

THE OKLAHOMA VINDICATOR



The Quarterly Newsletter of the Oklahoma Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Welcome to the renewed Division Newsletter. This is our first effort after the "faux" virus attack and its effect on our ability to meet and to communicate. The Division is intact and ready to move ahead to meet our Charge.

As with any newsletter, we want to ensure that it covers the interests of our group. Accordingly, we need your input and suggestions to reach and maintain the quality of the newsletter that everyone expects.

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Fall Quarter

July - September 2020

OKLAHOMA DIVISION CONVENTION

WHAT'S INSIDE

Date: September 26, 2020

Place: DREAM CATCHER'S EVENT CENTER
650 EAST 45th STREET
SHAWNEE, OK

9:00 Registration & Coffee & Donuts

9:45 Brigades Meet

10:00 Call to Order & Welcome

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(Dinner will be served by the same group that furnished dinner last year. Cost is \$14 per person. Exact change is appreciated.).

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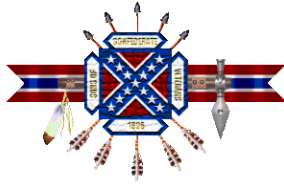
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AGENDA

- 9:00 **Registration with Coffee & Donuts; Vendor set-up**
9:45 **Brigades Meet**
10:00 **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** – Commander Allen Harrison, Camp 2207, Col. Tandy Walker, Shawnee
- **Invocation** – Division Chaplain Bob Pattison
 - **Posting of Colors** – Oklahoma Division Color Guard
 - **Salute to Confederate Flag** – Division Lt. Commander Virgil Chain
 - **Reading of the Charge** – TBA
 - **Roll Call of Camps** – Division Adjutant Steve Ward
 - **Introduction of Guests** – (J.C. Hanna, ATM Commander) – Division Commander Jim Orebaugh

I. REPORTS

- **Minutes – Reading and Approval** – Division Adjutant Steve Ward
- **Division Financial Report – Reading and Approval** – Division Adjutant Steve Ward
- **Membership Report** – Division Lt. Commander Virgil Chain
- **Heritage Operations** – Chief of Heritage Operations Bryce Hill
- **Recruiting** – Chief Recruiting Officer Charley Wilson
- **Highway Flag Fund** – Division Commander Jim Orebaugh
- **Monument Vandalism** – Adjutant Terry Pierce
- **Graves Registration** – Commander Jerry Patrick
- **VIGNETTE** – Why the “left” wants to ban “Gone With The Wind” Division Commander Jim Orebaugh

Approx. 11:00 RECESS FOR GROUP PHOTO / INTERMISSION

II. ACTION ITEMS

- Proposed Amendment to Article VII, Division Executive Council, Section 6
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III. ELECTION OF DIVISION OFFICERS

RECESS FOR DINNER – 1 Hour

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raffle - Battle of Sulphur Creek Trestle painting donated by Dan Houser – Commander Patrick Self

V. PROGRAM

Speaker – Dr. Kevin Crow - **The Connections Between the Revolutions of 1848 and the American Civil War**

VI. OPEN FORUM

VII. SWEARING IN OF DIVISION OFFICERS

VIII. CLOSING

- **BENEDICTION** – Division Chaplain Bob Pattison
- **SINGING OF DIXIE** – Led by Compatriot Glenn Hunt
- **RETIREMENT OF COLORS** – Oklahoma Division Color Guard
- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Proposed Amendment to Article VII, Division Executive Council, Section 6

ARTICLE VII, DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SECTION 6

Current Article: A majority of voting members thereof shall constitute a quorum of the Division General Executive Council.

Rewritten to conform to: ARTICLE IV, DIVISION CONVENTION, SECTION 6

Proposed amendment: A quorum shall exist at the Division General Executive Council when one-third (1/3) of all camps are represented as provided above.

Purpose: To make it easier to conduct division business in the absence of a majority of camp commanders attending the Division General Executive Council. There are a significant number of commanders who do not attend, or rarely attend, the Council meetings.

Reasoning: It does not seem sensible that you can conduct business at a Division Convention with one-third of camps present and a Division General Executive Council meeting requires a majority of camps to be present.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Harrison, Commander
Camp 2207, Col. Tandy Walker
Shawnee, Oklahoma
October 30, 2019



Commander's Comments

MEMBERSHIP

The "faux" Virus lockdowns, mask wearing, BLM/anti-white riots and the illegal and unconstitutional acts by government at all levels, have caused people to look for ways to resist and fight back. Apparently, the SCV is a vehicle of choice for many. Membership applications to camps in the Division have increased considerably in the last two months.

Additionally, people are sending applications and dues directly to IHQ. IHQ is sending these back to us to process saying they don't have time. People who are non-members are also sending applications and money to IHQ asking to either join or how they can help. Additionally, IHQ has said that they have 3,500 old members asking to re-instate.

Obviously, this is a major opportunity for us and we need to ensure that we make our membership process easily available. Fighting back is the main reason people are coming to us. This is a nice position to be in at this point in time.

ACTIVITIES

Flag Fund

The Flag Fund now has a total of \$6,500 toward the installation of a battle flag on the Indian Nations Turnpike. Donations have come from non-members as well as out of state compatriots. We are asking for donations from various sources, including the gun shows. At a gun show in Shawnee, a man who owns a large business along Highway 77 in Shawnee donated to the fund then told Commander Harrison that he wanted a flag installed at his business!

We still need funding for this project. If you have not done so already, please help us with your donation.

New Camps in the works

Two new camps are being organized, one in Enid and one in Ada. Hopefully they will be ready for charter in the near future. Additionally, plans are being made to form a camp in Durant. The addition of our three new camps in 2019 earned the Oklahoma Division the A.P. Hill award for the most new camps in the SCV.

DUES

General Order #3 from the National Commander waives the \$5.00 late fee for annual dues until October 31st of this year to "accommodate those Camps who are struggling to get their members dues into Headquarters." (This extends the due date past the normal deadline of August 31st for this year only). Please note the above and make sure all dues are paid by that time.

OUR DIVISION CONVENTION SPEAKER BIO - DR. KEVIN CROW

Dr. Kevin Crow earned his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky, where he specialized in Ancient and Late Antique History. Dr. Crow currently holds the position of Professor of History at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, where he has taught since 2005. Prior to coming to USAO, Dr. Crow served as an Associate Professor of History at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Prior to that, he held various teaching posts at Arkansas Tech University, Western Kentucky University, Georgetown College, and the University of Kentucky. Dr. Crow has twice received the Regents' Award for Superior Teaching at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Each year, Dr. Crow speaks to civic groups across the state concerning the importance of civic virtue in a functioning republic. In recognition of his efforts to promote greater civic virtue, in 2016 the Defenders of Liberty honored Dr. Crow with the Thomas Jefferson Award for Grassroots Activism. In 2020, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge awarded Dr. Crow its national award, The George Washington Honor Medal for his work in higher education and promotion of civic duty.

Camp Chartering of the Major James McHenry Camp #2310 by Commander Steve Ward

A few days after the Oklahoma governor unconstitutionally ordered the close of nonessential businesses in counties with confirmed COVID-19 (corona virus) cases, and the Tulsa mayor signed an unconstitutional executive order earlier in the week banning gatherings of 10 or more people citywide, 13 men, women, and children gathered together at an undisclosed location in Tulsa to enjoy the Camp Chartering ceremony of the new unreconstructed Major James McHenry Camp #2310 of Broken Arrow.

The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees “the right of the people peaceably to assemble.” The strict prohibition on any law abridging this right applies to state and local governments as well as Congress. There are not exceptions for emergencies in the Constitution. Throughout the last century “emergencies” have been the pretext for despotic governments to step beyond their legitimate prerogatives.

Sons of Confederate Veterans fully understand and deplore despotic government, so this gathering was of no surprise. Chaplain Steven Tolbert gave the invocation and blessing of the food. A potluck affair with a wide variety of delicious side dishes and desserts, and a BBQ meat assortment provided by the Camp members made for an excellent dinner. Good food and good conversation was proceeded by the Reading of the Charge by Commander Steve Ward who also welcomed and thanked all who attended. Commander Ward spoke about an earlier SCV Camp that existed in Broken Arrow (Private Alvin T. Hodge Camp #1619) and read a brief biography of Camp namesake James McHenry. Next was the swearing in of new member Fr. Steven Tolbert, our Camp Chaplain. Division Commander Jim Orebaugh was then called upon to present the Camp Charter to the Camp members who were present.

Camp Commander Steve Ward handed out SCV Challenge Coins (provided by Quartermaster Bret Hinds of the McAlester Camp) and challenged his camp members to use the coins for recruiting new members into the Camp.



(L-R) Camp Commander Steve Ward, Division Commander Jim Orebaugh, Camp Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk, and Camp Chaplain Steven Tolbert are presented with the Camp Charter for the Major James McHenry Camp #2310 in Broken Arrow. Photo by Kathy Ward



(L-R) Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk, Commander Steve Ward, and Chaplain Steven Tolbert show off their Challenge Coins to be used for recruiting new members. Photo by Kathy Ward

Commander Ward presented an *SCV Chaplain's Handbook* and *The Confederate Soldier's Pocket Manual of Devotions* to Steven Tolbert for his use during his tenure as a Chaplain in the SCV. Chaplain Tolbert was also invited to share a recap of his recent vacation, which included many stops at historic Confederate cemeteries, buildings, monuments and battlefields.

Brigade Commander Steve Sanders generously donated an SCV logo flag to the Broken Arrow Camp and thanked the Camp for being in his Brigade. Commander Sanders emphasized the need for learning as much true history as we can if we are to win discussions with those who don't know (or don't want to know) true history. He mentioned he was more than willing to attend any Broken Arrow Camp meetings and offer to host a true history presentation.

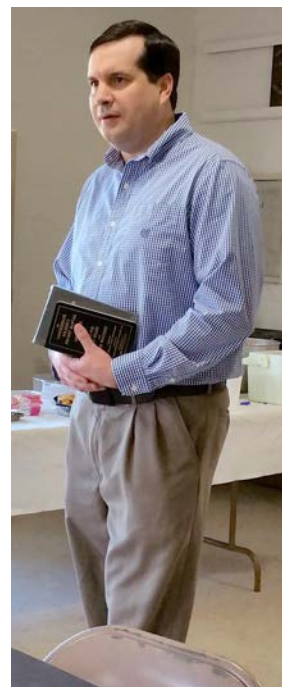


Division Commander Jim Orebaugh discussing the need to fight back with everything we've got.
Photo by Steve Ward

Division Commander Jim Orebaugh reminded us that we need to support each other and help keep jobs and money in Oklahoma. We need to fight back against our enemy. We need to make our presence known and that we are not going away.

Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk shared that he was thankful that he was part of the new Broken Arrow Camp and was looking forward to future Camp meetings with his unreconstructed Compatriots.

Commander Ward thanked Lt. Commander Paulk for his all his efforts in the planning of this ceremony, and he thanked all those who showed up and made the ceremony a day to remember. Chaplain Tolbert delivered the Benediction, and the ceremony was concluded at 1:30pm.



Camp Chaplain Steven Tolbert shared his recent historical vacation experiences with us. Photo by Steve Ward

The primary goal of our April Camp meeting was to take care of all the administrative things that a new Camp has to deal with: Date, time and place to hold our meetings, display of flags and banners, content and order of Camp meeting agenda, new member induction, Camp dues, Camp elections, Camp projects, etc. Much was accomplished at our April meeting; our Camp is off to a great start.

Our May Camp meeting focused on why the Broken Arrow Camp was created, and why it's important to be an SCV member and keep the SCV as right as we can. Two new members were inducted into the Camp: Levi Ward and Logan Ward, who are relatives of Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk. Our all-important giant highway flag initiative (100 Men/\$140) to be located on donated private property near Hanna on the Indian Nation Turnpike is still ongoing; Commander Ward circulated flyers to those who had not heard about it.

Our Camp meeting in June had a small turnout, but those lucky enough to attend got to hear our Brigade Commander Steve Sanders talk about what's happening to our monuments, and why it's more important than ever to be as Confederate as our ancestors. Everyone agreed that the rampant vandalism, destruction, and removal of our Confederate heroes' monuments by ignorant mobs as the police watch and do nothing is inexcusable. Now more than ever, we need to dig deep in our pockets, install that towering flag pole, raise that giant highway flag and let the country know we're here to fight!

CAMP NEWS & PHOTOS (cont.)

Colonel Tandy Walker Camp #2207 - Shawnee, OK

This camp is the fastest growing camp in the Division and soon to be the largest! So much so that they have outgrown their original meeting place.



Jeremy L Kerr receiving his membership certificate in the name of his ancestor William H Churchman who served as a Private in Co. D 17th Tennessee Infantry Regiment (Finch's).



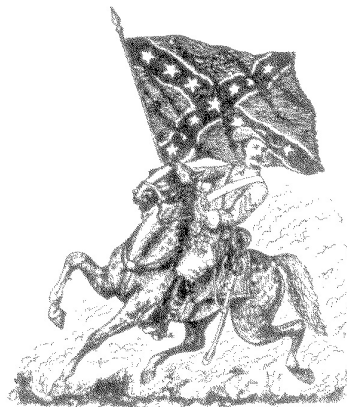
Clarence D Hopper receiving his membership certificate in the name of his ancestor Robert Hopper, Private, Co H, 8th Regiment Missouri Infantry (Mitchell's).



Charles C Taylor II receiving his membership certificate in the name of his ancestor; William A Martin, Private, Co H, 19th Arkansas Infantry Regiment.



Vicki Conley, daughter of John F Conley, giving the presentation for our February meeting.



James A Bohrer preparing documents for scanning. The documents cover the Oklahoma Division SCV from 1977 to 1999.

CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS VANDALIZED

FAIRLAWN CEMETERY - OKLAHOMA CITY



On Thursday, August 27th, there was a BLM protest march starting on NW 23rd Street and Classen Blvd. Apparently, before the march started, protestors came 6 blocks north on Shartel and poured red paint on the back of the Confederate memorial and splattered two nearby headstones. It is not yet clear when and how we will clean and restore the Monument. More later.

ROSE HILL CEMETERY - ARDMORE



At our monument in Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore, someone had taken a small hammer and broken off the corners of capstone, hammered dents in the inscription, nearly completely destroyed the date 1865 and spray painted the letters, WWJD, (What Would Jesus Do) on two sides. Because the letters WWJD were used and not BLM, (Black Lives Matter), we believe the vandals to be locals.

Terry Pierce and Kevin Easterling managed to repair the capstone, make the inscription readable and washed the painted WWJD off the structure. However, the date 1865 will have to be totally replaced. For several years we have wanted to place security cameras in the area to monitor the monument and the graves. Terry, Kevin and I visited with Ardmore City Parks Director and received permission to install security cameras and/or any other monitoring products that we feel would serve to protect the monument and grave sites.



© Mykal McEldowney/IndyStar A monument dedicated to Confederate soldiers who died at a Union prison camp in Indianapolis is dismantled from Garfield Park on Monday, June 8, 2020.

THE HISTORY OF THE MONUMENT REMOVED FROM GARFIELD

Camp Morton was a Union military training camp located in what is now the Herron-Morton Place neighborhood. Prior to the Civil War, the area served as the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The 36-acre site was bounded by Central Avenue and Talbott, 19th and 22nd streets.

On February 22, 1862, nearly 3,700 Confederate prisoners began arriving at the camp after the Union capture of Fort Donelson and the Battle of Shiloh. Battle weary, malnourished, improperly clothed for harsh winters and with infected wounds, illness soon plagued the camp. Charity from the Indianapolis community included clothing, food and simple medical care.

Within a year, the camp was overcrowded and overrun by vermin. From 1862 to 1865, more than 9,000 prisoners passed through the prison camp. Over 1,700 Confederate soldiers died at Camp Morton. Its last prisoners were paroled on June 12, 1865. Many families from the South reclaimed their loved ones' bodies from the mass graves and trenches in which they were buried.

The U.S. Army secured sections of Greenlawn Cemetery specifically for the Confederate dead in 1868. Bodies were exhumed from Camp Morton and reburied in Greenlawn with wooden markers and identification numbers.

According to the National Park Service, “Until the turn of the 20th century, Congress made no effort to provide for or identify Confederate burial sites.” In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed a bill that allocated funds for markers to be placed on the graves of Confederate soldiers buried in Northern cemeteries.

In 1912, the federal government awarded a contract to the Van Amringe Granite Company of Boston for a 27-foot tall monument to commemorate the Confederate soldiers and sailors buried at Greenlawn.

The Southern Club of Indianapolis, a group of transplanted Southerners who reveled in Southern traditions such as black-face minstrel shows held Memorial Day services for the Confederate Soldiers at Greenlawn in 1918. The group said they took issue with industrial encroachment, neglect and vandalism in the area and made a push to move the monument.

In 1928, the monument was relocated to Garfield Park, three miles south of downtown, and the federal government began the process of moving the bodies from Greenlawn as the city sold off parcels of land for development.

On April 3, 1928, The Indianapolis Star reported the “passage in the House of Representatives at Washington of a bill by Rep. Ralph E. Updike of Indianapolis to permit removal of the Confederate monument from Greenlawn cemetery to Garfield Park.” The bill allowed for the appropriation of \$25,000 for the move. Updike ran with the financial backing of the Ku Klux Klan. And it was alleged Updike entered into a contract with KKK leader D.C. Stephenson that would allow Stephenson to control all federal appointments which Updike was able to obtain.

In 1933, the Confederate remains were put in 25 wooden boxes and buried in a mass grave at Crown Hill marked by a new six-foot-tall granite monument. In 1991, two Indianapolis police officers spearheaded a successful effort to persuade the Department of Veterans Affairs to approve and fund a new monument consisting of 10 large memorial stones with all 1,616 names listed, which stands today in Crown Hill.

On June 4, 2020, Indianapolis mayor Joe Hogsett announced “Our streets are filled with voices of anger and anguish, testament to centuries of racism directed at black Americans,” Hogsett said in a statement. “We must name these instances of discrimination and never forget our past – but we should not honor them.”

On June 8, the monument was removed.



© Matt Kryger/Indianapolis Star Kathi Ricketts, a Civil War re-enactors of the 33rd Virginia Voluntary Company, lays a flower on a tomb stone during the Memorial Day ceremonies Monday, May 28, 2012 afternoon at the Confederate Mound in Crown Hill Cemetery.



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June 10, 2020

Sons of Confederate Veterans-OK Div
15509 Claremont Blvd
Edmond, OK 73013

In 2015 the Indianapolis City Parks Department asked for donations to help the City support and maintain this monument. In response to this request, the Division donated the sum of \$560.00. On June 30th of this year, we received a letter informing us that the monument had been moved from the city park and that the city was no longer responsible for it. Accordingly, they returned our \$560.00 check (see letter below).

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for your donation to the Indianapolis Parks Foundation in support of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors monument that was formerly located in Garfield Park.

The grave monument, commissioned in 1912 to commemorate Confederate prisoners of war who died while imprisoned at Camp Morton in Indianapolis, was moved to Garfield Park in 1928. In 2017, the Indianapolis Parks Board passed a resolution to remove the monument once funding was secured. The City of Indianapolis recently dismantled and removed the monument from Garfield Park.

For nearly 30 years, the Indianapolis Parks Foundation has connected resources to needs to demonstrate the transformative power of parks. While our work can include holding funds for assets within parks, including monuments, we can no longer steward the funds raised to restore the Soldiers and Sailors monument because it has been removed from park property.

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of your donation to the Indianapolis Parks Foundation. Any checks not cleared within 6 months will be transferred to Parks Foundation operating fund.

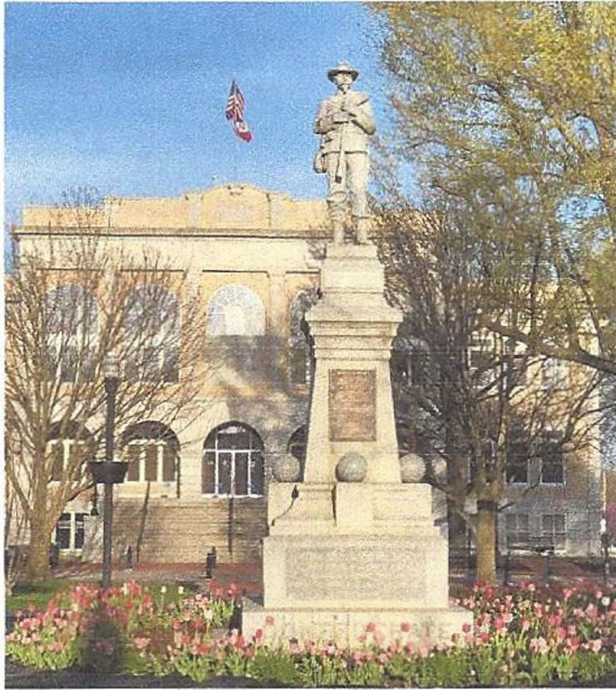
Thank you,

Lori Hazlett
President & CEO
Indianapolis Parks Foundation

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The Shame of Bentonville

By Neil Kumar June 22, 2020



Bentonville is the lovely little town in Northwest Arkansas that I have spent nearly my entire life in. At the heart of Bentonville, in the center of our town square, there has rested a Confederate monument for the last 112 years, honoring the Southern soldiers who, carrying on the spirit of their Revolutionary fathers and grandfathers, gave their lives for the freedom of their fellow Southrons and all of their descendants. For over a century, not one man quarreled with our monument. That changed within the past few years, just as Bentonville has, just as our whole nation has. Last autumn, our monument was attacked and seriously damaged by two egalitarian brownshirts, both of whom are members of the *nouveau riche* that have lately colonized our town. Now, without one single vote cast, without a single town hall, without a single word of notice, the rulers of Bentonville have unilaterally decided to remove our monument.

I embarked upon this investigation to answer one simple question: Who removed our Confederate monument? After weeks of obfuscation, unreturned phone calls, and warnings to not tread where there be dragons, I was able to unearth the truth. What I discovered was an extraordinarily vast conspiracy, three years in the making, planned and carried out by a culprit so powerful that the local newspaper refused to print a condensed version of this piece. While it was initially written for the citizens of Bentonville, its microcosmic message applies to all of us, in every defiled town across this country that once was ours.

Bentonville is much like any other small Southern town, save for one thing - it is the headquarters of Walmart. Historically, we have been much the better for it; Bentonville has long been a cocoon, into which the problems of the nation have rarely intruded. Yet, as all things must end, so too must this, for while the retailer undoubtedly built this town, it will also be our demise. Death has marched into our town under the guise of "Progress." The removal of our Confederate monument is but one part of the larger process whereby our town has been leveled and transformed, remade in the image of the vampiric Carpetbaggers and Scalawags that wealth has ushered in.

Bentonville is now unrecognizable as the town in which I came of age, the town that Sam Walton so cherished. Its new ruling class is comprised of outsiders with managerial pedigree, transient mercenaries who hold no stake in our town. Many of them do not even live here full-time, and yet they have taken it upon themselves to bring us benighted, deplorable yokels down into their enlightened cave.

The decision to remove our monument was announced as violent activists gathered at the statue to "protest" in support of the American Kristallnacht that we are now witnessing. Though at first glance, this timing appears to be yet another pathetic attempt to placate the insatiable "color revolution", this decision was set in motion three years ago, when the chief of a certain corporate behemoth with deep roots in our town approached the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the owner of our monument. About one year ago, this same entity chose to sever those roots, using the shoestring Benton County Historical Society as a front to present a deal to the UDC. By its terms, the UDC had to officially initiate the removal, in order to make it appear as if it was their organic idea, a choice freely made. On the contrary, this deal was an offer that could not be refused; though the UDC was never explicitly threatened, the informal participation of one Benton County judge cast a long shadow. In the background of the proceedings was the knowledge that, were they to refuse this opportunity, that judge, a man who, quite hypocritically, campaigned on "trust, integrity, and transparency", was available to issue an order that would have forced the UDC to remove it within twelve months, or else let it be removed by the County.

Of course, a carrot accompanied the stick. Through well-handled negotiations, the UDC was able to secure a new private park in which to honor our monument and Confederate dead, named for Arkansas Representative, Senator, Governor, and Confederate veteran James H. Berry. The UDC thus made the best of a bad situation, and I cannot fault them for the agreement; indeed, that is not the point. The point is that this was a blatant deception whereby our town has been forever altered, without any transparency or public deliberation to speak of. The conspirators handled this brilliantly; though they operated in the trappings of local government, thus establishing the implicit support of the State, our public officials had no legal duty to disclose anything to us. By using entirely private money, our elected representatives were allowed to follow the orders of their corporate handlers to circumvent the political process and subvert the will of the people. These officials lied to our faces for the entirety of the last three years, consistently assuring us that any potential removal or relocation of our monument would be put to a vote, thereby leading us to believe that we were still in control of the destiny of our town. Clear now, for all to see, is the truth that Bentonville is not a democracy - it is a kingdom.

The conspiracy succeeded with aplomb; the identity of the culprit is known only to a select few, all of whom are extremely reticent to discuss the matter. Even the supporters of our statue have been misled into believing that the UDC wanted this to happen; for anyone who cares to peek behind that curtain, the old adage holds true: follow the money. The UDC can hardly afford to dismantle and relocate a monument, nor can it afford to develop a new park; all of this will be paid for by the entity that set it in motion. Monument removal and relocation costs hundreds of thousands of dollars, a price compounded by the fact that ours has already been damaged and thus must be repaired. Who could care so much about erasing the memory of the Confederate States of America that they are willing to spend such exorbitant sums? The hostile class that has infiltrated and transformed the American company into the globalist corporation believes itself to be the arbiter of morality, while we provincials are merely their serfs, irredeemable peons who cannot be entrusted with directing our own lives. Why did we allow them to take our town from us?

As our riven nation burns, symbols of Southern heritage have been targeted as never before. Be not deceived - the Founding Fathers are next. When Old Dixie is finally driven down, Old Glory will wither away along with her. Where is the counterrevolution? Do we not realize that if we cannot stand for what might now seem to be the small things, we cannot stand for anything? Why do no sons and daughters of the South offer any resistance? A large part of the answer is that we stand alone. The South has not been represented in American government since the Egalitarian Revolution of the Sixties, and the Republican Party that claims to be our protector exists solely to harness the Southern spirit and redirect it straight into the ground. While the Left has metastasized for the last eight decades, the Right has been relentlessly purged from the ranks of the cocktail conservatives, hijacked and crushed.

Thus, in our present state of disorganization, when we dare to stand for ourselves, we know that we have no institutional support, and thus no insulation whatsoever. We are a stateless people, in the unique position of voting, every election cycle, for men who work tirelessly to accelerate our dispossession. We then tell ourselves that we do this because the alternative choice, which is indeed stark raving mad, advocates for our dispossession. So, in order to avoid the Enemy in its avowed form, we run into the arms of the very same Enemy in disguise.

The Republican Party dies when we understand that it, along with the corporate "private" sector that it is beholden to, is a far greater threat to our people than the rabid Leftism that so repulses us. What of the faux originalists in the judiciary? In one week, the spuriously "conservative" Supreme Court upheld the unconstitutional Obama amnesty, refused to hear any Second amendment cases, refused to address California's "Sanctuary State" law, and essentially enacted the Equal Rights Amendment by applying the already unconstitutional Civil Rights Act to homosexuals and transgenders, opening the floodgates to a deluge of new depredations. Just as our unrepresentative government is illegitimate, so too are the kritarchs in black who sit on the Court and credulously place the "constitutional" stamp upon whatever the ruling class wishes it to.

The apostate morality of egalitarianism allows the Enemy to claim the moral high ground, yet nothing could be further from the truth. It is the most fundamental rule of decent governance that a tiny minority cannot make decisions for the majority. Give them one inch, and they will seize the mile. While we breathe, there can never be peace. Our Confederate monument might have been relocated rather than destroyed, but the Enemy will never be satisfied until it is obliterated, and then until there is no record that it ever existed.

These monuments are not stone, but rather material representations of our forefathers, and, by extension, ourselves. They are a solemn reproach, a constant height to which the Enemy can never ascend, a reminder of the glorious nation that the Enemy knows he could never have built. Thus, to profane our altars and debase our monuments is more than a means to psychologically humiliate us; erasing the memories of our accomplishments makes them feel better about having none of their own. They come for monuments now because they can, and now that they know that nothing stands in their path, it cannot be long now until they come for us. Witness the toppling of Christopher Columbus statues across the country, an unmistakable declaration of war with only one message - that we do not belong here, that America should not exist. What is our response? Silence.

About Neil Kumar

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WANTED

100 MEN

who care enough about erecting a 60-foot flagpole and giant Confederate Battle Flag next to the Indian Nation Turnpike near Hanna to donate

\$140 each

The land has been donated to us over a year ago. All we need are the funds to make it happen. Donations have trickled in, but we need to take full advantage of our good fortune and move on this project and make it a reality. The quickest way to do this is for 100 men (and women) to step up and donate \$140 each, giving us a grand total of \$14,000 which will cover all aspects of purchase and installation.


Mail individual donations to:

SCV Monument Fund
c/o Jim Orebaugh
P.O. Box 30022
Edmond, OK 73003

The membership of the Oklahoma Division should be able to contribute plenty to the Confederate Flag Project to erect the first Confederate Flagpole on Indian Nation Turnpike near Hanna, OK. Take this back to your Camp and encourage your members to be part of this. There are 400+ members in the Oklahoma Division. We only need 25% (100 members) X \$140.00 = \$14,000.00 PLEASE contribute what you can. Do it for DIXIE!

ESTIMATE

Oklahoma Highway Confederate Flag – Near Hanna, McIntosh Co., Oklahoma



Installation, Pole, Accessories & Travel	\$8,586.67
Two Confederate flags 12' X 18' (\$500.00 each)	1,000.00
Survey for site (Survey for road access to site is additional)	675.00
Title Insurance – Land	296.00
Attorney – Examination of Abstracts	375.00
Abstracts – Land	950.00
Other contingencies	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR CONFEDERATE FLAGPOLE	\$13,882.67

Prepared by:
Charley Wilson
Pvt Drury Warren Camp No. 2180
Ponca City, Oklahoma
Dec 1, 2019

This is your 2020 flag rally!

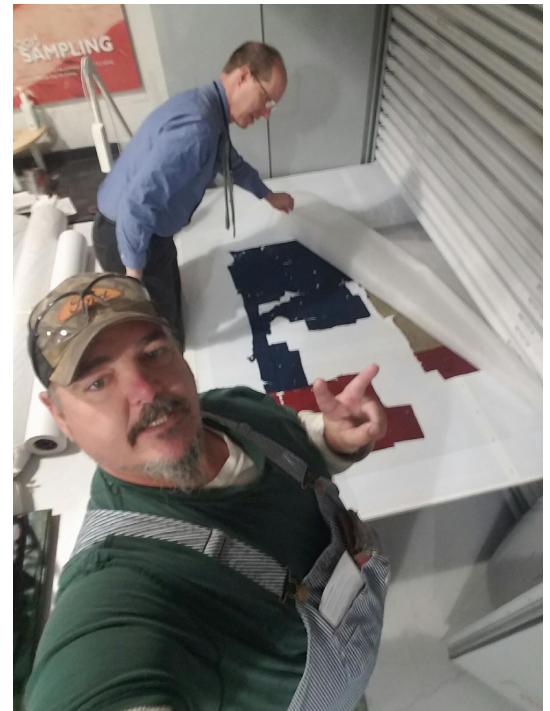
OUR TRAVELING LT. COMMANDER

Lt. Cdr. Chain has a job that involves a good deal of travel. Last January, the job took him to the Bridgestone Tire plant in Des Moines, IA. While there, Virgil got to eliminate one of the items from his "Bucket List".

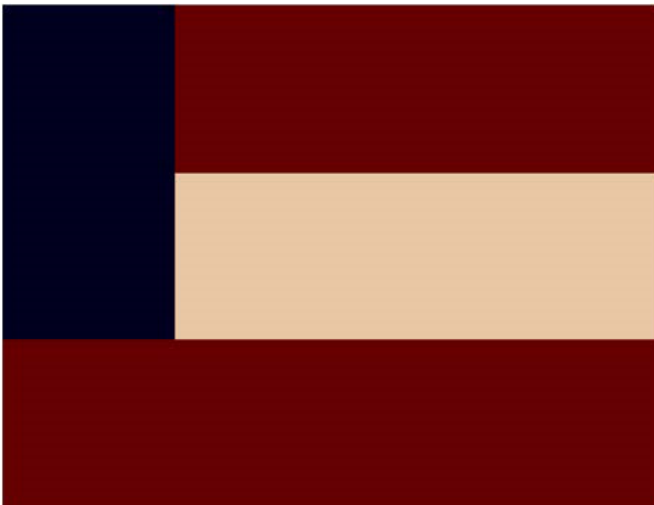
He had promised himself that one day he would see the flag of his ancestor's infantry unit, surrendered at Vicksburg on July 4th, 1863. That flag, of the 26th Louisiana Infantry, was taken* by an Iowa Infantry unit and now resides in the Iowa Historical Society in Des Moines. (*taken, not captured).

Virgil paid a visit to the museum and, as luck would have it, the curator on duty turned out to be a member of the SUVCW and a re-enactor. He knew the history of the flag and was more than happy to show it.

Currently, Lt. Commander Chain is working in Rogers, Arkansas and has paid a visit to the Confederate monument in nearby Bentonville. That monument was removed several days after Virgil's visit. (See story of monument on page 12)



Lt. Commander Chain achieves one of his "bucket list" wishes.



Flag of the 26th Louisiana Infantry



The flag as it appears today

THE WAR DIDN'T END AT APPOMATTOX

Al Benson Jr.

We have arrived at that time of year where the “historians” never hesitate to tell us about Robert E. Lee’s surrender at Appomattox, and the distinct impression given in most articles and history books is the Lee’s surrender was automatically the end of the War. If not stated directly, it is implied that when Lee surrendered the South surrendered. Not quite so. All that Lee surrendered was the Army of Northern Virginia, nothing else. As commander of all the Confederate armies at that time, he could have surrendered them all. He didn’t. Joe Johnston surrendered his army in North Carolina at the end of April and other Confederate generals surrendered as May and June dragged on. Some, like Jo Shelby, refused to surrender. They buried their battle flags in the Rio Grande and crossed over into Mexico. Others just walked away. I have been told though I can’t verify it, that Cherokee General Stand Watie did not technically surrender. Rather he signed a “cessation of hostilities” agreement and his men went home with their weapons. A more informed historian than me might know more about that.

However all that may be, the Confederate Government never did surrender. President Davis and his cabinet fled with the intent of working their way west to continue the struggle against Yankee/Marxism. Most of them were captured. A couple got away. But, for all that, the Confederate Government never officially surrendered. And maybe that was a good thing—because no matter what they ever might have said on paper, the Yankee/Marxist Regime in Washington never stopped fighting the War. With the shooting over, though, they had to change their tactics. The military historian Carl von Clausewitz once noted that: “War is the continuation of politics by other means.” In other words it’s all political (and theological) whether they fight or negotiate. You might also look at the reverse of von Clausewitz’s statement and note that “peace” is also the continuation of politics “by other means”—depending on how you define “peace.” If you define it the way the Yankee/Marxist does then it’s really not peace, but that term is used to define it so most people won’t realize that the federal government is still at war with them, even though they’ve been told that a “state of peace” now exists. In other words, “peace is war—by other means.” To the Yankee/Marxist it cannot be otherwise, for he is at war with you until he crushes you and only then will you have “peace” with him, and for you, that’s usually the peace of the grave!

So it was in the late 1860s via “reconstruction” and when the Yankee troops left the South twelve years later after the War ended, that closed phase one of “reconstruction” and paved the way for phase two. The effects of phase one, however, lingered on in the South, due to the implementation of the public school system and the forced use of Yankee/Marxist “history” books.

The residual effect of those was intended to carry over until phase two could be implemented.

Phase two of “reconstruction” was implemented with the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement and that continues on until this day. “Civil rights” have now been expanded to include sodomite rights, transgender rights, lesbian rights, illegal immigration and Muslim terrorist rights, including the right to vote and get all the freebies that most hard-working Americans end up paying for and are denied.

So, looking at how our Ruling Establishment operates, I have to contend that the “peace” we are now suffering under is really nothing more than the continuation of the War of Northern Aggression “by other means.” The first phase of “reconstruction” was not quite able to destroy Southern culture and faith. That’s not to say they didn’t mightily try, but they couldn’t quite bring it all off—and Confederate flags and monuments all over the South attested to that. The flags and monuments were, in a sense, the Southerners’ way of saying “You tried to kill us culturally (and theologically) but you didn’t quite make it.” But not to worry – the Yankee/Marxists plan to atone for their shortsightedness this time around. This time they will make sure they grind both us and our culture into the ground so they can stand with their jackboot on our necks while we cry out “Uncle Sam” or how about “He loved Big Brother.” It’s all the same.

If you don’t think this is what they have planned for us then you have totally misunderstood the Yankee/Marxist worldview. This is exactly their agenda for us, and good Southern folks had better wake up to that fact. The Yankee/Marxist only understands one thing—resistance! You can’t dialogue with him; you can’t negotiate with him, you can’t “be nice” to him. He takes all that as a sign of weakness and plows ahead even more ruthlessly. You have to resist him. You have to continue to resist him. The Bible says “Resist the devil and he will flee.” Same principle – same adversary. Unless we are prepared to do that and to teach our children to do that, we will lose. It’s as simple as that, and we had better wake up and realize it!



"The Surrender" painting by Keith Rocco shows Generals Lee and Grant shaking hands near the end of the meeting.

Which Side Committed Treason in the 'Civil War'?

By Thomas DiLorenzo

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The two people in America who seem to suffer the most from Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) are Mr. Kellyanne Conway (a.k.a. George) and “Republican strategist” Rick Wilson, two old GOP political hacks who apparently lost their lucrative gigs with the party when Donald Trump was elected. They, along with a gaggle of other sour grapes, out-of-the-loop D.C. Republicans, have created something called “The Lincoln Project” which they intend to use to vent their hatred for the president. Their first effort was to informally join forces with the self-described Marxist revolutionary founders of Black Lives Matter (and Antifa for that matter) to accuse the president of being a “white supremacist.”

They did this with a television ad that made use of the decades of trial lawyer experience of a man like George Conway to craft the following legal argument: 1) The Southern Confederates were traitors; 2) People with Confederate flag t-shirts have been spotted at Trump rallies; 3) Therefore, Donald Trump encourages treason. If there was a Nobel Prize for lawyering George Conway and Rick Wilson would surely be top candidates.

One thing that might stand in their way, however, is the plain historical fact that the truth is exactly the opposite of their main proposition that the Southern Confederates committed treason by seceding from the Union (as I discuss in more detail in my soon-to-be-released book, *The Problem with Lincoln*). These supposed defenders of the Constitution are apparently unaware of the definition of treason in the document. Article 3, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution defines treason as follows: “Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against **them**, or in adhering to **their** Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort” (emphasis added). The all-important words here are “them” and “their,” signifying that, as in all of the founding documents, the words “United States” are always in the plural, meaning the free and independent states, not something called “the United States government in Washington, D.C.”

After all, it was the citizens of the free and independent states, as they are called in the Declaration of Independence, that delegated certain powers to the federal government, as delineated in Article 1, Section 8. They defined treason in this way to attempt to assure that the powers of the federal government, which they had delegated for their mutual benefit, would not be used against them by means of a military invasion. Levying war upon any of the free and independent states is the “only” definition of treason in the U.S. Constitution.

In other words, when Lincoln ordered the first 75,000-man invasion of the Southern states *he*, and all of his political associates, committed treason as defined by the Constitution. He and the Republican Party have done everything possible to cover this up and pull the wool over the public’s eyes for generations. Lincoln started this subterfuge by unilaterally redefining treason to mean any criticism of himself or his administration’s policies. That is how he justified his illegal suspension of habeas corpus and the arrest by military forces and imprisoning without due process of thousands of Northern political dissenters including mayors, Congressman Henry May of Maryland, the entire Maryland state assembly, and dozens of opposition newspaper editors.

Of course, no president has the authority to redefine the Constitution in this way. It was exactly the kind of tyrannical act that George Washington warned against in his Farewell Address when he stated that if the Constitution is to be amended there is a process for it in the document itself, namely votes by the House and Senate and three-fourths of the states. Any other means, such as what Lincoln did, is what President Washington considered to be a deadly threat to democracy and the union itself by what he called “usurpation”. The Lincoln administration’s redefinition of treason, enforced not by the judicial system but by armed soldiers, was arguably the worst “usurpation” and perversion of the Constitution in American history. George Conway and Rick Wilson know nothing of this, so blinded are they by their apoplectic hatred of the man whose electoral success cut them off from the D.C. political insider gravy train.

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"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."

- Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

