vote: Motion passed.

Motion: No funds from general account may be deposited in the ordnance account made by John Parker seconded by Mike Merritt. Vote: Motion passed

Discussion (funds in Ordnance Account) can funds go other way? Tabled, subject to vote of camp

Treasurer's Report:

Balance last month \$2,186,28

Income: Deason Home \$389.00

Current balance: \$2,575.28 (Note it was calculated that the income from the Deason Home was at the rate of \$15.66 cents per times Doug (Amos McLemore) was shot and had to fall to the floor! Thanks Doug!)



Proclamation of Thanksgiving, by President Jefferson Davis, Confederate States of America

WHEREAS, it hath pleased Almighty God, the Sovereign Disposer of events, to protect and defend us hitherto in our conflicts with our enemies as to be unto them a shield.

And whereas, with grateful thanks we recognize His hand and acknowledge that not unto us, but unto Him, belongeth the victory, and in humble dependence upon His almighty strength, and trusting in the justness of our purpose, we appeal to Him that He may set at naught the efforts of our enemies, and humble them to confusion and shame.

Now therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, in view of impending conflict, do hereby set apart Friday, the 15th day of November, as a

day of national humiliation and prayer, and do hereby invite the reverend clergy and the people of these Confederate States to repair on that day to their homes and usual places of public worship, and to implore blessing of Almighty God upon our people, that he may give us victory over our enemies, preserve our homes and altars from pollution, and secure to us the restoration of peace and prosperity.

Given under hand and seal of the Confederate States at Richmond, this the 31st day of October, year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

By the President,
Jefferson Davis



Re-enactors Revolutionize Grammar!

By Jonah Begone

Along with causing society to rethink its commonplace notions of recreation, re-enactors are also revolutionizing boring, conventional English grammar. One of the oft-quoted motivations re-enactors give for living history is "*to educate the public,*" and one was sanctimoniously quoted as saying, "*When people no longer recognize what this uniform stands for that's the day I weep for America.*" *Physician, heal thyself.* In support of my argument that history buffs be required to attend refresher English courses for spelling, syntax and clarity, I present the following excerpts from newsletters, event flyers, limited edition historical art print ad copy (a particularly good source for overwrought writing) and other reenacting "*literature.*" (My comments in brackets.) None of this is made up - it's all "authentic." I have copied it character for character. You may begin weeping.

"We spoke to you last month about our mailing cost increase. God was really in that also." [So think twice before you criticize the U.S. Postal Service!]

"Indeed, this chaplain had to leave Battalion drill in order to get things ready for services. Thanks be to God for His wisdom!" [...in making sure battalion drill conflicted with services so he could skip out.]

Living History/Re-enactment at Bethel Baptist Church circa 1857 "*First Funeral Service*" for Gen. T.J. Jackson. [I thought he died circa 1863 - was this an 1857 dry-run?]

Georgia - 8th annual Battle of Resaca and Tactical. [The people in Tactical, Georgia always enjoy these...]

"Ya'll really help fill a great void for me when I am at events, as well as others." [As well as other's what? And it's Y'all not Ya'll!]

"I look forward to working with you while we recreate this historical part of American History." [This is better than recreating the historical part of American Proctology, for instance. Information provided by your Reenactor Department of Redundancy Department.]

"No modern vehicles will be allowed to remain in the camp area for more than 15 minutes." [My car prefers square dancing.]

"The use of National or Battle Flags during the battles is at the desecration of the Overall Commanders." [Well, if somebody has to desecrate the flags I guess it's better the commander does it...]

"Admirers of John Pelham held a memorial service at the Kelly's Ford monument erected 10 years ago at the approximate place where Pelham died in 1863 and attended a lunch." [I doubt it. His expiration probably diminished his appetite somewhat]

"Still, for a brief moment, while the nation is split asunder, amid the uncertainties of military life in wartime, two lives are joined in marriage. West Point swords will cross again, and soon, in other more frightening and tragic circumstances." [Than a marriage?]

"The Cashtown area has changed little from the 1863 period." [Just how long was the "1863 period?"]

"One of the things that I hope to eliminate are the typographical errors in each issue. Of course, sometimes a type can be quite humorous." [I'll say! A typo in the word "typo!"]

"Major-General Nathaniel Greene knew that the militia, armed with long-range rifles without bayonets, could not be expected to stand for long in close combat against bayoneted British Regulars and Hessians." [I fail to see why not; the bayoneted guys aren't about to do them any harm.]

"In fact, the ladies programs are pretty extensive as well. The mess will be there." [Either these women aren't tidy or this is a uncharitable way to refer to them.]

"The Dead and dying lay moaning in the trenches." [I doubt it!]

"...to raise funds to purchase a pipe organ for the Chapel, memorializing the memory of the 7th Cavalry." [Memorializing not the men of the 7th Cavalry, but their memory. Another announcement from the Re-enactor Department of Redundancy Department!]

"At dawn on December 13th 1862, the City of Fredericksburg, VA lay in the Rappahannock River Valley, engulfed in a shroud of fog." [The next day the city moved to a different location.]

"I have always been impressed with Joshua Chamberlain and his quality of leadership." [He only had one?]

"Larry Funk has been reenacting since 1878." [And he still isn't burned out!]

"When I learned that no artist had ever painted Lee and Longstreet at Fredericksburg, that was the extra impetus I needed to begin the project." [Enamel for Lee, latex for Longstreet.]

"...the tragic, horrifying, fantastic centerpiece of a tragic, horrifying, fantastic war." [It was like, you know, really awesome, dude!]

"The trenches will be approximately two football fields on each side." [And will be manned by four football teams.]

"He lives the War, because residing in Gettysburg, on land that felt the footfalls of the warriors, it's around him every day." [How does he get around without being shot?]

"...General Robert E. Lee, during the early part of the war at his headquartersquarters..." [Later in the war, due to scarcity of material, Lee's headquarters was forced to relinquish its own designated quarters.]

"The war had taken a vicious turn, as wars will." [Philosophical!]

"...this one lone gun..." [Not two lone guns.]

"We plan a complete military funeral for this gentleman before he leaves to go to Hollywood Cemetery." [Under his own locomotion?]

"I don't have to bag your head against the wall about Batsto." (What?)

"Today's *farbs*" may not be as visually incorrect as their predictors, but they are still in their thoughts and actions." (That's quite clear thank you...I think.)

"And to live history, you've got to be history." [Fine. You start!]



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