

# Rebel Underground

Sons of Confederate Veterans Major John C. Hutto Camp #443 Jasper, Alabama

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The 2022 Christmas Party of the Major John C. Hutto Camp in Jasper, Alabama will be

Sunday, 18 December 2022 at 2:00PM

Christmas Party will be at the First United Methodist Church's Adult Center behind the church sanctuary

Speaker - Niki Sepsas Family, friends & guest are welcome

### CAPT. HENRY WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE



Faye Gaston, Dot Lee, and Corrie Becham, members of the Admiral Semmes 57 chapter in Auburn, attended the annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service on November 13, 2022, in Andersonville, Georgia, as they do every year. It was sponsored by Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78, Sons of Confederate Veterans. The annual program is co-ordinated by James Gaston, brother of Dot and Corrie. Faye Gaston presented a wreath at the Wirz monument and brought greetings from the UDC Alabama Division, as follows:

My name is Faye Gaston. I am the Chaplain of the UDC Alabama Division, President of the Great-Granddaughters Club, and Honorary Life President of the UDC Alabama Division. I have permission to represent our current President, Sharon Dasinger, and the UDC Alabama Division to show our appreciation for all the participants in this annual Memorial Service that corrects misinformation about Capt. Henry Wirz.

The UDC Alabama Division was organized on April 8, 1897, in Montgomery, Alabama. In our ritual at all UDC chapter meetings, the president says: "This day we are gathered together in the sight of God to strengthen the bonds that unite us in a common cause; to renew the vows of loyalty to our sacred principles; to do homage unto the memory of our gallant Confederate soldiers; and to perpetuate the fame of their noble deeds unto succeeding generations. To this end

we invoke the aid or our Lord." We are doing this today.

In our UDC Bylaws, some objectives are: "to honor the memory of those who served and those who fell during the conflict between the states; to preserve historical places of the Confederacy; to collect material and preserve it for a truthful history; to assist in educating the descendants of Confederates." We are doing all of this today as we honor the memory of Capt. Henry Wirz, as we collect written material about his life, and as we place wreaths and flowers at the Capt. Wirz Monument in this historical place that is being preserved.

In the UDC Alabama Division we have 46 chapters with 1,142 members. I plan to e-mail a report about today's Memorial Service to all 46 chapter presidents and UDC leaders in several categories all across Alabama.

Again, on behalf of the UDC Alabama Division, thank you for this annual Memorial Service that presents a true history of Capt. Henry Wirz.

(NOTE: NORMAN DASINGER, SON OF SHARON DASINGER, PRESIDENT OF THE UDC ALABAMA DIVISION, WAS THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 2021.)

### THE PRINTED PROGRAM GAVE THIS HISTORY

In 1976, Mr. Arthur H. Park of Orlando, Florida enlisted the aid of the Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78 SCV and the Americus UDC Chapter #140 in holding the first Memorial Service in Andersonville for Capt. Henry Wirz. Mr. Park's father was Lemuel Madison Park, a Confederate

Soldier at Andersonville Prison and Chairman of the USC Advisory committee to erect the Wirz Monument in Andersonville.



Captain Henry Wirz spent most of the Civil War working in the Confederate prison system, making him one of the most experienced people in that field. That first Memorial Service was held on November 10th at the base of the Wirz Monument. Mr. Park had 100 copies of the booklet "Andersonville Prison & Captain Henry Wirz" by Mildred Rutherford, reprinted and gave those to the SCV & UDC to sell and have reproduced. Since then several thousand copies have been reprinted and sold.

The SCV has continued the tradition of holding a Memorial Service in November each year for 47 years. November being chosen because Capt. Wirz was hanged on November 10, 1865 in Washington, D.C. Be sure to visit the Drummer Boy Museum today and see Capt. Wirz's Confederate Medal of Honor and purchase a copy of the "Andersonville Prison and Captain Henry Wirz Trial" booklet

# We Must NOT Allow the Desecration of Arlington National Cemetery

The magnificent 108 year old Confederate Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery is slated for demolition thanks to Ty Seidule and the politicized Woke naming commission whose mission is to erase Southern history from the Confederate era.

The Confederate Memorial was enthusiastically promoted by Congress, three presidents and veterans North and South to signify the RECONCILIATION and REUNIFICATION of our great nation after the War Between the States.

Educate Yourself on This Abomination and Take Action! Time Is Short!

Here is a link to an informative nine minute video, <u>"The Arlington Confederate Monument,"</u> produced by the Abbeville Institute.

We can not allow our nation's most sacred burial ground to be dishonored and stained by a Woke political commission. Remember, the Confederate Memorial was the idea of Union veteran and President of the United States, William McKinley. It was enthusiastically approved by Congress. Another president, William Howard Taft, spoke at the laying of the cornerstone. A third president, Woodrow Wilson, spoke at the dedication ceremony June 4, 1914 as did Union and Confederate veterans.

In the War Between the States, 750,000 soldiers died, and over a million were maimed. Also 60,000 Southern women & children, and over 1,300,000 slaves died when the Union Army



abandoned the slaves AFTER supposedly emancipating the slaves.

The Confederate Memorial was designed and constructed by internationally renowned Jewish sculptor Moses Ezekiel, himself a Confederate veteran, a graduate of VMI. He is buried with three other Southerners at the base of his beautiful monument thus making it their headstone but also the grave markers for 462 other Confederate graves arranged in concentric circles around the monument and an integral part of the memorial as was intended by Congress, three presidents, and veterans North and South.

Every American Should Be OUTRAGED

Here are two good articles from Chronicles Magazine:

## **Monuments Matter**

The Fate of Moses Jacob Ezekiel and His Memorial to the Confederate Dead

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