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**Major John C. Hutto Camp
May Meeting Notice
Sunday, 21 May 2017 - 2:30 pm**

**I-22 Confederate Flag Day
Saturday, 13 May 2017 - 1:00 PM
Cordova Exit # 72**

**Cmdr. Hank Arnold, of the Fighting Joe
Wheeler Camp #1372 will be speaking on the
Battle of Fort Blakely for the Major John C.
Hutto Camp meeting in May.**

**The Battle of Fort Blakely took place from
April 2-April 9, 1865 in Baldwin County,
Alabama, as part of the Mobile Campaign**

SCV and UDC Work Together

By Faye Gaston

The UDC Alabama Division sponsored the program for Confederate Memorial Day at the Capitol on Monday, April 24, 2017. As usual the program was held at the magnificent Confederate monument on the Capitol grounds. As usual the program was held at the magnificent Confederate monument at the Capitol grounds. Gwen Williams, chair of the event, reported that "the gentleman who took a count said that he stopped counting after he reached 250."

The SCV held a significant part on the program.

The posting of colors was by the Color Guard, Clanton's Battery. Jimmy Hill, Commander of the Alabama Division SCV brought greetings from SCV. Gary Carlyle brought greetings from MOSB. Captain Pat

McMurry brought greetings from the Alabama Mechanized Cavalry. Reverend John Weaver, past Chaplain-in-Chief, National SCV, gave the keynote address. His theme was the sacrifices of our Confederate ancestors.



The bagpipes, playing "Amazing Grace" was by Bob Miller, Georgia Division SCV. The Bugler, playing "Taps", was Raymond Keel, Alabama Division SCV Camp #692. The cannon crew was Clanton's Battery 1st Battalion, Alabama Light Artillery. (Yes, Bill Rambo was there.) The Rifle Salute was by the Confederate Honor Guard. The photographer was Dale Crawford.

The UDC Confederate Memorial Day committee were UDC members Gwen Williams (Chair) , Patricia Godwin (Co-Chair) and Linda Barton.

Other women on program were also UDC members.

Gwen gave the opening remarks and said that our Alabama SCV and UDC work well together. Invocation and benediction were prayed by Laura Womack-Rowell, Chaplain

UDC Alabama Division. Pat Lewis, President UDC Alabama Division, brought greetings from the UDC and introduced UDC Alabama Division officers who were present. Pat Lewis, President UDC Alabama Division, brought greetings from the UDC, and introduced UDC Alabama Division officers who were present. She was part of the cannon firing crew. She pulled the firing pin!



Tonnia Maddox, President of Alabama OCR brought greetings from OCR. Pat Godwin, Confederate Memorial Day Co-Chair, introduced the keynote speaker. Laura Womack-Rowell provided the ancestor bell and the Bell Ringer was Artie Morgan. Linda Barton secured the memorial wreath placed at the base of the magnificent Confederate monument.

Microphones were passed around so that everyone present could say the name of a Confederate ancestor. This was called the "Roll of Honor". The reason for the day's program was to honor Confederate ancestors.

Music always plays an important part of the annual program. Susie & Kenny Spencer, Fiddlin' in the Parlor, provided the musical prelude. They also provided music of the 1860's after the keynote address. Of

course, the bagpipes and bugler were already mentioned. The adjournment was the whole crowd singing "Dixie's Land".

The sound engineer, Terrick Owens of Riverboat Facilities, was appreciated for his excellent work. Gwen thanked the security officers for being present for this special annual program. The good Lord is thanked for the beautiful weather for this outdoor event.



Students at the University of California Davis Vote to Make American Flag "Optional"

[By Todd Starnes](#)



Students at the University of California

Davis proved you don't need a Bic lighter to desecrate Old Glory -- you just need a majority vote.

The UC Davis Student Senate passed legislation revoking a long-standing rule that required the American flag "stand visibly" at every senate meeting.

"It shall not be compulsory for the flag of the United State (sic) of America to be displayed at the ASUCD Senate meetings," the new legislation declares.

Ironically, the author of the anti-American bill is a student who recently became a naturalized citizen.

"The concept of the United States of America and patriotism is different for every individual," Itmar Waksman told the CBS news affiliate in Sacramento.

Under the new rules, any senator who wants to display Old Glory must file a petition.

"It will then be at the discretion of the Senate Pro Tempore whether to approve, reject or set the decision to a vote of the Senate," the bill reads.

Sadly, there are plenty of young people at UC Davis who share Mr. Waksman's sick and twisted ideology. One student explained her rage against the flag in a Facebook post:

"Why do you feel that advocating for the U.S. flag that represents a history of genocide, slavery, and imperialism is more important than stuff that actually matters like I don't know, the violence against our LGBTQ Brown and Black students, rising tuition, resources for our students without homes," she fumed. "What a waste of time."

A waste of time?

Try telling that to the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces - who put their lives on the line every day so that perpetually offended snowflakes can spit on America?

Try telling that to our Wounded Warriors - whose arms and legs were blown off - fighting for our freedom. Without their sacrifice we would not be the land of the free or the home of the brave.

But concepts like duty and honor and courage, God and Country, are lost on many of the perpetually offended generation.

UC Davis student Michael Gofman understands those concepts. His parents fled the Soviet Union so their family could have a better life. Michael was one of the few students to oppose the flag bill.

He told Fox 40 in Sacramento that "every

student on this campus owes a lot to this country whether they know it or not, and that creating a bill that takes steps to ban the flag is a slap in the face."

And there are some patriots around campus who agree with this courageous young man. One supporter responded to those posting hateful messages about our nation.

"That flag represents the freedom you have to make such a comment," the supporter wrote. "Try going to North Korea and expressing those kinds of opinions about the state. You won't get far. The United States is by no means perfect in anyone's eyes. I think we can all agree on that point. But that flag by far represents the freest nation on Earth. That is a privilege you should honor, not trash."

We have two courses of action. First, you should contact the UC Davis Alumni

Association. Encourage them to withhold donations until this unpatriotic bill is reversed.

Second, revoke federal student loans for every senator who supported the bill. It's hypocritical for the young lawmakers to take taxpayer money from the very nation and government they despise.

As for Mr. Waksman, we are honored to welcome people from other nations - those willing to come here legally - those yearning to breathe free. But it's incredibly impolite to disrespect the nation that gave you refuge.

So, Mr. Waksman, if you have a problem with the Red, White & Blue, I would encourage you to go back to wherever you came from.

Alabama House passes monument preservation bill after heated debate



By Howard
Koplowitz

After a prolonged
and heated debate,
the Alabama
House voted
Thursday to pass a

bill that makes it tougher to remove
monuments and historically significant
structures from public property.

The Alabama Memorial Preservation Act
would make the removal of any monuments
on public land subject to approval by the
Committee on Alabama Monument
Protection, a body that the bill would create.
The bill passed the House by a vote of 72-29
after nearly three hours of debate.

Several Democrats said the bill was
offensive because it helps preserve
Confederate monuments. They pointed out
that the legislation was first introduced after
then-Gov. Robert Bentley removed the
Confederate flag from the state Capitol.

"My people suffered," said Rep. Jackson,
D-Thomasville. "Don't bring back those
harsh memories that we went through so
much to overcome."

Rep. Mack Butler, R-Rainbow City, the
House sponsor of the bill, stressed that the
legislation does not only cover monuments
but also "architecturally significant
buildings," such as the state Capitol.

Rep. Alvin Holmes, D-Montgomery, said he
wasn't buying that argument as motivation
for the bill.

"You all in Alabama are trying to live in the

past. Man, the Civil War is over with. The South lost the Civil War. I don't care how bad you wanted to win," he said, adding, "This house is getting a little more racist than I thought it would be."

Democrats also said they were angered that the bill was the first on the calendar, and that nearly three hours of the legislature's time was spent debating it.

"This type of legislation ... continues to put Alabama in a negative light, which it is known for racism, discrimination," said Rep. Juandalynn Givan, D-Birmingham. She said Bloody Sunday is what Alabama is best known for "other than Alabama and Auburn football."

Rep. John Knight, D-Montgomery, shared that sentiment.

"I know history's history, and everyone

wants to appreciate their history, but... some things we have to put in the past," he said. "We gain nothing by it."

Knight tried to convince Butler that the bill would not help his legacy.

"You will go down in history, Rep. Butler," King said. "Your grandchildren were read about you sponsoring this bill in this house..."

Rep. Napoleon Bracy, D-Prichard, said the bill inflames tensions.

"Stuff like this directly divides us down the middle," he said. "People that sponsor bills like this don't care about me."

The Senate passed a different version of the bill last month, so the House version will head to the upper chamber to reconcile the differences.

House Democrats to Kay Ivey: Don't sign monuments bill

State Rep. Anthony Daniels, the minority leader in the House of Representatives.



Picture courtesy of the Alabama House of Representatives

By Howard
Koplowitz

House Democrats on Friday urged Gov. Kay Ivey not to sign a bill that would make it harder to remove Confederate monuments should it come across her desk.

The House voted 72-29 on Thursday to approve the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act, which says that any monuments or historically significant structures can't be removed without approval from a commission.

"Gov. Ivey should send a clear message to our citizens and the nation that we are no longer a state stuck in the worn out fights of the past. We are looking forward and moving our state towards success and opportunity," House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, D-Huntsville, said in a statement. "There is no place for any kind of backward-facing legislation in a state that is serious about building prosperous future. This bill fails to move us one step closer to solving the real problems that concern citizens, and it actually sets back our efforts to attract the best and brightest workers and jobs to our state."

A heated debate erupted in the House on Thursday shortly before the vote, with black Democrats saying that the legislation was offensive.

"You all in Alabama are trying to live in the past. Man, the Civil War is over with. The South lost the Civil War. I don't care how bad you wanted to win," said Rep. Alvin Holmes, D-Montgomery, on the House floor. "This house is getting a little more racist than I thought it would be."

Daniels reiterated an argument on Friday that had been made by his colleagues during the debate - that the legislature should be debating bills on policy, with only eight days left in the session.

"If we are serious about advancing together as a state, we have to finally admit that the truth is not about who won or lost a war but about what we can do together to assure that

everyone has a share of opportunity. I don't see that value reflected in this bill, and from yesterday's debate, it is clear that no one in that room could show it to me," Daniels said. "So, I urge the governor to let local governments decide what belongs in the past, and let us focus on moving forward for the sake of all Alabamians."

Ivey's office did not immediately respond to a call from AL.com asking her position on the bill.

Although the bill passed the Alabama Senate last month, the legislation will move again to the upper chamber because the House amended it.

Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr., Kennesaw, Georgia 30152 has a website run by the National Park Service.



Pictured on the National Park Service's website is the Illinois monument. This is the only monument featured on the National Park Service's Kennesaw Mountain website.

Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield is a 2,965 acre National Battlefield that preserves a battleground of the Atlanta Campaign. Johnson and Sherman's opposing forces maneuvered and fought here from

June 19, 1864 until July 2, 1864.

The battle was a resounding victory for the Confederates. Casualties: 4,000 total (US 3,000; CS 1,000). It's a shame the NPS website does not properly reflect the Confederate victory or the Confederate soldier's sacrifice.

Unfortunately the National Park Service's website is all about slavery, and the evil south whose main mission was to persecute and enslave black Africans.

However, the story of Kennesaw Mountain battle tells one overlooked event in history that debunks all Yankee myths about the invading army coming south to free the black man. See next page.

The Story of Monemia and James Johnson Two Free Blacks Who Lived in Marietta, Georgia



In the Kennesaw Mountain region, there were populations of both enslaved and free blacks. However, there were not a lot of slaves in this area as a result of the lack of large plantations.

Monemia and James Johnson were two free blacks who lived in Marietta during the Civil War. Monemia ran a restaurant and store and her husband, James, was a barber.

James' treasonous dealings with a Union spy, Henry Cole, led him to flee to the city of Nashville, Tennessee. In November of 1864, after the capture of Atlanta, Union troops plundered Monemia's restaurant and home taking nearly everything she owned as provisions for the Union Army.

Soon after, the fires set in Marietta by the Union troops destroyed her house and restaurant. History remembers Monemia Johnson because of the claim she filed against the United States government for \$2,591.10 in damages. Thirteen years after the end of the Civil War, Monemia finally received a check for a total of \$246.

Charles Dickens Knew Taxes Started the French Revolution





**Message from our 75th Commander in
Chief Tom Strain**

Compatriots,

There has been an immense amount of confusion, misinformation and misdirection concerning the situation in New Orleans with regards to our monuments. The Louisiana Division, SCV has been in this fight since the mayor of New Orleans first announced his intentions to take down the monuments two years ago in 2015.

Division Commander, JC Hanna, has led the efforts to fight back for his entire tenure in office, and between the Camps in New Orleans, the Louisiana Division and the National GEC, tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees have been spent, and hundreds of hours of planning and consultation have gone into this situation.

Moreover, there are Confederate Monuments all over the state of Louisiana, and over the last few years they have all

come under attack. Every single one of them are still standing due to the efforts of the Louisiana Division, SCV. These include, but are not limited to, The Gen Mouton Statue in Lafayette, the Confederate Monument in Shreveport, The South's Defender Monument in Lake Charles, The Confederate Monument in Homer, La and many more.

The notion that "Louisiana has done nothing" is blatantly incorrect. The Louisiana Division has put more time and effort into these battles, including in New Orleans, than every other organization combined, and Louisianans know the inner workings of this situation much better than any other outside entity.

When Commander Hanna put out his orders to, first, rally around the monuments, and later to withdraw from standing vigil because of safety issues and to direct their

efforts towards lobbying the State legislature in passing the monuments protection acts now in committee, these memos were directed to members of the Louisiana Division. Social media being what it is, these messages went viral and others from out of State assumed incorrectly that Commander Hanna was asking for outside help, or, a few days later, giving directives to members of other Divisions or other organizations to "stand down".

Nothing could be further from the truth, and we now have a proverbial "powder keg" situation on our hands which can potentially explode in all of our faces and do our Cause irreparable harm.

There have been numerous comments on social media stating that the SCV "only cares about its image". Of course we care about our image, but it is our image and our approach to this situation that will

determine the outcome of whether or not these Memorial protection laws, directed towards protecting the monuments of ALL VETERANS, will pass the State legislature or not.

If one incident occurs where someone ends up getting hurt, we will be pummeled in the media and the court of public opinion, whether one of our members is guilty or not, and our potential for protecting these monuments through legislation will likely die as a result. This is not what anyone wants!

Gentlemen, it is absolutely imperative that we put ego, innuendo, rumors and everything else aside and work together as one entity to do all that we can in an effort to make these bills successful. Everything else is secondary to that. I am asking you to rally behind our Brothers in Louisiana and help us to win this fight. In turn, I am asking

Commander Hanna to consult with my staff on the GEC and myself regarding every step the Louisiana Division takes going forward.

The State Legislature in Louisiana is our sole hope in protecting these monuments, and we must speak with one voice and conduct ourselves accordingly in an effort to bring these bills to fruition.

For the Cause, Thomas. V. Strain Jr.

Such concerns are unlikely to be assuaged by Mr. Malcolm Suber, an adjunct professor of political science at Southern University, an [avowed Marxist-Leninist, and an organizer of an anti-statue group called the Take 'Em Down NOLA Coalition](#). On Thursday, Mr. Suber chuckled mischievously and said he would be delighted to see the statue of George Washington over by the New Orleans Public Library come down, too.

From: Representative Mike Holmes
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 8:57 AM
To: 'Mike Holmes'
Subject: forwarding constituent letter



Interesting perspective on some of the insulting rants we heard during the filibuster of the Monument Preservation Act last week.

Dear Representative Coleman:

Keep in mind, please, Nazis removed and

destroyed statues and symbols they deemed offensive. Bentley's "Copy Cat" removal was merely and only a display of "political correctness". Because, now, his spinelessness is confirmed.

Our Confederate Flags were proudly flying when Hyundai, Mercedes, Austel, Honda, Airbus, AM/NS Calvert, SSAB, United Technology, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and Raytheon, ThyssenKrupp, Golden Dragon, along with many other industries, came to Alabama. They, too, are strong magnets for other watchful, attentive industries.

HISTORY IS WRITTEN AND CANNOT BE EXPUNGED!!

Question, Representative Coleman:

Suppose the monument or symbol of one or both of YOUR parents, who were fallen veterans, was being moved, abused,

dishonored, and vandalized? Suppose YOUR great grandfather, as a free man, like BOTH of mine and two other family relatives, fought to protect his family and sacred homeland and property? (Yes, believe it or not, FREE BLACK MEN fought to save Southern Freedom.)

Suppose General Sherman insanely, senselessly plundered and torched your home, barns, outhouses, slaughtered or expropriated your pets and farm animals? God forbid the murder or rape of your mother or other female family members or children!! I would suspect you would be MUCH MORE animated than your appearance on television. Moreover, I would pray you would be on the opposite side of the aisle.

As a matter of fact, that very media appearance certified and documented your profound ignorance of both AMERICAN

and SOUTHERN heritage, history, and culture. Or, could it be your know the truth and refuse on public exposure to expound it for your own reasons or self-aggrandizement?

In either case, both chronicled and cited lies to your constituents back home. Obviously you are also unaware of other facts.

Yes, whether you realize it or not, countless hundreds, possibly thousands, of your supporters KNOW the REAL truth and symbolism of our respected and venerable symbol of respect, freedom, justice, and independence....The Battle Flag of the Confederacy....which is richly steeped in historical, Christian doctrine/symbolism that goes back to St. Andrew....the Protoklete or “First Called” apostle.

Independence, indeed, from Lincoln's selfish, tyrannical War of Northern

Aggression to protect his own career.

If you haven't studied to LEARN the TRUTH as your supporters and other humans have, then, obviously, it seems, you, like Kelly Wright, have been programed, as robots, to think, respond, and react as your programmers would have you.

Some of the most "notable" of the "programmers" blind to truth that come to mind are: Elijah Cummings, John Lewis, obama (the least intelligent), Malcolm X, and Terry Sewell.

Of course, we would be amiss if the "gutter programmers", who prey like vultures on the poor, helpless, weak, and uneducated were not mentioned: namely.....Jessie Jackson, Al Sharpton, and Louis Farrakhan.

While some study to seek the TRUTH, others, like lambs to the slaughter, blindly

accept their programing and propagate, proliferate, and inseminate their lies to the vulnerable and unknowing.

Have you considered changing your online legislative profile photo? You are much more attractive than the photo currently posted.

Finally, my challenge to you, for your own edification and schooling, read, please, "The South Was Right" by brothers James and Walter Kennedy. God bless you and yours and Our Governor, Kay Ivey.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Clay Lyle

Mike Holmes, Representative
Alabama House, District 31

Reflecting on Confederate Memorial Day - Barry Cook



By Barry Cook, Chaplain of the Major John C. Hutto Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans

In the 1969 movie, "The Undefeated" John Wayne plays a Yankee colonel that overruns a Confederate defense. Upon confronting the Confederate Major, Wayne is approached by a runner that tells them Lee surrendered 3 days ago and the War is over. When Wayne tells the Confederate Major the Major's response was they had learned about that the day before. Obviously surprised and perplexed Wayne asks the Major why they were still fighting. His response, "Because this is our land, and you're on it". Wayne then retorts, "But we are all Americans", and the Confederate's mournful reply is "Yes, and that's the saddest part of it all".

Historians, academia and experts (including those who think they are experts) of all sorts have, do, and will discuss, demur and dissect every known and unknown cause of "The War Between The States". States' rights, tariffs, unfair taxation, over-reaching

federal government (sound familiar?) self-determination, agrarian vs. industrialization and, of course, slavery are the usual topics of unending debate. As is too often the case, these intellectual types don't usually get it. (They still haven't figured out how Trump won).

So, leave it to Hollywood, of all sources, to get it right. Consider the Confederate response above. It boils down to this: This is our land, our homes and our way of life. We didn't come up there to tell you how to run things, so don't come telling us. The average Southerner, like me and most of you, wasn't too concerned about all the reasons listed above. We didn't own slaves, knew very little of the complexities of tariffs and such, but we did know when someone was shooting at us and trying to disrupt our lives and take what is ours. So, when the Yankees came, we started shooting. We just didn't have enough guns.

The South fired first, though prompted by Lincoln's manipulation, and seven States declared independence. But the War began because Lincoln called up troops. The North invaded and the fight began. And that, my thoughtful friend, is why the Southerner felt the call to arms. There just wasn't enough of us. The fierce and independent spirit that drove our Country's independence from Britain, drove the Southerner to fight what he saw as the same type of invader. Secession was an inalienable right to most Southerners and other Americans as well. Lincoln and his supporters felt differently.

Tragically, for Lincoln to prove his point, he had to start a war, invade his own countryman's land, cause immeasurable devastation and the deaths of 600,000 good people on both sides. Of course, ending slavery was a good thing, but it was a by-product of the War, and could have been

solved much more civilized as it was in other countries.

Therefore, as Confederate Memorial Day approaches in Alabama and other States, all we ask, in the immortal words of President Jefferson Davis, please just leave us alone. Let us honor the valor and bravery of our Southern heroes without intimidation and insult. Our ancestors fought, died and lost everything they had for a cause that to us is worth remembering and cherishing. You may not agree; that is OK. But as Wayne said above, we are all Americans.

Emily Wagster Pettus, Associated Press quoted Barry's al.com article in newspapers and on radio and TV nationwide.

"Barry Cook, chaplain of a Sons of Confederate Veterans chapter in Jasper,

Alabama, wrote last week on al.com (<http://bit.ly/2oy9YJ4>) that the average Southerner fought what he called "the War Between the States" because Yankees were trying to disrupt their lives.

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News entities carrying the article: Jackson, Mississippi, U.S. News & World Report, Chicago Tribune, Montgomery Advertiser, San Luis Obispo, Ca., Cullman Times, Philadelphia Tribune, WSIL TV Channel 3, Carterville, IL., WGCL CBS46 Atlanta, Times Daily Florence, AL, and many more.

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