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COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Eddie "Spook" Pricer



Another month has come and gone. The heat and the scorched earth from the many wild and out of control fires plaguing our country seem to pale in comparison to the Revisionist, Reconstructionist, and vile hate hoisted upon all things Southern.

Most of the attacks and attempts to erase Southern History emanate from those claiming educational or moral superiority over the masses. Little do they recognize, that the tactics they employ in their effort to erase history are the very same divisive methods that drove the original colonies to declare independence.

Had these zealots taken the opportunity to analyze history and learn the precipitants of the great disasters and conflicts of the past they might not be in such great hurry to eliminate those things they believe to be offensive. What will they think when someone comes along behind them and chooses to erase something they hold dear?

I would wager that those pushing hard to remove the statue of Jefferson Davis at the University of Texas in Austin probably spent

a few dollars from their pockets to forward their campaign. They probably used a few ones and fives, without thinking that Washington had slaves or that Lincoln suspended Habeas Corpus after ordering the arrest of newspaper editors who dared to print ideas contrary to his, without warrant or trial.

History is not a piece of clay. It's not something to be molded into what you want. History is only the factual recitation of events. The removal or erasure of events, monuments, plaques, dedications, etc. doesn't change history, it doesn't make us become friends or sing Kumbaya my Lord.

For the so called intelligent and knowledgeable do-gooders trying to rewrite history, they should take the opportunity to re-read or if they missed it in school, read Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451. Their actions now are working their way toward the burning of the books and anything else deemed by the elite or powerful to be against the common good. Be careful what you wish for, it may, no it will come back to bite you.

Give what you can to Heritage Defense

Color Sergeant Paul Hamilton
1948-2015



Our beloved Paul Hamilton left his earthly bonds Monday August 3rd, 2015 to be with his Savior as he marches on to the Promised Land. Paul touched all who knew him and made them all the better for it. He will be sorely missed.

Paul had what many of us know to be "Command Presence". When he entered a room, a gathering, or hallowed ground, he was immediately visible and his authority felt. Notwithstanding that military bearing, Paul always had a smile, a kind word, and a humorous story to tell. His depth of knowledge and willingness to share all he had learned, made each of us more formidable in our duties to "The Cause".

He invited us into his home and his life. You learned quickly how much he cherished his family and friends. Sitting with him at the lake and gazing upon the trees, the flowers

and the water, you felt just how much he appreciated life.

Paul led us and taught us how to stand tall and protect those things we hold dear. Color Sergeant Paul Hamilton was the commensurate Compatriot in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was the example by which we measured our commitment. His Confederate Ancestors would be proud of him and tell all that he had fulfilled "The Charge". Deo Vendice.

The Guardian

By Phil Davis



The day has come, and I have not looked forward to its arrival. As you know we lost our friend and compatriot, Paul Hamilton. Paul was a Guardian almost from the beginning. He was diligent in the caring and protecting of the final resting place of his selected Confederate Hero.

As I have reported to you many times, upon the death or inability of the Guardian to perform their duties for the final resting

place of a Confederate Hero, the guardianship may be retired, passed on to another SCV member or it can be passed on to a male family member. In Paul's case, our own Compatriot Kim Duffey has requested that Paul's duties be transferred to him. I sent Kim's request out to the Guardian Review Committee and it was unanimously approved. Compatriot Duffey is to be commended for going the extra mile to see that Paul's duties are fulfilled.

I must say it was very hard for me, as this is the first time I have had to transfer a Guardianship. I knew it had to happen someday, but you are never prepared for that time. It does help me to know that the process is working and when it happens, someone will step up and see that a Confederate Hero's final resting place continues to be cared for.

As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and I hope that in some small way I can convince you of its importance in fulfilling "The Charge". We must, now more than ever, show the world that we care about our Southern Heritage and the Valiant Heroes that fought to preserve it. As always I leave you with this question-

Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 1st, at 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Hadden's Sandwich Shop
On the Square, Gilmer, Texas

Cemetery Memorial

There will be a Graveside Dedication at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bettie, Tx. On September 26th at 10 AM. Color Guard members assemble at 9 AM

Order of Confederate Rose

There will be an OCR meeting on September 1st at 6 PM at Hadden's Sandwich Shop

United Daughters of the Confederacy

There will be a meeting of the UDC on September 3rd at 6 PM at the Walking "S" Steakhouse

UPSHURPATRIOTS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.upshurpatriots.org>

- I've added pictures of the Rankin Shelton Grave Dedication as well as all three Days of the Civil War Weekend at Jefferson, Texas..

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: Joe.Reynolds@upshurpatriots.org and I promise to give it my full consideration.



Our Charge...

"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."

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*

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Dues Renewal

It's that time again. Most of you will have received your dues invoice within the last few weeks. Several of our newest members paid the prorated amount and will not receive an invoice as they have paid through July 2015. Second Lieutenant Commander Don Loyd is now in charge of recruiting and retention and as such he will be reminding each of you the importance and necessity for dues payment, along with the timely response. Please remit your dues payment to Adjutant Rickie Gipson as soon as possible. If you are a bit of a foot dragger, don't be surprised to receive a reminder call or letter. Also, additional donations may be made to help fund several other ongoing projects. Please give generously as these are worthwhile endeavors. Remember, your dues and gifts are deductible. We are a qualified 501.C.3 tax exempt organization.

Famous Confederate Quotes

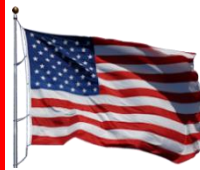
From the American Revival

"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known

all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again."

Jefferson Davis

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.

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Learning To Respect Others

Proverbs 25:6

"Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men."

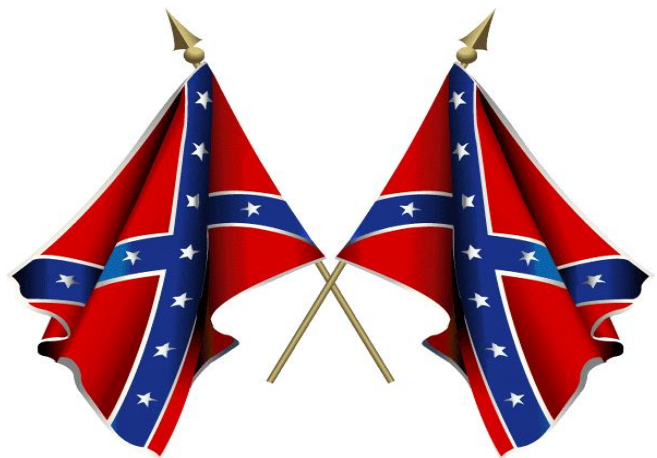
We have a great camp, and an honorable camp. A camp dedicated with respect for all peoples. This virtue is commendable: worthy of high praise. As we conduct ourselves before each other, consider carrying this same course of action, and speech, to the mainstream of humanity.

Let's start with higher offices. We must respect every office that is higher than what we occupy. Do not force your presence into the Commanders office, Adjutant, Judge

Advocate, Color Sergeant, 1st Lt, Quartermaster, etc., including any office outside the camp. It is better not to claim a prominent seat that is not ours. It is best to wait until we are called forward, or upward. Great men have their place; do not stand there.

This applies to parking spaces designated for someone important. Do not go there, even though a major inconvenience is involved. It is far better to walk a little distance than to be told to "crank it up and move it." Trust me on this one. There are other areas available needing common courtesy. Learning to be considerate of others will go a long way in learning to respect every one we meet.

Jamie Eitson
Camp Chaplain



Quotable Politicians

The Democratic Party – Past and Present

“One man with courage makes a majority” – President Andrew Jackson

“The only thing to fear is fear itself” – President Franklin D. Roosevelt

“The buck stops here” – President Harry S. Truman

“Ask not what your country can do for you: ask what you can do for your country” – President John F. Kennedy

Once there were great thinkers and orators, now not so much.

“What difference does it make?” – Secretary Of State Hillary R. Clinton

“Paying taxes is voluntary” – Senator Harry Reid

“You don’t need God anymore: you have us democrats” – Representative Nancy Pelosi

“I have campaigned in all 57 States” – President Barack Obama

Newsletter Editor Change By Eddie Pricer

We have a new Editor for the Patriot Periodical, our Camp Newsletter. Compatriot David Palmer has accepted the position of Editor and we are looking forward to the continued success of our renowned and acclaimed document and purveyor of essays.

I made that part up about the renowned and acclaimed bit, but it is a superior publication and we have received numerous compliments on its content and design. Please give Joe Reynolds a hearty thanks when you see him for all he has done to advance this Camp into the digital age.

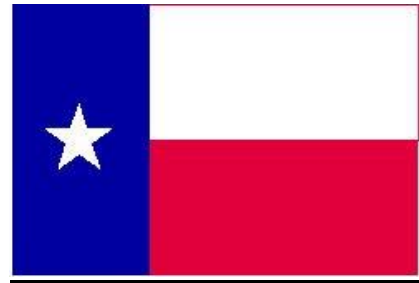
David has begun his duties and assembled the September newsletter. Please bear with us as we work through the transition and strive to make the Patriots Periodical better than ever. If you submit items for print (text or photo), please send them in as soon as possible over the next few issues to allow David more time as he settles in to his new job and acclimates himself to the format.





FROM YOUR EDITOR

Just a reminder, our Texas Hunting & Fishing Licenses expired at midnight on August 31. Let's be sure and purchase our new ones before heading out to the woods and lakes. And most of all, let's be safe and considerate of other hunters and fishermen.



Please remember to donate canned goods and non-perishable items for our Christmas boxes. Your donations can help a needy family have a better Christmas.

A Thought From Your Editor:

As you are aware, we have come under tremendous assault in the recent past. Attempts are being made everyday to change and censor our history, symbols and heritage. I found this poem recently and I feel that it speaks volumes.

**The Flag My Grandpa Knew**

by Ronnie Hatfield

I remember how, each morning, he'd rise
before us all,
and I'd hear his muffled footsteps, as he
padded down the hall.
The many years he'd labored, had left his
body bend and gray,
but Grandpa had a reason, for getting up
each day.
A well-worn box sat on a shelf, beside his
rocking chair,
I don't know where it came from, seems it
always had been there.
Inside the box, a tattered cloth, of crimson,
blue, and white,
and he'd gaze at it each morning, with tears
that dimmed his sight.
On special days, he raised it still, on the
pole outside our door,
and he'd tell us kids, in reverent tones what

that tattered cloth stood for.

"The red reminds me of the Wheatfield,
where Pickett's men were slain,
when seven thousand good men fell, amidst
the bloodied grain."

"The blue, I guess, brings back to mind, the
loneliness and cold,
of a Shenandoah winter, a thousand miles
from home."

"And the pure white stars, well they're
generals, for Jackson, Stuart, and Bee,
and that big one in the middle there, is for
Robert Edward Lee!"

"Each bullet hole is a battle won, each tear
is a comrade lost,
each stain is for a wounded friend, who
paid the final cost."

O! Grandpa must have loved that flag, he
stayed near it every day,
and so Grandpa took it with him, when he
finally passed away.

And if there's a flagpole up in heaven,
there's no tear in Grandpa's eye,
cause I know he's back in uniform, and his
beloved flag flies high!

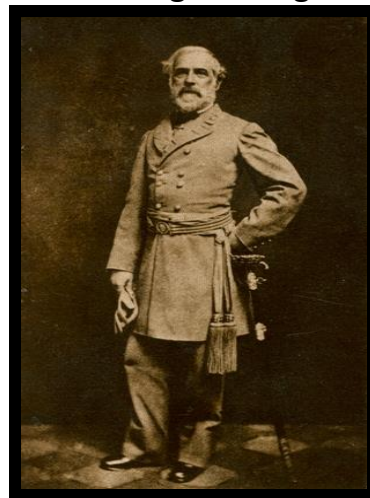


Photo Gallery

Photos by: D. Palmer

Less than a ½ mile downriver from the Jefferson, Texas boat ramp lies the Jefferson Powder Magazine. The Magazine was built in 1863 and is 90 percent original. It is directly associated with the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederate States of America. This is a one of a kind site and is an easy and pleasant boat ride.

