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The Union's Disunion of the South

The Republican Party took over the South after the War Between the States and during 'Reconstruction.' This was done primarily by military rule of the South. Those who were elected rather than appointed, were easily elected because the Republican Party in the South was controlled by the military. Great resources were expended on registering the male ex-slave, while at the same time, denying anyone involved in the "late rebellion," from voting. The restrictions placed on white Southern men were so rigorous that anyone who even organized contributions of food and clothing for family and friends serving in the Confederate army during the war was disenfranchised from voting. Voter registration required one to publicly proclaim that one's sympathies were with the Federal armies during the war, something that very few white Southerners would have dared to do. The 'Union Leagues' were federally funded and were run by Republican Party operatives who were administering voter registration of the ex-slaves. Tax dollars were being used to register only Republican voters. The ex-slaves were offered many things including property of white Southerners if they would register and vote as Republicans. They were also threatened and intimidated if they had the dare to express a wish to register as Democrat. Of course the League had a little help from government bureaucrats associated with the "Freedmen's Bureau" who were also promising blacks that if they were to vote Republican, they would be given property. (Which they never did.) Missionaries and many other people assisted the ex-slaves in integrating into society, but Lincoln's Party was only interested in getting them registered to vote as Republicans. They were not concerned with educating, feeding or finding employment for them. This resulted in ten of the fourteen southern U. S. senators; twenty of the thirty-five representatives, and four of the seven governors were Northern Republicans who had never met their constituents until after the war. This was during the year of 1868. If Northerners in general and the Republican Party was so concerned about social equality for the blacks, then why did the voters in Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Kansas refuse to extend the right to vote to blacks in 1867 and 1868? This is only a small part of the disunion inflicted upon the South during this period.

December Meeting Was Good!

The food was good, the attendance was good, the Holiday spirit was good and the award ceremonies were good. If you missed it, that wasn't good. A special thanks should be given to those who prepared the food. All of the food was fantastic. A 'thank you' should also go to all the ladies of the OCR who decorated the hall. We also owe a special thanks to all who attended. It was your presence that made this a true success. Winners of the awards were as follows: Compatriots, Asa McDuffie was given the Robert E. Lee Award, Gilbert Townsend was given the Stonewall Jackson Award and Tom Squires was given the Nathan B. Forrest Award. These awards are given to Camp members who have shown dedication in ways beyond normal service to Camp 2010. There are other members who have given much of their time and efforts to the Camp and are worthy of recognition. Please be patient, as we only have three awards given annually. Other members will be recognized in future ceremonies. A special Award of Thanks was given to outgoing 1st Lt. Commander James W. "Heavy" Price for his dedication and service as a Charter Officer of the Andrew T. Harllee Camp. "Heavy" has been a driving force in this Camp since its inception and deserves much more credit than we have the capacity to offer him. The Andrew T. Harllee Award, which is given to a non-member for their strong support of the Camp and the Confederate soldier, was given to Betsy Finklea of the Dillon Herald. Betsy has always given the events sponsored by our Camp good coverage in our local paper. This is something that is not always done in some of our surrounding areas. We really owe her a debt of gratitude. The OCR also gave several awards to some of its members for their dedication in specific areas of service.

January Meeting on the 18th

The Andrew T. Harllee Camp will meet on the 18th of January at the American Legion Post off of Hwy 9. The supper will be ready by 6:30 P. M. (prepared by compatriot Thom Thompson and crew). The meeting will begin at 7:00. Please come and support the Camp and listen to a good speaker who will give us all some good useful information. Invite your friends and neighbors, they are welcome—don't forget that you are expected. If you don't represent your ancestor—who will? This Camp needs you in order to have continued success.

Want to Hear What Stephen Says?

Not particularly. However we do need to know what some folks think of us—even if they are STUPID!

Stephen Gregshin (don't know where he is from...but I could make a wild guess) says: When will you southern folks let go of the stereotypical back country way of life and realize that you [are] still causing harm to innocent people that only 60 years ago where (hey, I didn't misspell that—he did, I'm sure he meant were) treated like un-humans. If that is what you want to accomplish, do not change your ways. But when the rest of america (he did it) considers the south of bunch of country backward bumpkins, that do nothing but make more white trash babies, and hang black people on the weekends for fun, you'll know why.. It time to move on!! let go of the dumb flag, join the party and become an American citizen..It's a better flag anyway, the whole x thing is kinda of ugly, just like racism.

[Editor] Now ya'll know that I ain't going to leave this alone—don't ya? It's just too bad old Steve cain't hear what I'm about to say, I did try to contact him by e-mail but he hasn't responded yet. Maybe I'll have my chance with him later, but I'm going to have fun with him anyway. He really deserves it. First of all Stevie, most of us ain't going to give up this back country way of life—'cause we like it. (And we don't care if you don't like it.) I don't know what kind of innocent people you think we are causing harm to; we Southern folks (back country as you so eloquently put it) dare not cause harm to anyone who wants to live in peace. Who are these people that sixty years ago were treated like un-humans? I have personally lived fifty-six of those sixty years and don't have a clue as to what you are talking about. Haven't you ever heard of "Southern hospitality?" Stevie boy, now, don't you worry none about us changing our ways, 'cause that ain't likely to happen no time soon—we are happy in our back country ways. When you claim that the rest of America considers the South a bunch of country backward bumpkins, it makes me wonder who made you the spokesperson for the rest of America! Considering the less than intelligent way this message was written by you, I'm certain that the rest of America could have very easily found a much better spokesperson. Because of my back country ability to discern that you have not been appointed that spokesperson, I feel that you are expressing your own personal prejudices toward the Southern people. I suppose that makes you one of those people who believe in inclusiveness for everyone but Southern folk. Your remark concerning our making more white trash babies gets a little personal. It is really quite impressive when you consider that Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, James Madison, George Mason, Edmund Randolph, James Monroe, Robert E. Lee, Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson, etc.... were also white trash babies from the south. These men are also many of those who have turned the pages of the history of this nation and given it a more secure foundation. Your idiotic remark of the backward country bumpkins of the South who have nothing to do but hang black people on the weekends for fun is one of the most repulsive remarks I have ever heard. Furthermore, it shows just how stupid, ignorant, close-minded and retarded you are. However, it is impressive that a person with an I.Q. of less than thirty is capable of using a computer and actually used correct punctuation and spelling almost half the time. Furthermore, since you seem to think that the flag we use to honor our Confederate

ancestors is so dumb and you think the x thing is so ugly, only makes me believe stronger in my back country ways. Another thing Mr. Stevie, I sure appreciate your invitation to become an American citizen but you are 56 years too late. You see I had kinfolk (back country as they were) who fought in the first American Revolution, I had kinfolk who fought in the War of 1812: I had kinfolk who fought in the War Between the States, the Spanish American war, WW I and WW II, Korea and Vietnam. And...excuse me Mr. You Think You Know It All Steve; I served in the Armed Forces of these United States, honorably I must add, and I don't need some snotty nose piece of crap such as yourself to ask me to become an American—I have earned, and my ancestors have given me that right. My ancestors gave, and I have also earned the right to display a flag of my ancestors and if that offends you, then you can just kiss my back country grits!



Allen Central High School Under Attack

A civil rights group is challenging a Prestonsburg Kentucky high school's use of the Confederate emblem as its school flag. Their claim is that the flag is a hurtful symbol to black students at other schools. This particular civil rights group is based in Louisville and calls itself the Justice Resource Center. They met recently with the Floyd County school officials to discuss their concerns over Allen Central High School's prominent displays of the Confederate flag at the school and at public events. The head of this activist group, Rev. Louis Coleman stated: "The rebel flag to African-Americans represents something very bad—it represents slavery. This community is still in the past." Mr. Coleman sent a letter to the local school board where this topic is to be on the agenda for the January meeting. His letter in part states that the all-white student body at Central High with Confederate symbols will not prepare the teens to enter "a diverse society where these symbols have already been eliminated." He also suggested that nearby schools with black students should have the opportunity of not participating in events where Confederate symbols are displayed. He claims that this display causes "a very tense and negative atmosphere" for black student athletes. It should be noted that the students at Allen Central have staunchly defended their Confederate symbols, claiming that they represent nothing more than strength, independence and pride. In the past month, Allen Central's school flag and mascot have generated hundreds of comments, phone calls and e-mails flooding the principal's office, mostly in support of the flag. (The previous article by Steve Gregshin was written against this school flag.)

Robert E. Lee's Portrait to be Displayed

The portrait seen here of Robert E. Lee has not been displayed in public since 1868. Now, for the commemoration of the 200th



birthday of General Lee, the oil painting by artist Thomas Welch is the showcase piece of the museum's exhibit

marking Lee's birthday on January 19th. The owner of the painting plans to have 500 prints of the painting made and plans to sell them for \$300 each to benefit the financially ailing museum, which has faced encroaching development and declining attendance for the past several years. The Museum of the Confederacy will display the Lee portrait through January 31st. The commemoration of Lee's 200th birthday will continue through the entire year of 2007.

What's New?

Of course this is a New Year and along with a New Year it is common to make New Year's resolutions. Some of us have made the same old resolution for so many years; we just stopped making them all together. Then again, there is the old saying, "if at first you don't succeed, then try, try again." As individuals, we know our own weaknesses even if we don't always allow those around us to see them. We, of course would like to make new resolutions that would take care of those things and hopefully become stronger. This may be a good time also to reflect upon ourselves as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. As an individual member, should I set new goals of dedication to the memory of my ancestor? If I become more dedicated in a personal way and realize that it really is left up to individuals to defend the good name of the Confederate soldier, I can be more conscience of my own actions. One of the easiest ways to do this is to recite the 'charge' over and over again until it sinks in. "To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, (that in itself is a privileged label) we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to *your strength* will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, (this is why we need to have a good handle on who and what we are; a good defense of the Confederate soldiers name depends on how strong *we* are) the *guardianship of his history*, the *emulation of his virtues*, the *perpetuation of those principles he loved* and 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." This is a strong charge, but as Sons, we should inherit enough of the strength and tenacity of the old soldier and we should have enough desire to accept the challenge and see it through. It is certain, that if we as individuals become stronger and more dedicated as Sons, the Camp will become the beneficiary.

Words Spoken from the Grave?

Our Guardian Program in the State of South Carolina is a most worthy program. It is a privilege to participate in this program and help clean and preserve a gravesite of a Confederate veteran. This is written on a grave marker in Virginia: "The body of JAMES DUNCANSON. He was born in Scotland the 11th Feb. 1735, arrived in Virginia in July 1752 Died the 1st March 1791. 'Weed his Grave deare Men of Goodness For he was your Brother'." Well said.

What to do with Davis and Lee

In a place like the University of Texas at Austin, one wonders why such a question would be considered. Something just doesn't seem quite right here. "A lot of students, and especially minority students, have raised concerns about four bronze statues on the Austin campus that honor Confederate leaders." Two of these are statues of Jefferson Davis and General Robert E. Lee. It has even been suggested that they be removed and carried off to a museum somewhere. Some believe that these concerns are understandable and legitimate. It does seem that the statuary on the Austin campus has grown more diverse over the years; a statue of civil right leader Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1999, and also in the works are statues of Hispanic labor leader Cesar Chavez and a statue of the first black woman from the South elected to Congress, Barbara Jordan. Maybe this is not what it appears to be, but do you see a pattern forming here? By the way, the last poll noticed concerning this question of what to do with the statues, the question was; do you think the statues should be removed? With 16,417 people voting, 88% said that the statues should NOT be removed. That should be enough said to cause a rethinking.

Hatred Not Worth the Heritage

Above us in the state of North Carolina, a group of Jordan High School students were simply told that it is not right to display the Confederate flag. This dudes name is Tim Tyson, author of a book called "Blood Done Sign My Name." Personally, I think that is a stupid title, but then what the heck do I know? He also wrote some fictional account of the 1898 Wilmington revolt, in which he ignored the truth of what actually sparked the riot. Of course he did this in a way that would be acceptable to our politically correct friends who aren't concerned about the truth. Concerning the flying of the Confederate flag, he said: "I think having another group of people think that you hate them is a high price to pay for your little heritage stance." In other words, I guess what he is saying is, 'their ignorance is worth more than my heritage.' Somehow, I ain't buying that.

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