



Rebel Underground

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Major John C. Hutto Camp # 443
Jasper, Alabama

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Meeting Notice - Sunday, 19 May - 2:30 PM
First Methodist Church, Jasper, Alabama
Guest Speaker - Senator Greg Reed



On 21 April 2013 The Major John C. Hutto Camp held a memorial Service honoring approximately 1900 Confederate Soldiers who served their country in the War for Southern Independence. The Camp also honored their former Camp Commander Leonard R. Wilson who died on 04 April 2013. Mr. Wilson was the former Alabama Division Commander and long time Commander of the Hutto Camp.

A huge crowd of Walker County citizens gathered on Jasper Square in front of the Confederate Monument to observe the Confederacy in action.

During the memorial service the crowd heard special musical numbers from Sulligent Camp #1888 Cmdr. Jim Stokes. The Honorable Ken Guin was the featured speaker for the event who spoke on some of the early history of Walker County.

President Bonnie Englebert and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Jefferson Lovell Chapter #2575 laid a flower wreath in the shape of a Confederate Flag on the Confederate Monument. The memorial service ended with a rifle company salute to our Confederate Veterans led by 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Prescott, and Matt Medders playing "Taps."

The memorial service was enjoyed by all attendees. The special memorial service is part of the 150 year, Sesquicentennial Celebration marking the end of hostilities between Lincoln's invading U.S. troops and the Confederate States of America during the War for Southern Independence.



David C. Ganey Memorial Service and Gravestone dedication on 17 March 2013 at the Flatwoods Cemetery off Nauvoo Road in Carbon Hill, Alabama. Pvt. Ganey served in Co. K, 56 Ala. Part. Rangers. Eulogy was delivered by Hutto Camp compatriot Henry Ganey.

In the picture is Pvt. Ganey's great-great-grandson Dale Ganey of Arley and great-grandson Henry Boyd Ganey of Carbon Hill.

Tribute to Commander Leonard Wilson by Faye Gaston



I attended the funeral of Leonard Wilson in Carbon Hill and the grave side service in Jasper. He was to be the speaker at my UDC chapter meeting on April 3 on the contributions made by UDC to Confederate Memorial Park.

Tyrone Crowley phoned me to let me know Leonard had been admitted to the hospital and had given Tyrone information and a joke to tell so he could substitute for Leonard. The joke was one Leonard told at the Grand Opening of the museum at Confederate Memorial Park.

It was fitting that Tyrone substitute for him. Tyrone portrayed Confederate President Jefferson Davis in the program at the Capitol in Montgomery for the beginning of the Sesquicentennial observance of the War.

Then the computer was lit up with the announcement that Leonard had died! I was so impressed that as sick as he was, he attended to his promise to provide a program to my chapter.

Also, as a result, Tyrone later copied many pages of information on the contributions of the UDC to Confederate Memorial Park and mailed them to me for our chapter files. I will be sure our UDC Alabama Division President gets copies.

Leonard had mailed me the "Rebel Underground" for years as its editor, He surprised me with a SCV Certificate of Appreciation of my work in preserving Southern heritage. This is a treasure.

Our chapter donated three memorial books to the library at Confederate Memorial Park where he was a volunteer. Bill Rambo, Site Director of the park, was present at the funeral, as was a host of SCV members. Leonard was a constable and a group of constables were in attendance.

It was worth the long drive to hear him honored for so many accomplishments. Several men spoke, including the Alabama Division SCV Commander, Gary Carlyle. Dr. Charles Baker, who has sold books at UDC Alabama Division conventions for years was the minister and read much Scripture concerning the Resurrection.

A lady, dressed in 1860's attire, sang a solo of "Amazing Grace". The congregation sang two hymns without musical instruments, and the voices of the crowd were absolutely beautiful, filling this Church of Christ.

The only flag at the front of the church was the Confederate battle flag. There was the rifle salute by a line of SCV members at the grave side service in Jasper.

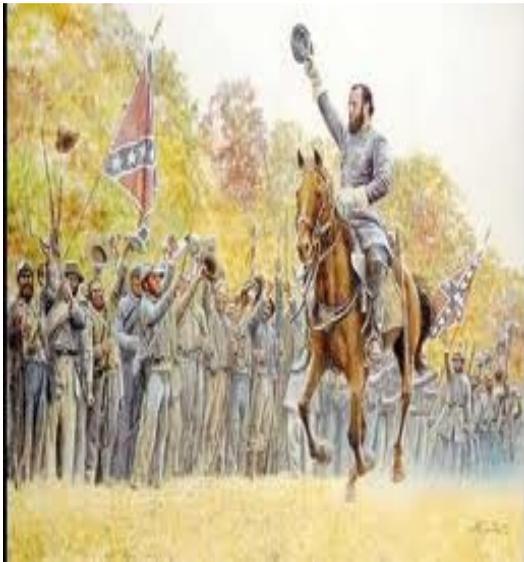
The last time I saw Leonard he was seated on the Capitol steps in January at the SCV program honoring the birthday of General Robert E. Lee.

Leonard Wilson was honored for his lifetime of accomplishments in several categories, but foremost was his service through the SCV.

And the Lord God was honored with a powerful worship service.

Faye Gaston President,
UDC Cradle of the Confederacy Chapter No. 94, Montgomery, Alabama
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Chaplain, UDC Jefferson Davis District
Chaplain, UDC Alabama Division Great Granddaughters Club

This Month in the Un-Civil War: Death of Stonewall Jackson



Only 39 years old when he died, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson was born in Virginia, attended West Point, fought in the Mexican War, and was already a Confederate brigadier general at the Battle of Manassas, the first major battle of the Civil War. It was there that he received his nickname when General Bernard E. Bee supposedly said, "There is Jackson standing like a stone wall."

Stonewall Jackson was mortally wounded by friendly fire on May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville. Troops from North Carolina mistook the small group of men Jackson was scouting with for Union soldiers. He was shot three times and lost his left arm that night. He died of pneumonia a week later, on May 10, 1863.

**Cannon Crew
St. Clair Camp #308
Crooked Creek Museum
20 April 2013**



**Hutto Camp
Cadet Muster
Crooked Creek Museum
20 April 2013**

Confederate flag flies over Palestine

Apr 13, 2013

By Shaley Sanders

Palestine, Texas



A new park in Palestine has created a lot of controversy and on Saturday, opposition protested its grand opening.

On Saturday morning, the Sons of Confederate Veterans hosted a parade and ceremony to officially open the "Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza". It is a park that honors confederate veterans from the Civil War.

However, members of the NAACP said the Confederate flag that flies over the park is offensive.

"It's a flag that many of our ancestors fought under. It's a special flag to us because it was extremely special to them," said Doug Smith, Adjutant/Treasurer of the John H. Reagan Camp.

However, the flag that now flies high over park is offensive to others in the Palestine community. So much so, that the president of Palestine's NAACP organized a rally. People came from all over Texas to show their support.

"I don't think you have to be a part of the NAACP to find offense to that flag," said Branden Johnson, President of the Longview NAACP.

Kenneth Davidson is President of Palestine's NAACP and said the flag symbolizes, "hatred, depression, oppression, slavery, and it's nothing but division."

Sam Allen spoke at the ceremony in support of the park's opening and said the

opposition's anger over the flag is misplaced.

"There's some people who represent racism, the people here, at least the ones I've met, and I've been associated with the Sons of Confederacy for the last 15 years [are] not about that. They talk about history, they talk about heritage. Not racism or anything else," Allen said.

Both groups met after the ceremony to discuss their difference, however the only thing they did agree on is that they need to talk behind closed doors. An officer actually volunteered to be a mediator between the two parties who say they wanted to handle this peacefully.

"The NAACP is not going to be a violent rally. If you are going to be violent, you don't need to be with us," Davidson said.

"We're just going to have to agree on some issues and disagree on the others and try to move on from there, and that's what we are going to try to do. As Americans, as Texans, as residents of Anderson County, there will always be many, many more issues that unite us than divide us," Smith said.

Museum of the Confederacy

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Over the weekend, The Museum of the Confederacy celebrated the one year anniversary of refusing to fly a Confederate Flag on the grounds of its Appomattox museum, and recently announced that Ulysses S. Grant was voted "Person of the Year" for 1863 at its symposium...

"Appomattox is a metaphor for the reunification of the country," Museum of the Confederacy director Waite Rawls told the Richmond Times-



Dispatch. “To put the Confederate flag into that display would be a historical untruth.”

"Who would Time have selected as the Person of the Year 1863? The Museum of the Confederacy and the Library of Virginia considered that question by inviting five historians to nominate someone for the title. Before the audience cast their votes for Person of the Year 1863, each historian presented an argument for their nominee and responded to questions from the audience.

The audience voted Ulysses S. Grant as Person of the Year 1863.

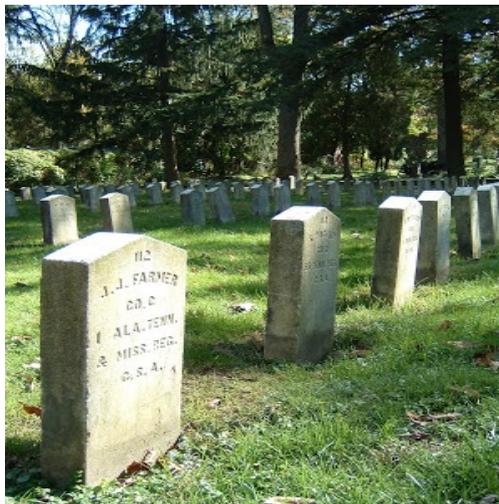
Professor Edward Ayers nominated U.S. Colored Troops; Professor Joseph Glatthaar nominated Ulysses S. Grant; Historian Robert Krick nominated “Stonewall” Jackson; Professor Thomas Sebrell nominated John Russell; and Professor Jennifer Weber nominated Clement Vallandigham.

Civil War Times - June 2013 Far From Dixie

Craig Swain's interesting article on Island No. 10 [in the April issue] described the fate of Island No. 10, but not its defenders.

The captured Confederates, mostly from Alabama and Tennessee, were sent by train to Camp Randall in Madison, Wis. More than 1,000 were there by June. Most were sent south, then paroled and exchanged near Vicksburg later that summer.

About 145, however, remained in Madison forever. These men are buried in the well-tended Confederate plot in Forrest Hill Cemetery. Note that you can no longer visit Camp Randall. The site is now home to the University of Wisconsin's 80,321 seat football stadium. - Gordon Berg, Greenbelt, Md.



Virginia's Museum of Fine Arts

By: Susan Frise Hathaway

Twenty years after Gen. Robert E. Lee rode into Appomattox and surrendered his tattered army, ending the War Between the States, a memorial chapel was built in Richmond in memory of the 260,000 Confederate soldiers who died during the conflict.

The Pelham Chapel -- Confederate War Memorial is designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S., and has been granted Confederate Monument status by the Commonwealth of Virginia.



The organ in the chapel was donated by a group of Union veterans from Lynn, Mass. One of the contributors to the soldiers' home that surrounded the chapel was Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. And a Union private from Massachusetts donated his annual pension to support the home.

Confederate flags had flown over the grounds since the opening of the Old Soldiers Home in 1885.

Those flags did not trouble the Union soldiers who donated the organ to the chapel; nor did they trouble Ulysses S. Grant. They were placed there by Confederate Veterans, to memorialize the

Confederate dead, and honor the living.

Fast forward 150 years...on the eve of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the War Between the States, June 1st, 2010, Confederate Battle Flags were forcibly removed from the Confederate War Memorial by a restriction in the lease renewal, at the insistence of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

This is in direct violation of Virginia law, which clearly states: "it shall be unlawful for the authorities of the locality, or any other person or persons, to disturb or interfere with any monuments or memorials so erected, or to prevent its citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation and care of same.

As citizens of Virginia and descendants of Confederate soldiers who gallantly answered Virginia's call to defend her, we demand that the VMFA remove these blatantly prejudicial restrictions and allow the Confederate Battle Flags to once again fly on the Confederate War Memorial.

“Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction.

It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people.

Those who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again.”

Ronald Reagan

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2nd Lt. Cmd.	Brandon Prescott
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