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Cmdr. David Rawls (left) of the Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp in Vestavia, Al., was the guest speaker in June. Cmdr. Rawls gave a most informative talk on *The Confederate States of America Constitution*.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Major John C. Hutto Camp
July Meeting Notice
Sunday, 24 July 2016 - 2:30 PM

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Dr. Pete Sparks of Grant, Ala., will be our guest speaker for July. With enthusiasm I announce that a long awaited event for the Hutto Camp has finally arrived. Your humble commander has secured Dr. Pete Sparks' blessing to speak at the Hutto Camp's July meeting. Your humble commander was forced to change the regular meeting date from the third Sunday in July to the fourth Sunday in July to accommodate Dr. Sparks.

Dr. Pete Sparks' book, "*A River Town's Fight For Life*." covers Guntersville and north of the Tennessee River during the South's fight for independence.



Faye Gaston is presented the Emma Sansom Award by SCV Ala. Div. Cmdr. Gary Carlyle (right) and 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Carl Jones (left) at the 2016 Annual SCV Ala. Div. Reunion in Cullman, Alabama.

Faye Gaston Receives Emma Sansom Award

Faye Gaston of Union Springs, Bullock County, Alabama was presented the Emma Sansom Award, the highest award presented to a lady by the Alabama Division SCV. At the annual reunion of the Alabama Division Sons of Confederate Veterans at the Terri Pines Country Club in Cullman, Alabama on June 11, 2016.

She was presented a plaque and certificate by SCV Alabama Division Commander Gary Carlyle and 2nd Lt. Commander Carl Jones at the Jefferson Davis Awards Ceremony.

The plaque, featuring the SCV emblem with the Battle Flag, reads: "Alabama Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Emma Sansom Award presented to Faye Gaston for your efforts to protect and promote Southern history and heritage 2015."

The certificate, featuring a photograph of Emma Sansom, seal of the SCV and the SCV emblem with Battle Flag, reads: "Emma Sansom Award is presented to Faye Gaston for her dedication in preserving the History and Heritage of the South. She has shown great pride in her Heritage and has taken extraordinary actions to defend and protect her history even in times of strife.

Presented by the Alabama Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans." It was signed by Division Commander, Gary S. Carlyle and dated 11 June 2016.

Commander Carlyle requested that Faye pray the invocation. It was as follows:

"Father, we thank You that we can meet here to celebrate our heritage and our true history. We thank You for the Confederate flag that SCV flies on I-65 just beyond Montgomery.

We thank You that the SCV led in the efforts to get the Alabama House and Senate to pass the Heritage Bill (SB13) that would have protected monuments for all our veterans.

We thank You for the historians in SCV who share our Southern history in speeches and programs. We thank You for the SCV members who work to maintain Confederate Memorial Park in Marbury with the museum and library.

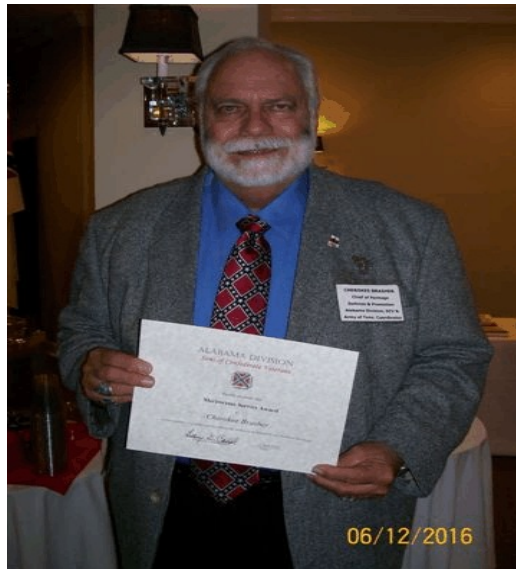
We thank You for the SCV members who preserve our Southern history through music, individually and in SCV bands.

Father, we thank You that the National SCV Commander, the SCV Alabama Division Commander and the SCV Tallassee Unit Commander came to tiny Union Springs and smoothed over the situation when Confederate flags were pulled up in the Confederate Cemetery by an individual.

We thank You that Confederate flags were placed again there last year and this year. We thank you that SCV and UDC can work together to preserve our history.

Father, we thank You for the wonderful meal we are about to enjoy, knowing that many people in this world go hungry today. We pray this to God the Father, in the name of Jesus, God the Son, in the power of God the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Faye is a member of the UDC chapter Admiral Semmes 57 in Auburn, Alabama.



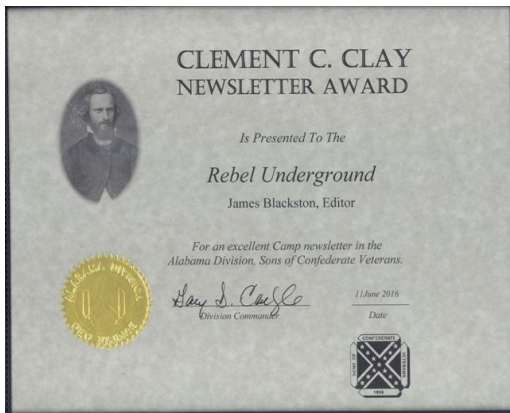
Chief of Heritage Defense, Cherokee Brasher receives the Meritorious Service Award at the Alabama Division 2016 Reunion in Cullman, Alabama for his efforts in preserving our Southern & Confederate Heritage



The Alabama Division Reunion in Cullman, Alabama was held on 11 June 2016. The Awards Banquet was held on Saturday evening, with the Honorable Ronnie Kennedy, co-author of *"The South Was Right,"* as guest speaker.

The Alabama Division Commander, Gary Carlyle presented the *Heritage Defense Award* to the *Daily Mountain Eagle*, "For the preservation and defense of our Southern Heritage through acts above and beyond the call of duty. It is through efforts such as these that the History and Heritage of the South lives on."

Also the Clement C. Clay Newsletter Award was presented to the *Rebel Underground*, "For an excellent Camp newsletter in the Alabama Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans." Gary Carlyle, Div. Cmdr. Thank you, Cmdr. Leonard Wilson, past Ala. Div. Cmdr. & Hutto Camp Cmdr.



Commander's Comments Causing My Brother To Stumble by James Blackston

This one takes a little bit of courage to write and a little bit of courage to read. Yet, I am compelled to speak the Truth. The fact that others might be brainwashed, or scared, or holier-than-thou makes no difference. I have always tried to stay faithful to my reputations as a truth teller...not necessarily always right...but always ready and willing to speak the truth as I see it.

As you know the Southern Baptist Convention has been in the news recently. In condemning the Confederate flag, Russell Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) said, "The Southern Baptist Convention voted overwhelmingly to repudiate the display of the Confederate Battle Flag. This conservative evangelical denomination gathered together just miles from Ferguson, Missouri, to stand together against one lingering divisive symbol."

Moore further stated, "To understand the significance of this, one must note the 'Southern' in 'Southern Baptist Convention.' This doesn't speak to geography; there are SBC churches in all fifty states. It speaks to history. The Southern Baptist Convention was formed in 1845, over a controversy about appointing slave holders as missionaries. The SBC was wrong, and more than wrong. The SBC of 1845, and for many years after, was in open sin against a holy God, and against those who bear his image."

To claim that the SBC was formed in 1845 over a controversy about appointing slave holders as missionaries is a gross distortion of the truth. According to A Hamilton Reid's book, "Baptists in Alabama," (1967,) pg. 95, quoting *Annals of*

the Alabama Baptist State Convention 1823-1965, the Alabama Baptist sentiment had nothing to do with slavery and everything to do "in defense of the sovereignty and independence of the State of Alabama."

Picking up on Russell Moore's uninspired condemnation for his Christian brothers was the Dallas Morning News headline stating, "*Southern Baptists condemn Confederate battle flag as racist.*"

Having grown up in the Baptist church with several of my family members holding prominent positions within the Baptist church, I believe I have standing to comment on Russell Moore's vitriolic condemnation and unfair characterization of the Confederate Battle flag and the Confederate American veteran.

My gg-grandfather Pvt. Simeon Covin, was a private in the Confederate Army. He was advancing in age when the Confederate leaders ask him to scout for the Confederate Army in Walker, Winston and Jefferson Counties. In a rare display of Confederate history, Pvt. Simeon Covin's Confederate war record details his scouting duties, but is abbreviated in length for obvious reasons.

I have often yearned to know exactly what my Grandfather did on his scouting duties. I believe he was on scouting duty the day Yankee General James Wilson invaded Walker County, driving his murdering Yankee horde through Jasper, murdering, burning and raping, as was the Yankee army's custom when invading the homes of innocent southern women and children.

I believe Grandpa Simeon tried to warn the citizens of Jasper, but not before General

Wilson's men had murdered one ole man O' Rear, and burned the courthouse and Methodist church. Some of Wilson's raid through Walker County is lost to history, being too heinous to record. Grandpa Simeon Covin did his part in repelling Wilson's invading army and lived to tell his story.

Grandpa Simeon was also a devout southern Baptist Christian, and circuit riding Baptist preacher in and around Walker County. One of the Covin family stories tells about Grandpa Simeon riding his mule to preach at Bethel Church on Sunday, a distance of about 20 miles from where he lived. Grandpa Simeon's story is one of the many devout Christian stories accumulating from the great revival that swept through the Confederate Army's ranks during the war. Grandpa Simeon Covin was a devout Christian, a Southern Baptist preacher, and a Confederate American, and he left that legacy for his family and for all the generations of his family that follow him.

The confusion and hatred for the Confederate Battle flag within the church seems to be confined to the SBC leadership. Before Moore's diatribe, I could not find one local Baptist church that shares Moore's point of view. Afterwards, I posed the following question to one of my Baptist friends, "How do you feel about the Confederate flag?"

His reply was, "I've never had an affinity for the flag and never liked it. To me it was associated with red necks and white folks. When I became a Christian it was through the ministry of a great Southern Gentleman who loved his Southern heritage.

His heroes were and are such men as Gen. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. His home is a museum to the confederacy. Through him I read some books

on the revivals among the Southern armies, etc. This allowed me to see that some men could hold up the flag and what it stood for with Christian principle.

However, I also realize how that flag is viewed by many--especially in the African American community. One of my pastors is black as are several in my church. For some it's not an issue, for others it carries some painful associations. In light of that my view is that though it is an issue of liberty, that liberty is not superior to my brothers offense (even if he is weak on the matter).

The text that comes to my mind is: 1 Corinthians 8:12-13 "But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble."

I thanked my Baptist friend for a chance to set the record straight. Thank you for your honest reply to my question about the Confederate flag. I agree with you, but would only clarify and expound upon your comment about making "my brother stumble."

For purpose of discussion I will define "my brother" as the cultural Marxist who dislikes, misrepresents, destroys, preaches against, or in any way despises Confederate history and heritage, and maybe a few others too numerous to name here. To save space I will refer to the above as "flag haters."

Causing "my brother" to stumble is a very important principle to Christian living. Honoring our fathers and mothers is an even greater principle to Christian living, even rising to the level of a "commandment."

Who are the folks preaching "inclusion of all people?" "Flag haters" have been demanding and preaching that all creeds must be included in the overall scheme of things, even to the point of including sects, religions, nationalities and philosophies etc. who diabolically oppose Christian living.

I question their honesty when they include all the above while excluding a small group who self identify themselves as descendants of Confederate American soldiers. One cannot include all people by "excluding" Confederate Americans.

"Flag haters" claim to be offended by the Confederate flag. All Confederate minded southerners I know are just as deeply offended by the "flag haters" rewriting history, ignoring truths, dishonoring and trashing their families. I believe most "flag haters" have an ulterior motive in expressing their hatred for a piece of cloth. The hatred goes much deeper, and therefore "flag haters" create the greater sin by exhibiting intellectually dishonest intentions, masquerading as some self righteous condemnation of the Confederate Battle flag. Scriptures abound that warn against lying and deceiving etc.

The tongue, espousing lies, can murder another Christian. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Proverbs 18:21 (KJV) Also James warns us about the power of the tongue. "but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. James 3:8-10

"My brother," the "flag hater," offends me by

misrepresenting my Confederate American ancestors, claiming they fought a war to preserve slavery. None of my fifteen Confederate ancestors, nor any in their families ever owned a slave, and never desired to own a slave. And that's true for the majority of southern people. Yet southerners have been labeled as racists, slave beaters, white supremacists and all manor of despicable names by the "flag haters."

Both sides of the Confederate flag controversy should cancel each other out. Truth should be the only victor. Both sides need to love each other more, become more tolerate of each other's views and heritage, and include each other when inclusion is called upon for peace and tranquility.

The 1860's Southern Cause is most adequately expressed by Confederate President Jefferson Davis when he said, "Never question or teach our children to desecrate the memory of the dead by admitting that their brothers were wrong in the effort to maintain the sovereignty, freedom and independence which was their inalienable birthright." That birthright was given to them by the founding fathers in the American Revolution.

When I display the Confederate flag I am honoring my dead fathers and mothers who fought for a cause they believed in, just the same as those founding fathers in the American Revolution. As I celebrate the Fourth of July, I will honor my Revolutionary War ancestor fathers and mothers who fought for sovereignty, freedom and independence in the Revolutionary War. I will also reserve a portion of that honor for my fifteen Confederate American ancestors who fought for sovereignty, freedom and independence during the War for Southern Independence.

"My brother," the "flag hater," falsely accuses me

of being his enemy. Matthew teaches us to love our enemies, even though Confederate Americans are only perceived enemies of the "flag haters." "You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:43-48

Some of the SBC leaders profess to be "in Christ." They appear to have a form of godliness, but are clothed with the mantel of Satan. Unfortunately these are the most outspoken and damning of all "flag haters." Paul tells Timothy in his second letter what it will be like in the last days: 2 Tim 3:1 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, **false accusers**, Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

To make matters worse these "flag haters" have extreme influence over 15 million other professing Christians. Come judgement day, I don't believe God will look kindly upon Baptist leaders who misrepresent other Christians just because some happen to be a descendant of a Confederate American Veteran.

If someone/anyone can show me that my

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Confederate American ancestors were wrong by defending against the Yankee horde who invaded southern homes, murdering, burning and raping innocent women and children, then I will repent. I'm sorry to sound so melodramatic, but this is a part of history the "flag haters" leave out, and never consider when displaying their hatred for Confederate Americans.

In response to my Baptist friend's comment that displaying the Confederate flag causes "my brother" to stumble, and I must refrain from displaying the flag, my response is:

While violating nearly all of the Ten Commandments, "my brothers," the "flag haters" are trying to prevent me from honoring my Confederate American ancestor fathers and mothers. Mark 10:19 My motives are pure and honorable. The "flag haters" actions are frequently filled with violence, and malicious and divisive hate towards Confederate American Veterans. I don't believe I cause "my brother" to stumble. "My brother," the "flag hater," is stumbling over his own hate.

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