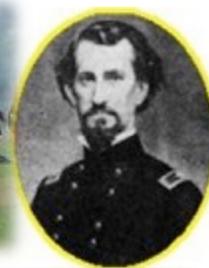




THE KNOXVILLE GUARD



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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
Camp 87 Longstreet - Zollicoffer

Knoxville, Tennessee

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."

Gen. Stephen D. Lee



CAMP CALENDAR

- 2/11 - **Camp Meeting** 2pm Crescent Bend.
- 3/3 - Confederate Flag Rally
- 3/24 - Bleak House Clean up day 9 am.
- 4/15? - **Camp Meeting** 2 pm East TN Hist Soc.?
- 4/20,21 - TN Div Reunion, Chapel Hill, TN.
- 5/4 - Dollywood Parade. Step off at 6 pm.
- 5/6 - **Camp 87 50th Anniv, Bleak House. 2pm.**
- 5/27 - **Camp Meeting**, East TN Hist Soc 2pm.
- 6/2 - Confederate Decoration Day 10 a.m.
- 6/8,9 - Secret City Festival, Oak Ridge, TN.
- 6/10 - **Camp Meeting**, East TN Hist Soc. 2pm.
- 7/15 - **Camp Meeting**, East TN Hist. Soc. 2pm.
- 7/18 - 21 - SCV National Reunion, Franklin, TN.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CAMP EVENTS!

THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF POLITICAL CORRECTNESS IS FOR SCV MEN TO DO NOTHING.



"I salute the Confederate flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands."



*The South needed
all her sons...*



She still does.



Dedicated to all who served in the Confederate Army



COMMANDER'S CORNER



Past Tennessee Division Commander and current Tennessee Heritage PAC Vice President and Political Advisor Mike Beck presented an overview of the new Tennessee Heritage Pac prior to Camp 87's monthly meeting. He gave details of why the PAC came into existence and its stated purpose. Mike gave us information about who the Officers of the PAC are and how individuals can join and contribute. He asks that everyone consider becoming a member and recruiting other sympathetic folks to join as well. Mike believes that this organization and others like it will be very important as we move forward in these hostile political times.

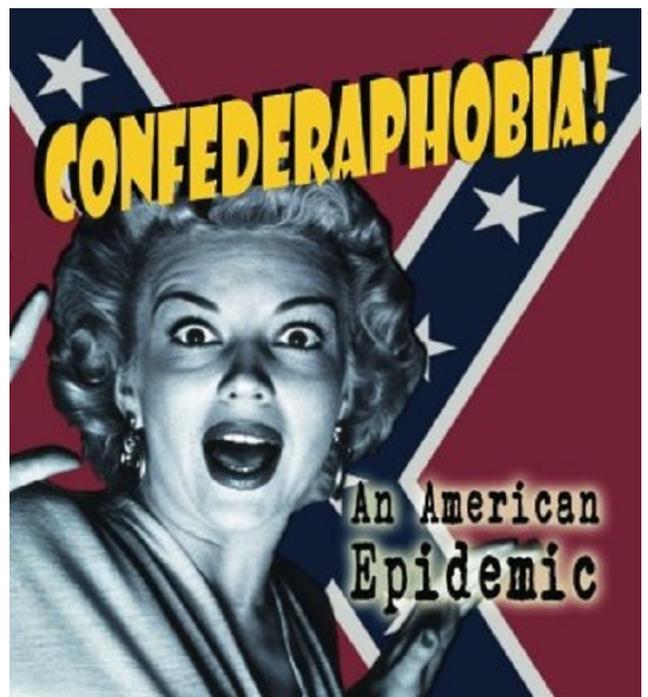
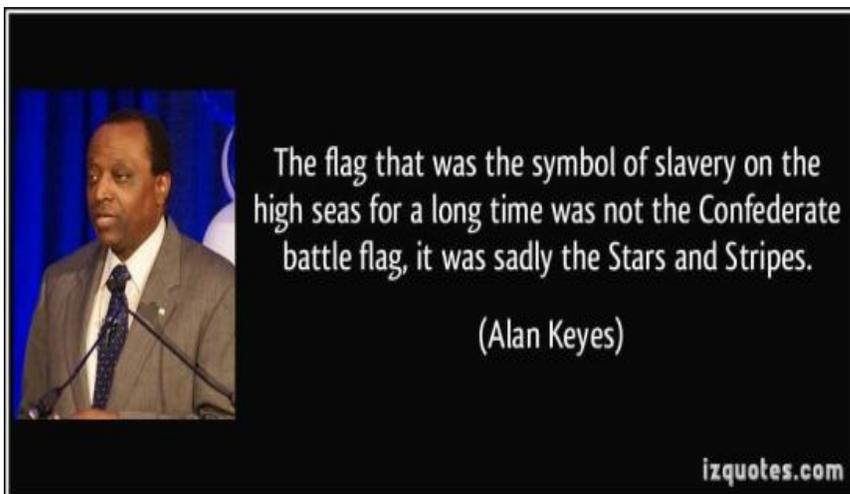
Camp 87 then met at the Museum of East Tennessee History for our regularly schedule camp meeting with 32 members and guests in attendance. Most of the business meeting was spent finalizing assignments for the 2018 Lee/Jackson Celebration. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to take on extra duties.

The 2018 Lee/Jackson Celebration featuring Barbara G. Marthal's program "**Honoring Confederate Ancestors While Reconciling the Past**" is now behind us. I hope everyone who came had a good time and used it as a chance to expose prospective members to our organization and to encourage them to join our ranks. I hope that we will all take Barbara's message that Southerners of all races and backgrounds need to recognize our common experiences, come together and not let radicals from either the left or the right divide us. We do not have to agree on everything but we should respect each other and be able to talk and share ideas.

As most of you are aware a few people experienced some vandalism to their vehicles. We are making the Foundry aware of the situation and several of you reported the incident to the Knoxville Police Department. Unfortunately this is a sign of the times we now live in but I can assure you that we will do everything in our power to provide stepped up security at next year's event and going forward.

I want to strongly encourage you to be at our next meeting on **Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Crescent Bend, Armstrong Lockett House** our program will be presented by the Smokey Mountain Service Dogs organization which supplies dogs for disabled veterans.

Deo Vindici,
Earl Smith



"We were born on the same soil, breathe the same air, live in the same land, and why should we not be brothers and sisters....I want you to do as I do—go to the polls and select the best men to vote for....Although we differ in color, we should not differ in sentiment....Do your duty as citizens, and if any are oppressed, I will be your friend."

Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest



QUOTES FROM THE QUARTERMASTER



"If you bring these leaders to trial, it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution, secession is not rebellion. His (Jefferson Davis's) capture was a mistake. His trial will be a greater one. We cannot convict him of treason."

--Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase to Edwin Stanton

"Davis will be found not guilty and we shall stand there completely beaten."

--Judge Franz Lieber, to the U.S. War Department after studying 270,000 Confederate documents seeking evidence against Jefferson Davis.

AROUND THE CAMP AND FOR 'THE CAUSE'



Mike Beck speaks at our January meeting.



Tom Kesterson joins the Mechanized Calvary



A great crowd at our 2018 Lee-Jackson Birthday Celebration



Members of 87 arrived early to prep for Lee-Jackson



Guest speaker Barbara Marthal speaks with a reporter



HK Edgerton was on hand to do his presentation of "I Am Their Flag"



Lining up for the flag presentation

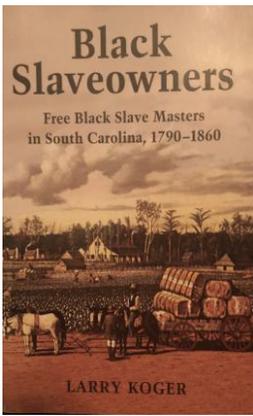


A proclamation by the County Mayor in honor of Robert E. Lee



A great evening concludes with the singing of Dixie by candlelight

BOOK REVIEW



Black Slaveowners **Free Black Slave Masters in South Carolina, 1790 - 1860** By Larry Koger, McFarland & Co. Publishers

A suppressed topic in our popular history, black slave owners were a reality. The 1860 census reveals some 3000 across the South owning over 22,000 slaves. “Most Americans, both black and white, believe that slavery was a system maintained by whites to exploit blacks, but this authoritative study reveals the extent to which African-Americans played a significant role as slave masters.”

HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE WAR AGAINST SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE

February 8-9, 1861 - The southern states that seceded create a government at Montgomery, Alabama, and the Confederate States of America are formed.

February 18, 1861- Jefferson Davis is appointed the first President of the Confederate States of America.

February 6, 1862- Surrender of Fort Henry, Tennessee. The loss of this southern fort on the Tennessee River opened the door to Union control of the river.

February 8, 1862- Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina.

February 16, 1862- [Surrender of Fort Donelson, Tennessee.](#)

February 22, 1862- Jefferson Davis is inaugurated as President of the Confederate States of America.

February 27, 1864- In Georgia, [Andersonville Prison Camp](#) opens.

February 14-20, 1864- Union Capture and Occupation of Meridian, Mississippi.

February 17, 1864- First Successful Submarine Attack of the Civil War, the CSS *H.L. Hunley*.

February 1, 1865- Sherman's Army leaves Savannah to march through the Carolinas.

February 22, 1865- Wilmington, NC, falls to Union troops.

SUBJECTS OF INTEREST IN THE WAR AGAINST SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE

LeMat



1st Pattern



2nd Pattern

The LeMat was a cap and ball black powder revolver invented by Dr. Jean Alexandre LeMat of New Orleans. It was a nine shot rifled revolver with a cylinder axis that served as a smooth bore barrel capable of firing buckshot. It was therefore also known as the “Grape Shot Revolver. Selection of the cylinder or shot barrel was by flipping a selector on the hammer moving the striker. Dr. LeMat developed the sidearm in New Orleans in 1856. In 1859, P.G.T. Beauregard backed the manufacturing effort, a Major in the U.S. Military who would soon be one of the first to resign and become a General in the Confederate Army. The handgun was marketed for mounted troops, as its large size wasn’t practical for infantry. Some 2,900 were made, with a few made in Philadelphia and then in Paris, France. 2,500 made it through the blockade into Confederate service. Most were .42 cal/16 ga, a few .35/28 ga, but toward the end of the war this was changed to the more standard .36 and .44 cal/20 ga. The LeMat was a favorite of Generals Bragg, Stuart, Anderson, and Major Henry Wirz. Stonewall Jackson also owned one. It saw service with the armed forces of the Confederate States of America from 1861 – 1865.

“White Privilege” or “Yankee Privilege” by James Ronald Kennedy

The current slanderous, anti-South campaign of cultural genocide is but one part of a multiple front leftist assault against traditional America. The progressive enemies of traditional conservative political and Christian values view Confederate heritage as “easy targets” or “low hanging” fruit because, according to the Northern narrative, the Confederates were fighting “to keep their slaves.” Now that the stigma of slavery has become an accepted justification—a universal given and rationale—for destroying Confederate heritage, it is easy for progressives to move on to other traditional American heroes and values that are also contaminated or tainted with the sin of Southern slavery. All Southern Founding Fathers are therefore evil and must be removed from politically correct American society. All pre-War presidents from the South must also be removed beginning with George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Eventually the Constitution must be rewritten because, according to the prevailing progressive narrative, it was a compromise with slaveholding Southerners—a compromise which they argue was *forced* upon virtuous Yankees. A constitutional compromise demanded by Southerners in order to protect their slave property—human chattel that Southerners viewed as worth no more than 3/5s of a human being *or so the Yankee narrative is told*. Therefore, the remnants of the old Constitution must ultimately be replaced with a neo-Marxist social contract that authorizes the Federal government and forces state governments to guarantee social, economic and political *equality of outcome*. The progressive narrative declares that the original Constitution was corrupted because it was a compromise with old, privileged, white, Southern slaveholders. As such, it represents America’s cornerstone of “White Privilege” indeed the original, especially pre-War, Constitution is viewed by neo-Marxist progressives as virtually the Magna Carter of American White Privilege.

Contemporary politically correct America is one of the most leftwing race-conscious societies in world history. The American left views race as a valuable weapon to be used against traditional American values. The “intellectuals” in academia, the “talking heads” and “wordsmiths” in the media and the political elite are all consumed with the concept of race. Drexel University Professor George Ciccariello-Maher made news with his tweet, “All I want for Christmas is White Genocide,” [7] Race hustling or “playing the race card” is a key element in the neo-Marxist attack against traditional America. The left now owns the “tar-brush” [8] but it is now the new “tar-brush of racism” that they use to intimidate their opponents into silence. Race has become a liberal talisman or magic-wand. Liberals shake their racial talisman in the face of their conservative opponents and thereby silence timid conservatives. This leftist talisman is used to bully conservatives into adopting a form of self-censorship. It is the intentional chilling of free speech in order to replace traditional American values with neo-Marxist politically correct values. Since Appomattox the falsely accused “racist” South has been a prime target of big government, Yankee progressives. Today they use the talisman of “White Privilege” to attack all traditional American values, while reserving their greatest hatred for the defenders of the captive nation—the Confederate States of America. But in reality, what progressives or liberals call “White Privilege” is actually Yankee Privilege and therefore does not apply to the South.

White privilege is a smoke-screen, a technique used by the politically correct neo-Marxists to hide their true intentions—the destruction of traditional conservative values. Wealthy, guilt-ridden, Yankees living in The Hamptons, working on Wall Street, K Street, in the Empire’s bureaucratic state (Deep State), in Hollywood or Silicon Valley are quick to adopt the mantra of white privilege as a means of assuaging their self-imposed guilt. The Yankee Empire belongs to “those people,” it is *their* country and if that is the way they want to run it, then I for one have no problem with their decision—*provided they first release their captive nation*—the Confederate States of America.

From: the Desk of the Commander in Chief regarding Memphis SCV Action

To: Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, SCV GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE IN MEMPHIS Files TRO and Injunction

SCV National and the Forrest Camp 215 yesterday filed several court actions against the City of Memphis to combat and rectify the despicable crimes against and theft of Confederate statues on the night of December 20, 2017. On that night, the City ordered police and cranes into Forrest Park and Confederate Park and forcibly removed the Forrest Memorial Equestrian Statue, the Jefferson Davis Statue, and the bronze bust of Capt. Harvey Mathes of the 37th Tenn. Infantry. The Forrest gravesite was also damaged. The statues were taken to an undisclosed location.

The SCV Court filings against the City and “any and all co-conspirators” include requests for a Temporary Restraining Order and a Preliminary Injunction. These actions, filed in (Nashville) Chancery Court, call for the defendants to exercise all duty and care for the 3 statues and prohibit the defendants from further damaging, moving, selling, or in any way harming or otherwise disturbing the statues and the Forrest gravesite pending further legal action. It is likely that additional lawsuits will be filed, to combat violations of the Tennessee Heritage Act and to pursue damages incurred under the laws.

Our legal team and the Forrest Camp members have been working tirelessly since the infamous theft to gather evidence, conduct interviews, and collect incriminating documents. Very simply, the filing of a TRO is not an easy matter; briefly, an “injury” must be shown, court cases have to be cited, evidence submitted, and an indication of future court success must be shown in requesting a TRO. We have been extremely busy these past few weeks building our case and we continue to pursue legal action on multiple fronts. It is our opinion that the City and its cohorts committed numerous violations of state law, civil law, cemetery law, and a host of other illegal acts in what appears to be a sham scheme to remove the Confederate monuments and to circumvent Tennessee law.

Though the state attorney general has offered no help in prosecuting these crimes, the SCV has called on the Tennessee Legislature to appoint a special prosecutor to pursue charges against the Memphis mayor, city council, and all those involved in the thefts and/or damage to the Parks and monuments. Special thanks go to our legal team headed by Mr. Doug Jones, and co-counsel David Livingston, and SCV JAG Scott Hall, and especially to the men on the front lines who have done yeoman’s work to face the City in this fight: Lee Millar, Camp Commander Alan Doyle, and Tennessee Division Commander James Patterson and the Commander-in-Chief. Continuous consultation has been provided by the SCV GEC and the Division Officers.

All of us have been involved, as have many of you. But the fight has just begun. There is much more to do and more legal action to follow. We will not rest until our statues are returned to their rightful place and these scalawag or carpetbagger politicians in Memphis are punished. And we need you to help. Please donate to the Heritage Defense Fund to carry this fight to the enemy. Legal action results in legal bills. We need your donations to assist in the fight. As famous author William Faulkner said on viewing the Statue of Forrest 75 years after the General’s death: “Still powerful, still dangerous, still coming.” And so we likewise say to the City of Memphis: General Forrest and the SCV are still coming. We will continue this journey, with the help from all of you and God.

Thos. V. Strain Jr.
Commander in Chief

PARTING SHOT



Colorized photo of a Confederate soldier giving water to a wounded LA Zouave Confederate.

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