



PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL

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NOTHING IS SAFE FROM THE CANCEL CULTURE MOB

Tearing down statues, censoring movies, and banning books: It's all part of the rising "cancel culture movement" sweeping America. And anyone who disagrees with what is deemed "offensive?" They're scared into silence, hounded into submission, or fired.

Freedom of speech in America is continuing to lose ground to a kind of socially enforced "group think". Saying the wrong thing or not saying anything could have the thought police deciding you're a bad person. The worst crimes are committed by people 'saving the world.'

It is shocking, that so many people cave into this. All the stupid apologies by people, you know. Who do you think is most hurt by these riots? Poor black people. Who's going to be hurt the most by defunding the police and tying their hands? Poor black

people." Even some on the Left are now alarmed by the censorship and firings. University of Pennsylvania Professor Jonathan Zimmerman, a staunch opponent of President Trump, wrote in the Chicago Tribune that what he calls "rituals of public humiliation" are not accomplishing anything. "The irony of this moment is you find a lot of people saying, you know, we need an honest conversation about race, but then essentially erecting barriers about what can be said on it. And that's not a formula for an honest conversation," Zimmerman said.

When asked if America was headed into dangerous territory, Zimmerman replied, "We're not headed towards it. We're in it. Like, like this is not a journey. We've arrived, man."

America was founded on the principle that different views are welcome. That America doesn't seem to exist anymore.

Upcoming Events may be found on the
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THE GUARDIAN

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"A Guardian shall be responsible that the grave has an appropriate marker designating it as the resting place of a Confederate Veteran."



The Southern Cross of Honor was a military decoration meant to honor the officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for their valor in the armed forces of the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War.

With respect to gravestones, the U.S. Veterans Administration issued Confederate stones with the Southern Cross of Honor symbol engraved at the top. It is only issued by the V.A. for graves of Confederate Veterans.

Another form for the Southern Cross of Honor is a reproduction of the medal described above. It is usually atop a metal rod and placed in the ground at a Confederate soldier's grave. This form of the Southern Cross of Honor is sometimes referred to as the "Iron Cross of Honor" or "SCV Iron Cross."

The Southern Cross of Honor, also known as the "SCV Iron Cross," will always be the

defining symbol to honor the graves of Confederate Veterans.

Help us honor the Confederate Veterans who fought and died for our Southern land.

Please consider taking part in our Guardian Program.

Contact Program Chairman Phil Davis for information. pdavis37@etex.net



UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	29
Kim Duffey	Full	3
Jamie Eitson	Full/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	40
Tommy L. Mitchell/	Full	5
George Linton		
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	33
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	18
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendent of a Confederate veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.



CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."



"Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

*"The SCV's Best Hope for Success is
Knowledge of the Truth"*



PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

By Lesli White

We cannot deny it. Our nation is in trouble and we are facing peril. You can turn on your television or scroll through your Facebook newsfeed right now and see that there is so much violence, corruption, fear and hatred in the hearts of those around us. We are contending with issues that are causing the very foundation of our country to crumble.

In the face of all of this, it's important that we pray not only for the healing of nation, but also for our president and all those in government leadership who are in positions to make change happen.

Heavenly Father, today I pray for our nation. I ask that You would give our President wisdom beyond his own understanding and the courage to choose the right path no matter how narrow the gate. We pray that our president and leaders will honor You and respect You as the One and only True God. We ask that You give us government leaders who will pray for Your Will and guidance.

Heavenly Father, I pray for Your protection to cover all our law enforcement officers and the men and women of the military. I

ask for godly counsel and wisdom for judges across this land. Please protect our nation, our military and our leaders. Turn our nation's hearts towards you Holy Father, that we may put You first and obey Your commandants.

With all the things that are going on in our country today, it's easy to lose trust and hope, even doubt that things in our country will change. It's clear that the world is broken right now. We are reminded in Scripture that with God, nothing is impossible. No problem is too great for Him.

We may live in dark times, but we have hope, because light always wins. At our lowest points, God is our hope and at our weakest points, God is our strength and will heal us.



New National SCV Officers:



New Commander in Chief **Larry McCluney Jr.** from Indianola, Mississippi.

New Lt. Commander in Chief is **Jason Bochers.**

Our new Army of the Trans Mississippi Commander is **J.C. Hanna** from Bossier City, LA.

The ATM Councilman is **Robert Edwards** of Benton, Arkansas.



HISTORICAL DATES IN AUGUST

1861

August 10, 1861- Battle of Wilson's Creek, Missouri.

August 28-29, 1861- Fort Hatteras at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, falls to Union naval forces.

1862

August 9 The Battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia.

August 28-30 The Second Battle of Bull Run Manassas, Virginia.

August 29 The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky.

1863

August 21, 1863 Sacking of Lawrence, Kansas. In a murderous daylight raid, Confederate and Missouri guerillas under William Clarke Quantrill storm into Lawrence and destroy most of the town.

1864

August 5, 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay. A Union fleet under Admiral David Farragut steamed into Mobile Bay outside the city of Mobile, Alabama.

August 18-19, 1864 Battles on the Weldon Railroad near Petersburg, Virginia. Union attempts to capture this important railroad into Petersburg were stopped by Confederate counterattacks.

August 25, 1864 Battle of Ream's Station, near Petersburg, Virginia. A surprise

Confederate counterattack briefly stopped Union destruction of the Weldon Railroad.

August 31- September 1, 1864 The Battle of Jonesborough, Georgia.

1945

August 6 The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*.

August 9 The second Atomic bombing of Japan occurred.



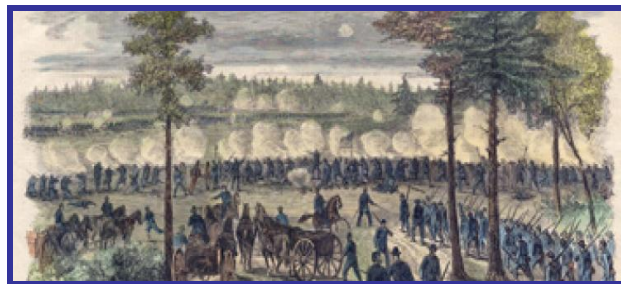
BATTLE OF WILSON'S CREEK

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The Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri was the first major battle west of the Mississippi River during the American Civil War (1861-65). On August 10, 1861, Union Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon (1818-61) attacked Confederate forces commanded by General Sterling Price (1809-67) and General Benjamin McCulloch (1811-62). The battle raged on for more than five hours, resulting in approximately 2,300 total casualties, including Lyon.

Although the Confederates withdrew from the field, the Union army was disorganized

and running low on ammunition. Losses were heavy, with the Union suffering approximately 1,200 casualties and the Confederates suffering some 1,100 casualties. The Yankees soon retreated to Springfield and then back to the railhead at Rolla, Missouri, 100 miles to the northeast. Southwestern Missouri was secured for the Confederates.



THE BATTLE OF REAM'S STATION

americancivilwar101.com

On August 24, 1864 Union II Corps moved south along the Weldon Railroad, tearing up track, preceded by Gregg's cavalry division.

On the 25th, Maj. Gen. Henry Heth attacked and overran the faulty Union position at Ream's Station, capturing 9 guns, 12 colors, and many prisoners. The old II Corps was shattered.

Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock withdrew to the main Union line near the Jerusalem Plank Road, bemoaning the declining combat effectiveness of his troops.

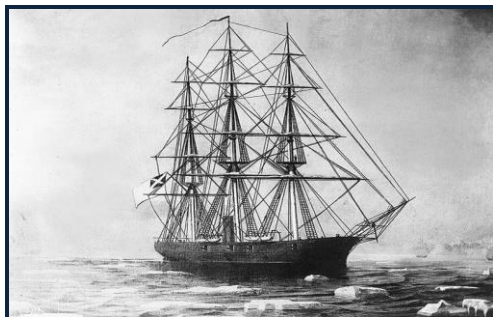
The Confederate force actually present at Ream's Station consisted of Cook's and

McRae's brigades, of Heth's division; Lane's, Scales and McGowan's brigades, of Wilcox's division; Anderson's brigade, of Longstreet's corps; two brigades of Mahone's division; Butler's and W. H. F. Lee's divisions of cavalry, and a portion of Pegram's battery of artillery.

No description of the battle of Reams' Station would be fair or just which failed to notice the Confederate artillery commanded by Colonel Pegram. Some of his guns were toward the left of the Confederate line, whilst others had been firing from a position slightly to the right and rear of McRae's brigade previous to the final assault.

"I have frequently been called upon to mention the services of North Carolina soldiers in this army, but their gallantry and conduct were never more deserving of admiration than in the engagement at Reams' Station on the 25th ultimo."

R. E. LEE, General



CSS SHENANDOAH LEARNS THE WAR IS OVER

history.com

The captain and crew of the C.S.S. *Shenandoah*, still prowling the waters of the Pacific in search of Yankee whaling ships, is

finally informed in August 1865 by a British vessel that the South has lost the war.

The *Shenandoah* was the last major Confederate cruiser to set sail. Launched as a British vessel in September 1863, it was purchased by the Confederates and commissioned in October 1864. The 230-foot-long craft was armed with eight large guns and a crew of 73 sailors.

After slipping into Melbourne, Australia for repairs in January 1865 the *Shenandoah* was back on the loose, wreaking havoc in the waters around Alaska. The Rebel ship captured 32 additional Union vessels, most of which were burned.

Captain James I. Waddell finally accepted an English captain's report on August 2, 1865. The *Shenandoah* pulled off another remarkable feat by sailing from the northern Pacific all the way to Liverpool, England, without stopping at any ports. Arriving on November 6, Waddell surrendered his ship to British officials. Captain Waddell eventually decided to surrender his ship at the port of Liverpool, where Confederate Commander Bulloch was stationed. Captain Waddell and his crew knew returning to a U.S. port would mean facing a court sympathetic to the Union.

Before us are two paths: one based on the dignity of every individual, and the other on the growing control of the state. Our road leads to greater freedom and opportunity.

Their road leads to socialism and decline.

Vice President Mike Pence



Texas Hunting & Fishing licenses expire on August 31st. Don't forget to renew.

TEARING DOWN MONUMENTS

Auguste Meyrat June 22, 2020



When all is said and done, perhaps the most lasting effect of the riots, protests, and police walkouts

across the country will be the removal of so many public statues. Each day, more of them are trampled and defaced.

More than a few conservatives have argued against removing these monuments, mainly saying it is counterproductive, misinformed, and uncontrollable. Removing statues, decapitating them, or covering them with profanity will not help any minority community nor make people less bigoted. It will only make them more ignorant of history. To reduce a monument's meaning only to the faults of the historical figure it depicts is both unfair and misleading.

As the iconoclasm (the social belief in the importance of the destruction of icons and other images or monuments) continues unabated, there isn't any limiting principle on what should be removed. A slippery slope is unavoidable. This is less about history, and more about people's feelings.

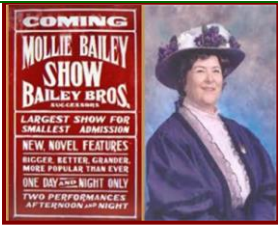
Most of the iconoclasts today know nothing about the statues they are destroying; they only know they hate how those statues make them feel. It isn't righteous indignation that animates them, but envy.

These statues aren't only historical icons, but works of art meant to adorn a particular location. Their main purpose is to be visually pleasing and give a place its character. They memorialize people who did something important. Even if people today might express outrage at their personal flaws or antiquated views, they cannot deny that these figures significantly affected the world today. Strong, confident societies are the ones that create public works of art and foster an aesthetic sensibility.

Societies in decline are the ones that remove or deface public works of art and succumb to brutal utilitarianism. Almost immediately, they are stricken with widespread ugliness and decay that drive away visitors and demoralize residents. This is all they can feel since their corrupt ideology disparages greatness and extols victimhood. They cannot create, only destroy. They hate people who do things, because they do nothing and then whine about it. They base their identity in tribal terms, such as race, sex, and class, rather than in their work and the role they play in society.



Americans who neglect or destroy their monuments will gain nothing and continue being angry.



WOMEN IN TEXAS HISTORY

Written by Nancy Baker Jones

Mollie Bailey, called “the Circus Queen of the Southwest,” was born in the 1830s or ‘40s. During the Civil War, she traveled with Gen. John Bell Hood’s Texas Brigade as a nurse and, some said, a spy, claiming to have crossed enemy lines with quinine hidden in her hair to get it past federal troops.

In the 1880s, along with her musician husband and brother-in-law, she operated a traveling one-ring circus, advertised as “A Texas Show for Texas People,” which regularly gave free tickets to poor children and war veterans from both the north and the south. Recognizable by the Lone Star, Confederate, and U.S. flags flying over the big top, the circus grew to have 31 wagons and hundreds of animals, including elephants and camels. After her husband’s death, Bailey continued to operate the business, often buying land in various towns to guarantee locations for the show as it moved from place to place. She frequently donated these lots for local church and camp meetings and eventually moved the circus by rail. In her comfortable parlor car, she met with Texas governors, senators, and old friends from Hood’s Brigade.

The mother of 9 children, “Aunt Mollie” continued to run the circus into the 20th Century and reportedly showed the first movies in Texas in a tent just for that purpose. Mollie Bailey died in 1918 in Houston and is buried there.



OLD RIP

At the center of Eastland, Texas’ town square, locked away behind two layers of glass, a Texas legend lies in state.

In 1928, as Eastland was tearing down its decaying courthouse in preparation for a more modern replacement, scores of residents became excited to find out if a certain local tale was true. Ernest Wood, who was county clerk at the time the old courthouse was constructed, was said to have placed a live horned lizard inside the building's cornerstone in 1897. It had been a long-held belief that horned lizards could endure extended periods of isolation, bereft of food, water and air, and Wood had evidently decided to test the theory.

It was reported that as many as 2,000 curious Texans crowded together on that cold February day to witness the opening of the cornerstone. As they looked on in suspense, the block was cleared and its covering removed. Officials pulled from the cavity a small collection of items that had been entombed there—newspapers, a Bible, then something that was described as looking like a piece of tree bark. It was the horny toad! As County Judge Ed Pritchard held the desiccated reptile aloft, the crowd was amazed to see it twitch, then wriggle to life. Not only did the little guy exist, but he had survived!

The miracle snoozer became an instant sensation. He was dubbed Rip van Winkle. He went on tour including Washington,

D.C., for a meeting with President Calvin Coolidge.

Sadly, after three decades encased in stone, Old Rip didn't have much life remaining. Less than a year after his emergence, he contracted pneumonia and died. Unwilling to give up their main attraction, though, Eastland had the body preserved and placed in a diminutive casket. Both Rip and his former residence were put on display at the Eastland County Courthouse, where you'll find them today.

"To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of people always possess arms, and be taught alike especially when young, how to use them."

Richard Henry Lee

"No freeman shall ever be debarred the use of arms..."

Thomas Jefferson

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