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Please join the Major John C. Hutto Camp on Sunday, June 16, 2019, at 2:00 pm for our regular camp meeting

Compatriot & Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp member Tristan Dunn will be the speaker/entertainer



(Photo by Faye Gaston)

Re-enactors are on the 2019 Confederate Memorial Day Program By Faye Gaston

In the only state-wide annual gathering hosted by the UDC Alabama Division, the annual Confederate Memorial Day program was held at the magnificent Confederate monument on the grounds of the Capitol building in Montgomery, Alabama on April 22, 2019. The UDC and SCV united to have this impressive ceremony.

Bob Miller, Georgia Division, SCV, played the bagpipes. Raymond Keel, Alabama Division, SCV Camp #692 was the Bugler. McRae's Flying Artillery, Company A, 2nd Battalion provided the cannon crew and the retiring of flags. The Rifle Salute was by the Confederate Honor Guard.

Speaking Greetings were Tim Steadman, 2nd LT Commander Alabama Division SCV; Bev Leigh III, Commander of Alabama Society MOSB; and Pat McMurry, Captain of Alabama Mechanized Cavalry.

Scotty Myers, re-enactor, portrayed President Jefferson Davis as he read a speech by President Davis. Scotty is a member of the SCV Major John C. Hutto Camp #443 of Jasper, Alabama. He portrays President Davis at re-enactment events (such as battle re-enactments) and at the First Confederate White House in Montgomery.

He is a speaker for Confederate history before large and small groups. He has a command position with the 1st Division, Infantry and membership with the 31st Alabama Co. F.

Scotty's wife, Tammy, is a member of the UDC Admiral Semmes 57 chapter of Auburn and is a re-enactor, with at least 14 period costumes. At the April 22 Confederate Memorial Day program she rang the bell for each name in the Roll Call of Confederate ancestors.

Other UDC members were on program. Gwen Williams, CMD Chair, was the MC. Pat Godwin, Co-Chair, introduced the keynote speaker, Col. John Eidsmoe (Lead Counsel for the Foundation of Moral Law).

Faye Gaston, Director of UDC Letitia Ross District, prayed the invocation and ending prayer. Suzanna Rawlins, President of Alabama Division UDC, brought Greetings. Laura Womackk-Rowell, UDC, provided the Ancestor Bell. Lisa Green, President of Alabama OCR, brought Greetings.

Kim Shannon and Southern Spirit provided music from the 1860's. The gathering adjourned with the singing of "Dixie's Land".



The First National Flag was placed at the Confederate Soldier monument for the re-dedication ceremony on March 30, 2019. (Photo by Faye Gaston)

Confederate Soldier Monument Was Re-dedicated - By Faye Gaston

On March 30, 2019 the Confederate soldier monument in downtown Opelika, Alabama was re-dedicated. It was a joint effort of the UDC Robert E. Lee 192 chapter and the SCV General Robert E. Lee 16 camp. It was held following the meeting of the UDC Letitia Ross District meeting at the Saugahatchee Country Club in Opelika.

The theme of the district meeting was "Southern Belles and Mighty Monuments." The SCV Camp replaced the walkway around the monument, cleaned it and worked to secure financing. The UDC chapter and the SCV camp worked together to plan and implement the ceremony.

Music included the violin and bagpipes. The First National flag and a wreath were placed at the monument. The removal of the



A wreath of Magnolia leaves was placed at the Confederate monument by Dallas Dorsey, Jr., Adjutant of SCV General Robert E. Lee Camp 16, in downtown Opelika, Alabama for the re-dedication ceremony on March 30, 2019. Photo by Faye Gaston)

cover on the lower portion of the monument was by the General Robert E. Lee Camp 16.

Members of the UDC Robert E. Lee 192 chapter were on the program. The welcome was given by Jean Martin, President of the chapter. Shelby Ward, chapter Vice-President, offered the prayer. Sandra Wilson presented a history of the monument.

UDC Alabama Division President, Suzanna Rawlings, brought greetings from the UDC Division and presided over the ceremony.

Mike McMurry, Lt. Commander of the Alabama Division of SCV brought Greetings. Jay Hinton, Commander of the General Robert E. Lee Camp 16 brought Greetings.

Epitaphs inscribed on the base of the monument---East side: "Erected December 7, 1910 by Robert E. Lee Chapter UDC Opelika". North Side: "Defeated yet without stain". West Side: "1861-1865" (over crossed flags) "To our Confederate dead and Lee County veterans". South Side: "Nor shall your glory be forgotten while fame her record keeps, Or honor points the hallowed spot where valor proudly sleeps".



Garry Bowers, M. Ed.

"Slavery And The Civil War" by Garry Bowers, M. Ed. A book review by Al Benson Jr.

Shotwell Publishing in Columbia, South Carolina continues to publish books that all of us need to read and be aware of. One of the latest, just published this year is the book by Garry Bowers that is the title of this review.

Mr. Bowers states in his introduction: "Those who have rewritten our history, often by omission, and those who perpetuate such revision are legion. And they are powerful. They thrive in academia, Hollywood, the national electronic and print media and the halls of legislatures. They demonize entire groups of people to substantiate their elitism. They use the politics of victimization for their own selfish ends. They are the racists who use that very term to slander those with whom they disagree. They are the 'progressives' who preserve myths in order to protect their pretensions and self-righteous indignation..365,000 Union soldiers did not die to abolish slavery. 285,000 Confederate soldiers did not die to support slavery." These opening statements pretty much substantiate the entire slavery argument.

Bowers, on pages 6-7, provides us with some of the information that the progressives (socialists) have omitted. He observes: "Most think of white servitude as 'indentured servants' who worked in vassalage for 3 to 7 years, usually to pay their passage to America. However, up to half of those in the New England colonies were slaves for life, as were their children. They were placed on the auction block just like their black counterparts, who also were found in New England...Before the War, many whites, especially the Irish, were kidnaped by slavers or shanghaied by merchant mariners and sold to Northern white factory owners. Those who labored in such industries were almost exclusively white. Many were children. This

practice continued well into the Industrial Revolution." I doubt your history books dealt with any of this, and if they did, it was in a perfunctory manner, geared not to arouse much curiosity.

And believe it or not, the white slaves were cheaper than the black ones, because they could kidnap them from Ireland and didn't have to purchase them from black slave masters in Africa. Slave trading ships from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York were financed by New England profiteers that got rich off the slave trade.

Interestingly, only 5% of African slaves ever got shipped to the United States. The rest ended up in South America or the West Indies, in various British, French, Dutch and Danish possessions. Believe it or not, the 5% that ended up in this country got the better of the deal.

The Rest of the Story



China Invokes Abraham Lincoln in Justifying Push to Take Taiwan By Krystal Chia and Alfred Cang When it comes to Taiwan, China's generals say they are simply following the example of *U.S. President Abraham Lincoln*.

China's Defense Minister Wei Fenghe on Sunday invoked Lincoln's efforts during the U.S. Civil War to justify Beijing's approach toward Taiwan, which it sees as an integral part of its territory that must be unified by force if necessary.

"American friends told me that Abraham Lincoln was the greatest American president because he led the country to victory in the Civil War and prevented the secession of the U.S.," Wei said on Sunday at the Shangri-La Dialogue, a security conference in Singapore. "The U.S. is indivisible, so is China. China must be and will be reunified."

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