

# Captain Andrew T. Harllee's



## Dispatch



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### Engraved in Confederate Stone

“Fate denied them victory, but crowned them with glorious immortality.”

#### The Klan at Gettysburg

The KKK is planning a protest and demonstration at Gettysburg's battlefield from 1 till 4 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of next month. They are laying claim to be the Confederate soldiers descendants, saying that they are the “ghosts of the Confederacy.” The NAACP and the news media are feeling pretty good about this notion of the Klan. Further, the SCV does not seem to be making a strong stand in opposition to this rally. The SCV has issued a statement, but National has not tried to organize a protest to this act of poor taste. It might just be that the Sons of Confederate Veterans needs to take on the Klan as another enemy of our noble Confederate Veterans. They, along with other racial groups have given our organization and our Southern symbols a negative view in the eyes of this country. We repeat the Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans at each meeting. Contained in that charge is, “the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name.” We need to be busy doing just that.

### NOTICE!!!

#### To all Camp Members!!

At the upcoming meeting August 17<sup>th</sup>, it is very critical that you attend. There has been a proposal to change the bi-laws of the Camp. Compatriot and Adjutant/Treasurer Kevin Daniels is proposing a change to Article VII, Section 1 of the bi-laws concerning the limit of two consecutive terms for Camp officers. The proposed amendment would change the wording of this section to allow officers to serve unlimited terms as long they are still elected by the membership every two years. Each member should be receiving a letter in the U.S. Mail from Kevin with an explanation of this proposed change. It is most important that each member of the Camp have an opportunity to express his desire to change the bi-laws or leave them as they are. This Camp does not belong to one of us—it belongs to all of us. Think about this and come to the meeting prepared to help make a decision that could affect this Camp for many years to come. Your thoughts concerning this proposed change are needed to insure we do the right thing.

### Confederate Flag no Longer a Sign of Heritage



The picture on the left is the Confederate dead at Antietam. Now, some say that the Confederate flag is no longer a sign of heritage. The other picture shown is Confederate



dead along the Hagerstown Pike. Still, some are now saying that the Confederate flag is no longer a sign of heritage. Tell that to the ancestors of the men shown lying lifeless in these pictures.

Tell that to the ancestors of the others who gave their life fighting for the Cause. Tell that to the ancestors of those who died in Yankee prisons where the Confederate soldier was totally abused and starved until he had no choice but to yield his patriotic soul to the grand reaper. Tell that to the ancestors of those who were able to survive those prisons, diseased, and were only a skeleton covered with skin. Tell that to the ancestors of those Confederate soldiers whose bodies were mangled, those without arms or legs, or were deformed beyond recognition because of wounds received during battle. Tell that to the ancestors of those who marched through snow without shoes on their feet, half starved and half naked to meet the aggressor of his homeland. Tell that to the ancestors of those brave soldiers of the Confederate army who stood against all odds, knowing that his equipment was inferior to that of the opposition, who knew that his supplies were slow on arriving, who knew that he was outnumbered sometimes as much as five to one. Tell that to the ancestors of those soldiers whose wife, mother or children were left at home to try and survive without his companionship and guidance. Tell that to the ancestors of those women and children whose only crime was being the wife, mother or child of a Confederate soldier when Sherman raided the South destroying everything in his path because of his hatred of the South, and especially of South Carolina. At least one of those who claim that the Confederate flag is no longer a sign of heritage says that those of us who wave that flag to honor our southern heritage, or that of our ancestors, is either confused, naive, or an idiot—or, more than likely, a combination of all three. This anti-Confederate also says that those of us who

would say that the flag doesn't represent hate—that it is part of our heritage, that "MY great grandpappy died fighting for that flag." He says, "Well good for him—your great grandpappy was a racist." This guy is named Charlie Turner; he is a Miami University journalism student working as intern writer for the Oxford Press this summer. Oh, he has one more piece of advice for us. "The next time you're thinking about slapping a Confederate flag on the tail of your car, maybe you should take it all the way. I mean, why stop there? You could hang your Klan hood from the rear view mirror and maybe even sport a chromed out burning cross hood ornament. But then again, the South lost—so get over it." Well—Mr. journalism student—I'll be willing to bet we've got some advice for you too! But you're probably too politically correct to accept it.

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## **Confederate Flag Doesn't Belong...**

[Editor]

The Confederate flag doesn't belong anywhere according to some, and those who use their freedom of expression to fly the flag signal their racist sympathies to the world. Let me tell you about such a fellow. His name is Ronald Walters and he is a professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland. He chooses his words very carefully to describe his feelings about the Confederate flag. He said, "I think the flag is a symbol of the most terroristic and oppressive period in the history of black people in America. It brings back memories of the pain and the degradation of our people. What's important about that is what was done, the culture, the civilization that meted out the most brutal punishment of the people you could imagine, and so that is what that flag means to most black Americans." He thinks that those of us who defend that banner from the 'ugliest' chapter in our nation's past have allowed it to be embraced and used by racist groups like the Ku Klux Klan—until it has become offensive to most enlightened Americans and synonymous with racism and intolerance. He was quite upset that the Confederate flag was displayed repeatedly at the Butler County fair. The flag is an insulting symbol, seen in the form of hats, T-shirts, belt buckles, and even a Confederate flag used as a horse saddle. He went on to complain that booths at the fairgrounds have their share of Confederate merchandise, too, including games where people can win large Confederate flags to small mirrors bearing the Confederate flag. Then he had to insert a slur, "What? No coffee mugs with swastikas or Osama bin Laden T-shirts? Of course this professor with diarrhea of the mouth couldn't stop with that. He finds this practice of allowing Confederate emblems of any kind to be offensive and intolerable, especially at an event intended for families and the general public, and believes that it gives the good people of Butler County a black eye. He even thinks that fairgoers should exercise better judgment than wearing apparel patently designed to offend; likewise, fair organizers should be sensitive to the atmosphere of intolerance that they're permitting. Even outside the fair, he finds it equally offensive when 'we' spot the image of a Confederate flag on a vehicle, or a flag hanging in a window as a drapery, or – worse— flying from someone's flagpole! Of course he believes in freedom of expression, no mater how repugnant the message. However, he does add that if you want to signal your racist sympathies to the world, that's your business. He still thinks that there is no excuse to allow this to continue at a public event like 'our' county fair, which is

supported by many respectable and well-meaning businesses and sponsors. Fair organizers, according to this offended idiot, should take steps to ensure that all future fairs are free of symbols that represent hatred, ignorance, intolerance and racism. And if they don't, 'we' should urge county officials to take the question out of the fair boards hands. Now fellers, when an educated black racist such as this 'gentleman' begins to squeal like a hungry pig, people seem to listen. Some one had to give him an opportunity to say his piece, or we wouldn't be reading it. There are a few observations about this little editorial that gives the impression that this clown went to the fair, not to have fun with his family, but to criticize everything that he saw so that he could stand on his "we have been oppressed, and you owe me" soapbox, in order to make some noise and get attention. His entire editorial was offensive to me personally, but I'll bet he doesn't care. How he compares the flag of my ancestors to terrorist offends me, but I bet he doesn't care. When he accuses those of us who cherish that flag as a part of our heritage and history of allowing that flag to be embraced by racist groups, I am offended. The same crowd uses the American flag, and I can't control that either. But, I bet he doesn't care. When he calls the Confederate symbol on hats, t-shirts and belt buckles insulting, I am offended, but I bet he doesn't care. When he calls our Confederate bumper stickers and the flying of Confederate flags on our personal flagpoles 'repugnant', I am offended, but I bet he doesn't care. When he says our Confederate symbols represent hatred, ignorance, intolerance and racism, I am offended, but I bet he doesn't care. When I see him constantly using the word intolerance, I find that this word describes him very well. Shucks, I also find many other words he uses that fit his demeanor. Let's start from the top—terroristic, racist, intolerance, insulting, offensive, intolerable, repugnant, hate and ignorance—darn, that seems to describe this professor pretty good from my viewpoint. But I'm sure he doesn't care. Its just too bad that someone who has enough education to become a professor at a respectable university uses a simple word such as 'tolerance', yet has no clue as to its real meaning. But—then again, he probably doesn't care.

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## **August Meeting**

August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the meeting will begin. Of course don't forget to be at the American Legion building by 6:30 for the evening meal. Compatriot and Rev. John Bumgardner will be in charge of the meal. Let's turn out and see if Bro. John can cook as well as he can preach! Fellowship is important as we partake of the meal, but we need to understand that the real purpose of these meetings is to honor our Confederate ancestors. As you can see by a couple of the articles in this newsletter, we are still under attack and our ancestor's symbols are as well. It is necessary for the descendants of these Confederate soldiers to come together and learn together, those things that will help us understand their noble sacrifices and the Cause for which they fought. It is necessary so that we might not only quote the Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, but that we might also live the Charge. Hope to see you Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> so that we may honor our Confederate ancestors together.

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## The Sign is Back!



This sign has bounced around more than a politically correct bad check. It may get more exposure on I-95, but the purpose of the sign was to get the attention of race fans near the Darlington raceway, maybe the effect will still be good. Once again, our symbols have been given the boogey man effect. At the time of the writing of this article, a news conference is planned to address the wrong committed against the SCV and our symbols. We have to take a stand and fight for what we know to be right. We have to take a stand for the honor of our ancestors who fought under this flag. We have to take a stand for our own honor and our symbols.

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## Time to Take Down that Flag

This whole newsletter seems to have one story after another where our symbols or we are under attack. This story is no different. Ken Burger of the "Post and Courier" states that there is a time and place for everything, and that time has come for the state of South Carolina. "After years of flying the Confederate flag in the face of the world to show everybody how defiant we are, it's time to reconcile and move on." Now, I want to interject a word or two of my own as we proceed through this story, so I'll underline my comments. Mr. Burger, what makes your opinion the only opinion? Who says that the Confederate flag is flying to show how defiant we are? You say it is time to reconcile and move on? In order to reconcile, there has to be more than one party, and we all know that this is not just reconciliation. What you really want is for us to lie down and die a very quick death. But, that ain't a gonna happen! Then Mr. Burger tells us why we should remove the Confederate flag. "Because it's going to continue to cost us money and a whole lot more. Our dignity." Quite frankly, Mr. Burger, I don't think you have any dignity. For, if you did, you would not sound like a blundering Yankee. It seems that you are most concerned about the money issue. A man of dignity stands on principles, stands on honor and self-respect. Mr. Burger admits that the flag was removed from the Statehouse dome a few years back and placed on the lawn of the state capitol in a legislative compromise. He also makes a point that the Palmetto State has been trying to ignore a tourism boycott initiated by the NAACP. He also recognizes that the impact of the boycott has been minimal. Except when it comes to the NCAA. "The rulers of college athletics have denied us lucrative college basketball regionals and other events as long as the flag flies. Most recently, the flag issue killed a proposal to bring a college bowl game to the Lowcountry. Folks at the Citadel would someday like to host the I-AA football playoffs once Johnson Hagood Stadium is renovated. But that won't be

possible because of the flag." Again, Mr. Burger has it all wrong. We have not been denied regional basketball events, or has a college bowl game been denied, or future football playoffs at the Citadel because of the flag. The reason all of this not happening is because the NAACP and the NCAA is holding the State of South Carolina hostage. They are both holding the state hostage because they have a hostile and militant attitude in that they will not tolerate anyone opposing their views or their opinions. They and Mr. Burger seem to forget the compromise reached. The flag was not just removed from the dome to the lawn; it is place by the Confederate Monument on the lawn of the State Capitol Building. Another part of the compromise was that a monument to the African-Americans was to be placed on the lawn. This was also complied with, if the flag should ever be removed, then so should this monument. They all want to compromise the compromise—now that just seems silly. Those who have made the word 'tolerance' so common to us, doesn't seem to know how to use it.

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## The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Sons,

I hope you have had a rewarding summer. The lazy days of summer perhaps were too lazy for me since I did not prepare an installment for last months July newsletter. I hope you missed "the corner" and I hope I don't miss preparing another installment. Another school year is starting which brings on fall football. It also means that very hot summer will soon be behind us. As I've driven to and fro for my work, I saw a church sign that read "If you think it's too hot now you better think about turning your life over to Jesus." Hell is a very real place. In the New Testament it is referred to as the lake of fire. I hope all of you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If you are ready, then pray this sinner's prayer with me. "Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, have mercy on me and forgive me. I am a sinner and am unworthy of the crumbs under your table. I believe in Jesus Christ and believe he died on the cross to save me from my sins. Write my name in the Book of Life that I may have everlasting life with you and all the other saints who preceded me in heaven. Amen." It is that simple to prepare yourself to walk in God's love and may the peace that passes all understanding be with you the rest of your life. Finally, I leave you with this blessing. Ever living God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: inspire our witness to him, that each person that we meet may know the power of His love and forgiveness and the hope of His resurrection. God loves you and I love you and I pray for you and Camp 2010 that our fellowship will grow and continue in God's will.

In Jesus name,

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