

## Rebel Underground

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

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The Major John C. Hutto Camp's May camp meeting will be in Jasper, Alabama on

Sunday, 19 May 2024 at 2:00PM

Meeting will be at the First Methodist Church's Adult Center

Speaker: Ms. Cheryl Henning, Curator

Battle of Brice's Crossroads Battlefield & Museum

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# CELEBRATION OF CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY By Faye Gaston

The Alabama Department of Education and the Governor of Alabama made a perpetual proclamation that April is "Confederate History and Heritage Month". During April there are special programs throughout Alabama to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and Confederate flags are placed at the grave markers of Confederate military.

On April 20, 2024 the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) were hosts for a Remembrance and Celebration of Confederate Memorial Day in front of the Alabama State Capitol building in Montgomery, Alabama.

Program speakers were seated facing the Capitol steps where the audience was

seated. A memorial wreath of Magnolia blossoms was placed in front of the speakers podium.

Mike McMurry, Commander of the SCV Alabama Division, called the meeting to order and was the MC for the program. He presented a check for several thousands of dollars from the SCV to a staff member of the Alabama Archives and History building. A section of the building displays items relative to the War Between the States.

All stood for the posting of the flags by the Color Guard. Robert Griffin, Chaplain of the SCV Alabama Division, prayed the invocation.

The printed program stated, "We are here today to honor the memory of our forefathers who paid the ultimate sacrifice as they defended their homeland against an invading army and to those who survived the War but suffered greatly during Reconstruction".

Speakers representing six organizations spoke tributes to our Confederate ancestors and appreciation for the work of the SCV in preserving our true Confederate history. These were: (1) Faye Gaston, Honorary Life President, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC)) Alabama Division; (2) Margaret Johnson, VP, AL Society OCR; (3) Carl Black, Commander, M.O.S.B; (4) Pat McMurry, Captain, AL Mech Cavalry; (5) Jimmy Hill, Commander, AoT, SCV, (6) Officer in the Children of the Confederacy, UDC Alabama Division.

Mike McMurray introduced the featured speaker, Charles Kelly Barrow. This past Commander-in-Chief, SCV, spoke with passion that revealed his knowledge of the true history of the Confederacy.

A microphone was passed around to give each person in attendance the

opportunity to speak the name of a Confederate soldier ancestor. After each name was announced a bell was rung. The bell was furnished by a UDC leader, Pat Godwin of Selma, in memory of her late husband, Butch. He was widely known as a devoted SCV member and partner with Pat in her UDC service.

Following these names was an impressive "gun salute" to our Confederate ancestors. Smoke from several cannon filled the street that leads into the Capitol building.

Gary Carlyle, Chaplain-in-Chief, SCV, and past Commander of the SCV Alabama Division, led the enthusiastic singing of "Dixie".

Mike McMurry gave the closing remarks on this day set aside to honor the sacrifices and bravery of our Confederate ancestors.

Robert Griffin prayed the benediction prayer.

The Memorial Wreath was carried by Pat Godwin to the huge magnificent Confederate Monument at the side of the Capitol building. Many photos were made there. (Note: Several years ago Pat Godwin was honored by the SCV Alabama Division with a "Pat Godwin Day" for her service in preserving the history of the Confederacy.)

### In Reversal, Virginia School Board Votes to Restore Confederate Generals' Names to 2 Schools



A statue of confederate general Stonewall Jackson is removed on July 1, 2020, in Richmond, Va.

AP Photo/Steve Helber) Associated Press | By Matthew Barakat Published May 10, 2024 at 3:02pm ET

A Virginia school board voted Friday to restore the names of Confederate military leaders to a high school and an elementary school, four years after the names had been removed, a reversal that some experts believe may be the first of its kind.

Shenandoah County's school board voted 5-1 to rename Mountain View

High School as Stonewall Jackson High School and Honey Run Elementary as Ashby Lee Elementary.

Friday's vote reverses a decision by the school board in 2020, a time when school systems across Virginia and the South were removing Confederate names from schools and other public locations in response to the Black Lives Matter movement.

In Virginia, local governments had been banned from removing Confederate memorials and statues until the law was changed in 2020. The law preserving Confederate memorials did not apply to school names.

On Friday, school board members who voted to restore the Confederate names said the previous board ignored popular sentiment and due process when the names were stripped.

Elections in 2023 significantly changed the school board's makeup.

Board member Gloria Carlineo said during a six-hour meeting that began Thursday night that opponents of the Confederate names should "stop bringing racism and prejudice into everything" because it "detracts from true cases of racism."

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### Ohio AG Taps Little-Known KKK Law to Threaten Anti-Israeli Protestors The Tea Party Daily

Ohio Republican Attorney General Dave Yost has taken cowardly masked protestors head-on in a recent letter to the state's university presidents. On Monday, Yost warned them that any protestors wearing masks could be subject to felony charges under a little-known law that forbids Ohio's citizens from wearing "disguises" during mass protests.



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Kent State University, famous for the confrontations between Vietnam War demonstrators and National Guard troops in 1970, and Ohio State University, where recent protests resulted in arrests, are among the universities being warned that their students could face jail time and hefty fines for violating the 1953 law.

The law he references is summed up in one short sentence: "It is illegal for anyone to join with two or more people to commit a misdemeanor while wearing white caps, masks, or any other disguise." Breaking this "anti-disguise" law can lead to a fourth-degree felony charge, fines of up to \$5,000, and up to five years "under community control."

It aimed to address concerns related to public safety and the potential for criminal activities committed by groups wearing disguises. Specifically, the law targeted the activities of the Ku Klux Klan.

During the 1950s, the Ku Klux Klan was still active, and its members often wore white hoods and robes to conceal their identities while engaging in acts of racial violence, intimidation, and terrorism. The law sought to curb such behavior by making it illegal for individuals to unite with others to commit a misdemeanor while wearing disguises. By targeting the use of masks or other coverings during criminal activities, lawmakers aimed to prevent violence and maintain public order.

However, the law's application has evolved over time beyond its original intent. More recently, it has been invoked in various contexts, including protests and demonstrations.

More protesters around the globe are wearing masks or covering their heads and faces to stay anonymous, especially now that facial recognition technology can lead to their arrests, as shown in the hunt for January 6 protestors. Some students blame COVID for donning masks, while others acknowledge that they fear "reprisals."

But Yost said he doesn't understand the "reprisals" the students claim may occur through their protests. "Reprisals from what?" he wonders. "The university administrations are all in on this woke, anti-Israel, pro-Palestine rhetoric." He adds that the only reprisals students should fear are those from authorities who "enforce laws like arson and trespassing."

Yost's letter, described by him as a warning to potential lawbreakers about the consequences, drew backlash from some on the political left. In a press release, State Senator Bill DeMora (D-OH) strongly criticized Yost, calling his actions "disgusting" and accusing him of completely misinterpreting the law. DeMora wrote, "I hope that Dave Yost takes his letter and shoves it where the sun don't shine!"

Yost responded to the criticism by telling Fox News Digital that he believes the reaction is exaggerated. He clarified that his letter advises against unintentionally breaking the law, reminding people of Ohio's regulations. Yost pointed out that the law is only relevant if someone is committing a criminal act with others while wearing a mask.

He expressed confusion over why warning protestors about illegal behavior would be considered "intimidating" or offensive. He suggested that DeMora's reaction was over the top because of the senator's affiliation with the Democratic National Committee and his tendency to view everything through a political lens. Yost emphasized the importance of society operating within established rules while preserving freedom for all.

Yost says his warning originates from his fear that the state has lost the ability to protect everyone's rights equally. He emphasizes that while there is a right to protest on campus, it's imperative to ensure that non-protesting students can study and learn peacefully. Yost adds that it's essential to protect the communities surrounding universities, and failing to enforce laws designed to protect everyone is a troubling trend. He explained that such an approach contributes to the increasing sense of lawlessness spreading across the country, from issues like border control to actions by the Biden administration that overstep Congress's authority.

Yost pointed out that Martin Luther King, Jr. never wore a mask and suggested that anti-Israeli protestors should "own their expression."

But as liberals have shown repeatedly, cowardice appears to be the sole defense in Democrats' playbook.

https://theteapartydaily.com/ohio-ag-taps-little-known-anti-mask-law-to-threaten-anti-israeli-protestors/

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