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Confederate general's bust disappears from Selma cemetery

SELMA — Police in Selma are investigating the disappearance of a bust of Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest from a city cemetery. Old Live Oak Cemetery's superintendent tells *The Selma Times-Journal* the last time anyone remembers seeing the bust was Friday. The bronze bust sat atop a large granite monument.

Some in Selma have criticized the monument. In addition to leading Confederate troops in the Battle of Selma, Forrest is also known as the founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

Soon after it was dedicated in October 2000, the monument was vandalized and was moved to the Confederate monument area inside the cemetery.

Selma police Chief William T. Riley says his department didn't have any leads but did contact area scrap yards to see if anyone had tried to sell it.

APRIL MEETING

Sunday - April 15

2:30 P. M.

Confederate Memorial Day Program
Courthouse Monument

This is our most significant meeting of the year as we recognize our longstanding holiday. Please be present and bring family members. Texas author Mark K. Vogl will be our special program. He has spoken in every Southern state except Alabama, and his being with us will complete his circuit.

Joke of the month

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A couple who had been married for many years wound up in divorce court. The judge asked the husband, "Is it true that during the past three years of your marriage you haven't spoken to your wife?"

The husband replied, "Yes, Your Honor, that is correct."

"And how do you explain this unusual conduct?" the judge inquired.

He replied, "My mother always told me not to interrupt a woman when she's speaking."

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NASCAR nixes idea for Dukes car

Confederate flag atop TV icon undoes plan for Watson lap at Phoenix track

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH | NASCAR and track officials canceled plans to have golfer Bubba Watson drive the car from the television series "The Dukes of Hazard" at Phoenix International Raceway because of concerns about a negative reaction to an image of the Confederate flag.

Watson was scheduled to

drive the 1969 Dodge Charger, known as the "General Lee," on a parade lap before the March 4 Sprint Cup series race at Phoenix. The car has a large Confederate flag on its roof, just as it did when it appeared on the show.

"The image of the Confederate flag is not something that should play an official role in our sport as we continue to reach out to new fans and make

NASCAR more inclusive," NASCAR spokesman David Higdon said in a statement Friday.

Higdon said it was a joint decision by officials with NASCAR, the racetrack and track ownership group International Speedway Corp. While the flag may not be welcome in an official capacity in NASCAR, it often can be seen flying from fans' vehicles in race-track infields.

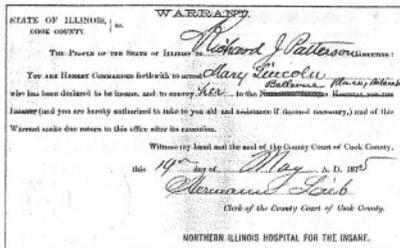
Reached Friday at the Northern Trust Open in Los Angeles, Watson said the car has the flag on it only because that's the way

it looked on the show.

"Obviously, I don't stand for the Confederate flag," Watson said. "The Confederate flag was not used [in the show] for what people see it as today, so that's sad. But NASCAR was built on moonshining, so the show was built on moonshining. I thought it was fun. I didn't buy the car to get publicity; I bought it because I love it."

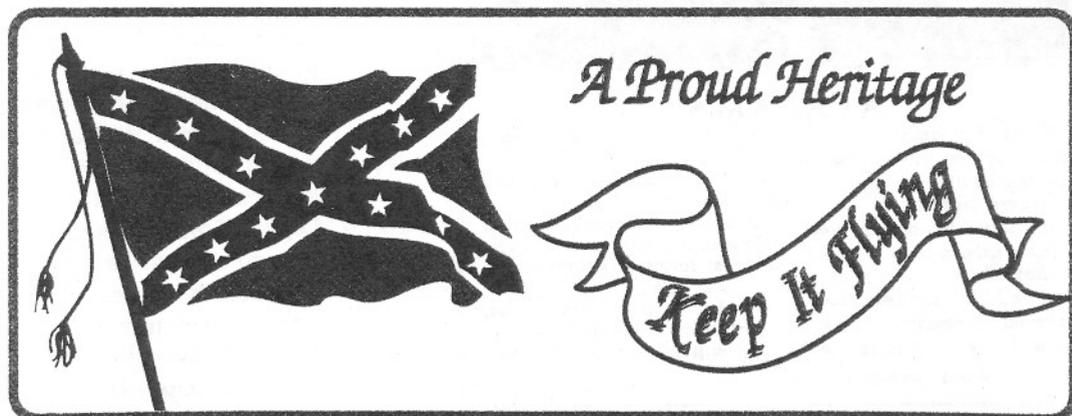
Watson recently bought the car at an auction for \$110,000. The photo on Watson's Twitter account shows him standing next to the car.

Long Lost Commitment Records for Mary Todd Lincoln Discovered



Long thought destroyed or lost, the original asylum records as well as court papers concerning Mary Todd Lincoln's involuntary commitment in 1875 to Bellevue Place, an asylum in Batavia, Ill., have been found and preserved. Her controversial commitment, initiated by her son, Robert, ended after three months, when Myra Bradwell, a lawyer friend, successfully challenged Mary's confinement. In 1933 Dorothy Daniels, the daughter of a new owner of the institution, found the admission ledger bearing Lincoln's name, as well as a copy of the warrant for her arrest and transfer to Bellevue and other documents. Her heirs recently sold the papers for \$37,000 to the Frazier Museum in Louisville, Ky., where they are now on display.

Copies of the court papers had circulated among scholars and historical societies, but the originals were probably hidden for protection in the circuit court files in Cook County, Ill., according to Mary Lincoln expert and author Jason Emerson. The original documents include Robert's petition to have his mother declared insane, a subpoena and summons for her to appear in court and a jury verdict finding her insane. Two members of the Illinois Supreme Court located the papers during research for re-creating the trial. The circuit court clerk, Dorothy Brown, agreed to have the papers transferred to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Ill.



The History of Guntersville, Alabama In the Civil War

Courier Book Reviewed By: Duane Benell

Guntersville is on the south side of the Tennessee River in Marshall County, Alabama. At the time of the Civil War it was an important landing location for commercial cotton and travel. Though the town and neighboring area were never on the front lines of a major battle it was raided at least 10 times by Union forces who usually cleaned out whatever property the civilian populace had. The locals were also subjected at times to artillery fire from north of the river and from Union gunboats. Confederate cavalry also helped themselves on several occasions. One raid was conducted by a band of Southern marauders dressed as Union cavalry men robbed and executed several of the local men. On January 15th, 1865, Union troops raided and burned most of Guntersville down along with plantations and farmhouses in neighboring areas.

The 13 short chapters cover

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the history of Guntersville before the war, secession, the raids, nine "key" soldiers from Guntersville, Union gunboats and more. The highlight for me was the 36 page chapter of excerpts from a young woman's diary which describes the raids and other hardships people on the home front experienced. She was from a loyal southern slave holding family with many friends and family members in the Confederate army. Her entire war diary, if ever found, would make a good book itself. The book contains a number of photographs of the "key" soldiers, other citizens, and structures that survived the burning. This is a short, but interesting book.

Title: A River Town's Fight For Life: The History of Guntersville, Alabama

In the Civil War

Author: Dr. J.F. (Pete) Sparks

Publisher: Alabama Press

Pages: 134

Prices: \$20.00

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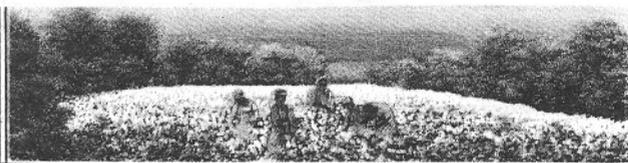
I am an Army veteran of the Vietnam era. The GAR was a good organization for Civil War veterans, but so was the United Confederate Veterans (UCV). My great-great-grandfather was a colonel in the greatest army of all time, the Confederate Army. He was killed by a Yankee during the fighting at the Second Manassas on Aug. 30, 1862.

I am a proud compatriot of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and take pride in what the South tried to accomplish: getting our independence from the Union and our states' rights under the 10th Amendment to the Constitution, which Mr. Lincoln ignored.

- Madison A. Ballagh Jr., Irmo, S.C.

Although most of us probably know it, Barbara Gannon never explicitly states that Confederate veterans could not join the GAR. She says it was started by Union veterans for Civil War veterans, but some might think that Confederate veterans also "served honorably during the war." Gannon also says the GAR was exclusive to Civil War veterans - she should have said "Union Civil War veterans." Many Legionnaires, loyal Americans all, are descendants of Confederate veterans, and would appreciate the distinction between the GAR and the Legion. Some of us might also refer to the war as "the War Between the States." As we know, the victors write the history books.

- Russell Denison, Sun City, Ariz.



"ALABAMA"

Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee,
From thy southern shore,
where groweth
By the sea thine orange tree,
To thy northern vale where
floweth,
Deep and blue, the Tennessee.
Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee!

From State Song by Miss Julia S. Tutwiler

From thy prairies, broad and
fertile,
Where thy snow-white cotton
shines;
To the hills where coal and iron
Hide in thy exhaustless mines;
Honest farmers, strong-armed
workmen
Merchants, or what'er we be,
Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee!

EDUCATION BRIEFS

A federal court judge ruled last month that administrators at Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill, California had the right to send home students whose clothing showed the American flag. Two students were sent home last May when they refused to change their shirts after being told that the American flag image might attract violence from the school's Mexican-American students on Cinco de Mayo, a Mexican holiday. The students sued the Morgan Hill Unified School District, claiming the directive violated their right to free expression. The judge threw out their suit, stating that school officials had the right to take action if they thought student safety was at stake.

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Picacho Peak

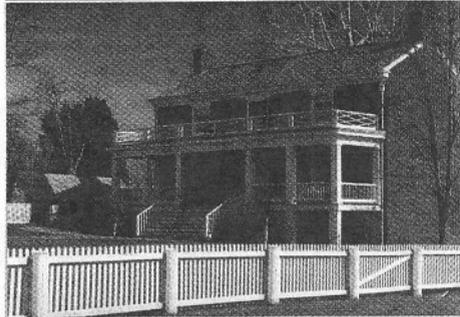
Originally slated to close to the public this summer, the generosity of a local community has earned a temporary reprieve for Arizona's Picacho Peak State Park.

Last summer, a massive budget crunch saw Arizona slash its state park funding by 61 percent, necessitating layoffs and even total closures. When Picacho Peak, site of the Civil War's westernmost battle was placed on the chopping block, it earned a spot in CWPT's *History Under Siege*™ report of the nation's most critically endangered Civil War battlefields.

At many of the threatened parks, local residents, nonprofits and even municipalities rallied to save these irreplaceable resources. In March, the Arizona State Parks Board voted to allow individual management and funding agreements to keep the doors open and the lights on. On May 19, the state announced the second round of such *deus ex machina* scenarios — including one for Picacho Peak. The nearby community of

Historic APPOMATTOX

Where Our Nation Reunited



The final days of the American Civil War come to life in Historic Appomattox Virginia. Experience living-history at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and tour the McLean House, the world renowned site where Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865.



Reprieve for the Peak.

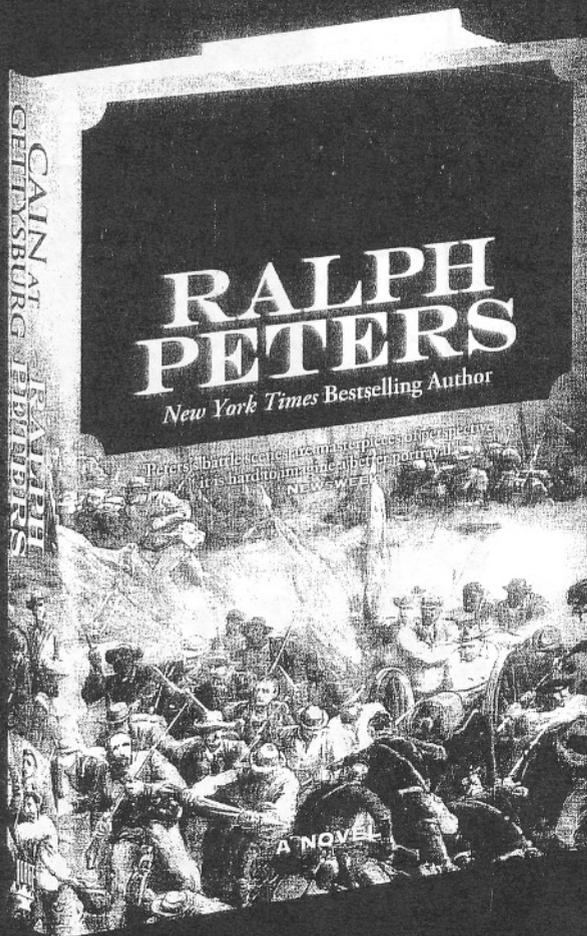
An 11th hour agreement kept the park open. LUKE LEMKE, CIVILWARALBUM.COM

Elon, Ariz., raised \$20,000 to donate toward operating expenses for the site.

Although remarkable, the reprieve is only temporary, as funding shortfalls continue across the state. Potential visitors are encouraged to visit the Arizona State Parks website when planning their trip to check for any reduced hours or other cuts. 

A stunning new novel of men at war, from *New York Times*
bestselling author and former US Army officer

RALPH PETERS



“[A] compelling tale of men at war...Peters’s colorful descriptions of harsh army life and the utter chaos of battle are accurate and convincing.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Peters’s battle scenes are masterpieces of perspective...it is hard to imagine a better portrayal.”

—*Newsweek*

“This wonderful saga pulls you right into the ranks of men marching to meet their destiny.”

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Two mighty armies blunder toward each other, one led by confident, beloved Robert E. Lee and the other by dour George Meade. They’ll meet in a Pennsylvania crossroads town where no one planned to fight.

In this sweeping, savagely realistic novel, the greatest battle ever fought on American soil explodes into life at Gettysburg. As generals squabble, staffs err. Tragedy unfolds for immigrants in blue and barefoot Rebels alike. The fate of the nation will be decided in a few square miles of fields.

There are no marble statues here, only men of flesh and blood, imperfect and courageous.

Mystery Woman's Donation Spurs Preservation of Civil War Battle Site

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Attempts to preserve the site of the Battle of Franklin received an unexpected boost recently when an unidentified woman pledged a hefty sum to its cause.

In 2005, preservationists successfully protected a 112-acre piece of land in Franklin, Tenn., where in 1864 Union and Confederate armies met in a bloody clash. This new preservation effort aims to purchase, for \$1.85 million, a key property on the main Highway 31 to protect it from development and construct a new park.

The anonymous donor has promised \$250,000 to the effort—a sum the Civil War Trust Foundation has said it will

match—if local preservationists can raise \$500,000 separately by May 1. Battle of Franklin preservationists say even they do not know the identity of the woman, but are thankful. “It gives us a chance to go out and have a fund raising campaign which is something we’ve [needed] to do,” said attorney Julian Bibb, a board member of Franklin’s Charge, a nonprofit Civil War preservation group.

The Battle of Franklin took place on Nov. 30, 1864, when Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood led the Army of the Tennessee against Union forces under Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield in what was

one of the most lopsided Union victories of the Civil War. Just two weeks after the battle, Hood’s army was effectively destroyed at the Battle of Nashville.

To find out how to donate, visit www.franklinscharge.com/



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Sword Swiped from Abraham Lincoln's Tomb

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Copper thievery is taking on historic proportions. A three-foot sword made of the metal was stolen from the burial site of Abraham Lincoln last fall, only to be returned to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency after authorities apprehended the culprit.

The Lincoln Tomb Historic Site, located in Springfield, Ill., serves as the final resting place of the 16th president, his wife Mary Todd, and three of their four sons. Designed by sculptor Larkin Mead, the 117-foot tomb was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960.

In November, officials noticed the sword was missing from a statue of a Civil War artillery officer. After receiving a tip, authorities were eventually led to the alleged perpetrator—a 16-year-old who told police he removed the sword in hopes of selling the blade as scrap.



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Avenue of Flags



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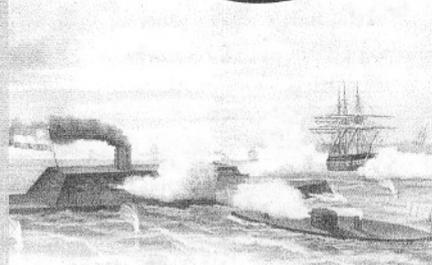
You don't have to be a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to buy this tag!



The cost is \$50⁰⁰. \$42.50 goes directly to support the activities of the SCV in Alabama. Call toll free: 1-888-SCV-BAMA for more information. (1-888-728-2262) www.alabamascv.org

This year, when you go to renew your tag, show your southern pride and replace it with the official Alabama Sons Of Confederate Veterans tag.

THE USS MONITOR CENTER

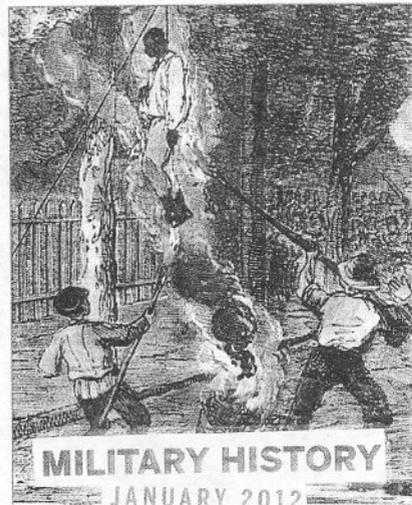


In 2012, The Mariners' Museum commemorates the 150th anniversary of the *Battle of Hampton Roads*, the first battle of Ironclads. Relive the adventure and learn the fascinating history at the USS *Monitor* Center.



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July 13-16, 1863: Draft riots in New York City result in more than 100 deaths. Mobs direct their anger toward blacks, lynching 11 men and torching an orphanage for black children.