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The Lowest of the Low and the Best of the Rest

We have discussed several times at our meetings how the old Locke-McDaniel-McLellan Cemetery has been vandalized and what we need to do in order to restore it as much as possible. The middle of last month, we received word that the Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond Virginia has also been the recipient of vandalism by a bunch of worthless, sick varmints who pleased themselves by reaping destruction there. Among the destructive acts committed by this worthless group was the vandalism of the gravesite of Lt. Duncan Campbell Stafford. If you recall, last year, our Harllee Guard made a trip to Richmond to help in a ceremony dedicated to the restoration of the gravesite of Lt. Stafford. Lt. Stafford was a native of Little Rock, S. C. and served under Captain Andrew Harllee in the 8th S.C. Volunteers. Now, seven months later, it has been the target of scumbags, who apparently don't have any kind of life at all and get their pleasure from destroying the final resting places and the memorials dedicated to citizens very worthy of remembrance—unlike these hoodlums. Some of the good news from Richmond is that although these less than human dimwits broke Lt. Stafford's grave marker, the city of Richmond has now repaired it. SCV member and former Dillon Camp member Bob Jones was just in Richmond and took a picture of the gravesite. The picture showed the repair of the marker and gave the impression that the newly erected iron fence had not been damaged. Bob also took a picture of a bronze plaque that had been placed on the fence surrounding Lt.



Stafford's grave. This is a very good addition to all the other improvements that have been made to this grave of one South Carolina and Dillon County's fallen

heroes of that War. It was not revealed as to who had placed this plaque there, but it is placed there in perfectly good taste. Now, getting back to the local cemetery where some of the other settlers of this county are buried. The vandals who have

continued to play havoc at the old Locke-McDaniel-McLellan Cemetery must have been surprised if they have been back there since the first of this month. About a dozen of our compatriots went to the cemetery on the 23rd of June and worked their hearts out trying to erect the grave markers that have been turned over. There are plans to continue working there until all of the broken markers have been repaired and placed in their proper places. Even more good news came when it was learned that on the 29th of June, the County had gone to the area and cleaned up all of the trash that had been dumped around the cemetery. This cemetery and its surroundings look fantastic! Members of the Camp, "Keep up the good work." We should also take an opportunity to thank our County Council for having this area cleaned. Of course it doesn't end here. There is still a lot of work to do at this cemetery and there are many other cemeteries in this county where some of the best men and their families that this State has every produced are buried. We owe it to them to at least allow their final resting place to be a place that is presentable. It is the least we can do to show our appreciation for the heritage that they so proudly earned and presented to us who are alive and able to enjoy it today. It is good to know that when the lowest of the low show their ignorance, inhumanity and evil works, that is when the best of the rest show up to try and make right the destruction of the enemy—and they are the enemy!

Excitement on April 18, 1861

When the mail arrived in our village on Monday night, bringing the intelligence that Fort Sumter had fallen, the wildest enthusiasm broke forth among our people, and huzzars and congratulations and rejoicings were the order of the hour. The bells rang out a merry peal and the "Rifles" (Riley's Rifles) fired several volleys in honor of the event. We have never witnessed an excitement more general and intense than has prevailed in our midst since the news was received. It indicates in the most unmistakable manner that the sympathies of our people are exclusively with the South. ["St. Mary's Beacon" St. Mary's County Maryland]

Citizens Arrested!

We know that Mr. Lincoln's "mafia" had imprisoned the entire legislature of the State of Maryland. We know that he had

newspapers shut down and those editors who opposed his anti-Southern views arrested. Much of this took place in the early part of the War, but as late as 1864, this practice continued. Remarks are made today about terrorism coming to this country. It is quite obvious that Mr. Lincoln perfected this type of policy many years ago before this term became popular. In the latter years of the war, this is an example of a few of the arrests he or his "mafia" made late in the war. January 14, 1864 – Dr. Henry C Edelen of this village was arrested by the military authorities on Monday morning last and carried to Point Lookout. Mr. C. C. Spalding of Choptico and John Mattingly of Leonardtown also were arrested. January 21, 1864 – Three persons were arrested by the military in this vicinity on Sunday last. One of the party was Wm. Norris and the remaining two were natives of Virginia, who had recently emigrated to this side of the Potomac. When last heard from, they were en-route to Point Lookout. Since writing the above, we learned that Joseph T. Gough, of Medley's Neck, was arrested by the military on Tuesday evening last. January 28, 1864 – On Friday evening last, J. W. J. Moore, Esq., proprietor of the Washington Hotel, in this village, and Capt. George Paul, also a resident of this village, were arrested by the military. On Saturday Thos. W. Gough, Esq., of Medley's Neck, and Mr. Connelly a merchant at the Clifton Factory, were also arrested. Several strangers were likewise arrested here on Friday and Saturday, but with the exception of a Mr. Spencer, we have been unable to learn any of their names. The above parties have all been sent to Point Lookout. [These are a few examples written by the St. Mary's Gazette.]

See This Card?

Some years ago, this Yankee came down South as a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He approached this old South Carolina farmer with a cocky attitude and said, "I need to inspect your farm." The old South Carolina farmer said, "OK, but don't go in that field over yonder." The Yankee Ag rep said, "Mr. I have the authority of the U. S. Government with me. See this card? This card means I am allowed to go WHEREVER I wish on any agricultural land in this country—no questions asked or answered. Do you understand?" The old farmer nodded politely and went about his farm chores. In a few minutes, he heard some of the worst screams he had ever heard. As he looked up, he saw this Yankee Ag rep running and screaming toward the pasture fence. The farmer's prize burly bull was right on his heels and madder than a wet setting hen. The old farmer yelled out, "Show him your card mister! Show him your card!"

Andrew T. Harlee Camp 2010 Meeting

Last months meeting was really good. 4th Brigade Commander Allen Kelly was the speaker and he gave quite a presentation concerning the South's right to secede along with four founding documents that would justify the South legally removing itself from the Union. Those documents were the Declaration Of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Treaty of Paris and the Constitution of the United States. This was a really good lesson for us all. If you didn't make it to that meeting, you missed a good

one. Compatriot Asa McDuffie fed us a good catfish stew. This month, the meeting will be held on Thursday, July 19th at the American Legion building. As usual, the supper will be served around 6:30 and the meeting will begin around 7. You don't want to miss this meeting; the speaker will be the South Carolina Division Commander, Randy Burbage. It is not clear what his topic will be, but he is always able to put a great speech together. Plan now to attend. Compatriot Jason Tice will be preparing the meal for this meeting, so bring a good appetite with you.

Something Ain't Right Down South

[EDITOR]

Bob Bestler of the "Sun News" wrote a little 'opinion' last month titled, "Opinion of Confederate flag not tied to loving S. C." I suppose that he is serious about that and it is probably true. I guess that one can love S.C. and not care for the Confederate flag. As most transplanted Yankees, old Bob ain't no different than most of the rest. He just cannot help but compare us to them. You know what I mean. "Well, I am grew up in Minnesota, and we didn't do it like that." (Now you know what I mean.) He admits in his article that just the mention of the Confederate flag in some kind of negative view, would get him a bunch of mail calling him not-so-polite names and telling him to leave S. C. if he doesn't like the flag. I personally wouldn't ask him to leave South Carolina because he doesn't love the Confederate flag, but I would expect him to understand that his position within the media leaves him vulnerable to those who he may offend. Although Mr. Bestler may love South Carolina and he has lived here for almost 20 years, he ain't from here. He has a grandson who is a native South Carolinian, but Bob ain't from here. He may love the ocean, the golf courses and the people, but he ain't from here. He didn't have ancestors who stood firm against the native men from, let's say, Minnesota who invaded our home. He didn't have ancestors who gave their blood and their life for that flag now flying beside the monument dedicated by the women of South Carolina to the Confederate dead of South Carolina. Why? Because he ain't from here. Because old Bob ain't from here, he should decline to impose his Yankee thoughts concerning things of South Carolina heritage. Then, down in Florida, the Sons of Confederate Veterans placed a couple of Confederate Battle flags along the Interstates there. Of course that brings out the media and they look for ways to make it all look racial or just place the old "ignorant" Southern thing on it. This time, they of course, had to do it around the 4th of July holiday by commenting that "Just south of the Georgia border in Havana, Florida, southerners are celebrating a different red, white and blue; the Confederate Flag." These comments are made to imply that Southern people, who love the Confederate flag, are not patriotic to this country. Easily ignored by these media groups, is the fact that young men from the Southeast are among the largest military recruits. The media promotes its biased opinions by interviewing people who make remarks such as these; "I don't think it is appropriate." "Yeah, I think that war ended a while ago." "Those types of mementos—if you will—just continue to perpetuate the type of bigotry and racism and all the kind of problems that we have in America." "I understand the history of America and all that kind of thing...but quite frankly, I find it offensive, I just tend to ignore it. This is America, you have the right to be wrong." All of this comes from folks who are living in the South. It makes you wonder what has happened here. Many of our own have turned

on their heritage because of the influence of politically correct teachings. While many in the South sit and wait for things to just get better, or hope that someone will be able to do something about the loss of our heritage, we are getting further behind. Another of the things that is a part of our heritage is the religious beliefs that have been passed down through the years. There are several of the members of this Camp who had old Methodist preachers as great grandfathers, old Baptist preachers or who have strong ancestry in the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches. Even those teachings have dwindled or have been watered down to the point that those old Baptist, Methodist or Presbyterian folks would not even recognize their own denominations today. A perfect example of this, along with the conscious things of what is accepted and what is not, even in the South, is an event held in Atlanta, Georgia this past month. This event was an annual event called "Atlanta Pride Festival." You don't have to be reminded of where Atlanta Georgia is located geographically...but it is the deep, deep South. Just what is the Atlanta Pride Festival? You may say that every city should be proud enough to have a festival praising itself—right? You would think that Atlanta, after being burned by 'old mentally deranged' Sherman, would be a city that would embrace the Confederate flag wouldn't you? Most of us know that the leaders of that city have banned anything that appears to be Confederate, and have sold their souls to "political correctness." The Atlanta Pride Festival is a festival held in the month of June each year. You see, June in Atlanta, means gay pride month, and the city engages in special events throughout the month, celebrating Atlanta's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. The Atlanta Pride Festival is one of the largest gay pride events in the country and is attended by an estimated 300,000 people from all across the Southeast and beyond. One day of this festival, several of the streets are closed for at least three hours in order



Atlanta Pride Festival

ignored as much as possible and were discarded as extreme people of no consequence. At last year's event, several of the ministers were threatened to be arrested because they were trying to share the Gospel message at the event. The reason given was that their message was "not congruent with Atlanta Pride!" Although the theme of this festival is "Our Rights, Your Rights, Human Rights," and the event shows that Atlanta's "Gay" Pride month welcomes "diversity," "tolerance" and "rights;" you can certainly believe that you are not welcome unless you conform to their thinking. Almost any time you see these three

to have a 'Dyke March,' and on another day, streets are closed for the Atlanta Pride Parade. Some of the ministers of the communities have tried to stop some of the vulgar actions by some of the participants in the parade and approached the leadership of Atlanta for their help. They were basically told that the city leaders were not concerned.

The ministers were

words together, you can be assured that they don't mean what you think they do. It all sounds so good when those words are used together. Generally, the word 'inclusive' is a word that is used regularly in this word cluster. Obviously, 'your rights,' 'diversity,' 'human rights' and 'tolerance' in this instance did not mean anything. It was really all about 'our rights,' to them, but that just wouldn't look right on the advertisements would it? Maybe you are asking yourself now, what in the world does this thing have to do with Southern heritage? Please, give me another minute of your time. If there is anyone reading this, who is pro gay, you will have to forgive my ignorance of being politically correct—I don't know how! Our Southern roots is what made the Southeast section of the country the 'Bible Belt.' It is not my intention to preach a sermon, I am not qualified to do that, but I do want to make a point. The city of Atlanta was practically destroyed by Sherman and his Yankee bandits, yet, the city leaders of Atlanta banished any public expression of its Southern history. It did so, in order to be 'sensitive' (another of those words). Who needs all this sensitivity? In order to prove to everyone how sensitive, tolerable, inclusive and diverse the city has become, we now have the "Atlanta Pride Festival." This southern city at one time was the Pride of the South—now look at it. What has happened? This is a city where the Confederate Veterans held a reunion; now their flag is banned from public display, and their memory an embarrassment. This is now a city where the leadership would rather have a month dedicated to immorality and disgust, than to teach its children Southern pride. It is a city that would rather advertise its name to the entire country, as pro gay, than to embrace its own heritage. Something just ain't right down South.

The Loss of a "Real Son"

A minister of the Gospel, a dedicated husband, a great father and grandfather, a good friend and a perfect gentleman, is a simple way to describe B. C. Holder. As a minister, he was a man who could tell you how to live, but more importantly, he could show you how to live. Honestly, there isn't anything bad to say about him. Benjamin Corbett Holder was born April 22, 1914 to James Madison Holder and Mary Alice Sims (Holder). To the Sons of Confederate Veterans, James Madison Holder was a private, Co. A, 28th North Carolina Infantry. This of course made Rev. B. C. Holder a "Real Son." We were very fortunate to have him live among us. Not just because he was a "Real Son," but also because he was a perfect example of Southern manners and hospitality. He was a man who made a positive impact on his community. Benjamin Corbett Holder departed this life and went home to be with his Lord on July 1, 2007, he was 93 years of age. To use some words from W.W. Sellers in describing an old preacher, the same may be said of Rev. B. C. Holder; "a man of high character, a useful man in his day, and a man in whom every one had unbounded confidence."

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