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LABOR DAY

From: dol.gov

On September 2, 2019, the U.S. Department of Labor celebrates and honors the greatest worker in the world – the American worker. Labor Day 2019 is the 125th anniversary of Labor Day being celebrated as a national holiday.

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the

first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has changed in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics, and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.

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THE
GUARDIAN

By Phil Davis



At our August Camp meeting, those of you in attendance witnessed me being awarded The Graves Award which is bestowed by our National Organization. I was extremely gratified and honored to receive this accolade.

That being said, I would not have been nominated, much less be awarded this prestigious honor if it were not for the dedication and hard work that each of you Guardians so admirably have undertaken.

Each time one of you accepts the responsibilities of becoming a Guardian it lifts my heart knowing that the process is working and that a Confederate Hero's final resting place continues to be cared for.

It is with great pride that I accept The Graves Award on behalf of each and every Guardian.

As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and I hope that in some small way I can convince you of its importance in fulfilling "The Charge". We must, now more than ever, show the world that we care about our Southern Heritage and the Valiant Heroes that fought to preserve it.

***As always I leave you with this question-
Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?***



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 Mitchell	Full	5
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
Raven Baker	GPT	2

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



Are You Wearing a Guardian Pin?

Proudly display you're your participation in the Guardian Program. Lapel Pins are available for all Full Guardians.

Contact Director Phil Davis to purchase one of these pins or for information about becoming involved in the Guardian Program.

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 constitution shall never be Construed...to prevent the people United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."

— Alexander Hamilton





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.



HUMILITY

Written by: C. Robert Allred

If we were to meet a truly humble person we probably would not recognize their humility, and neither would they, for they would not be focused on themselves. They would not be the groveling sort of person that we have been conditioned by society to expect. False humility is never appreciated. However, genuine humility always attracts. Too many people are pretentiously humble. However, genuine restraint, modesty and unpretentiousness are recognized virtues in all cultures.



"For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Lk 14:11). The humble spirit gives one a sensitivity to the feelings and needs of others and would never usurp someone's rightful place.

Humility is the natural result of loving one's neighbor more than one's own self. It cannot help but change one's life dramatically.

Sometimes all that is needed is a kind word, or a smile. Humility is found through becoming the hands and voices of Christ in the world.

"We want to recognize, not antagonize. We are not confrontational; we wish to honor our families and their heroes. We have the right to do so without harassment or condemnation as we respect other people's rights to honor whomever they desire."



MAKE DIXIE GREAT AGAIN

At the last Camp meeting, I presented some information on the Make Dixie Great Again campaign. If you have not yet checked out the website, I strongly urge you to do so. After looking at the website and many of the articles and dialogues provided, I joined the Confederate Legion and hope you will follow my lead.

This campaign is really the first time that the SCV and like-minded people have taken a proactive approach to protecting the South and its history. For far too many years we have been a reactionary force putting out brush fires and fighting skirmishes along the way without gaining any ground. It's time to push back and charge through the lines of progressive and revisionist thought and this is the way to do it.

www.makedixiegreatagain.com

Join me in the fight; remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Although I want every individual member to join, I will make a motion at the September meeting that the Upshur County Patriots

Camp join and become an annual sustaining member.

In the Service of the South, Phil Davis



HISTORICAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER

September 11, 1861 - The state government of Kentucky calls for the removal of Confederate troops from its soil. The demand falls on deaf ears.

September 11, 1861 - Confederate General Robert E. Lee attempts to take Union positions at Cheat Mountain in West Virginia. This marks Lee's first major foray in the war.

September 12, 1861 - Confederate-aligned state forces of Missouri begin a siege of Lexington.

September 17, 1861 - Ships of the United States Navy move in to secure Ship Island off the coast of Mississippi.

September 20, 1861 - Confederate forces capture Lexington, Missouri.

September 1, 1862 - The Battle of Chantilly (Virginia) - also known as "Ox Hill" - takes place. Casualties number 1,300 Union and 800 Confederate. The battle marks the end of the Northern Virginia Campaign that includes Second Bull Run.

September 5, 1862 - General Lee makes his first foray into a Union state - crossing the Potomac River and entering Maryland.

September 6, 1862 - Confederate and Union ground forces clash at Washington, North Carolina.

September 12, 1862 -The Battle of Harpers Ferry begins. Generals Miles and White lead a Union force of 14,000 against some 26,000 Confederate attackers under the command of generals Stonewall Jackson and A.P. Hill.

September 15, 1862 - Harpers Ferry falls to Confederate forces under the command of General Jackson.

September 17, 1862 - The Battle of Antietam near Sharpsburg, Maryland. 87,164 Union troops (led by McClellan) face off against 38,000 Confederates (led by Lee). Casualties are 12,410 and 10,316 respectively.

September 25, 1862 - Union warships bombard Confederates at Sabine City, Texas.

September 30, 1862 - The First Battle of Newtonia is had in Newtonia, Missouri. 1,500 Union forces face a brigade of Indians which results in a Confederate victory.

September 2, 1863 - Lexington, Kentucky is taken by confederate forces under the command of General Edmund Kirby.

September 18, 1863 - The Battle of Chickamauga begins pitting Northern forces led by General Rosecrans against Southern forces led by General Bragg. The North commits about 60,000 souls to the South's 65,000. The battle lasts two days and covers the counties of Catoosa and Walker in Georgia.

September 2, 1864 - General Sherman's force takes the city of Atlanta.

September 14, 1864 - The "Beefsteak Raid", a Confederate cavalry raid, takes place in Prince George County, Virginia. 300 Union troops are captured as are 2,685 head of cattle. It is a Confederate victory.

September 11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.



THE BATTLE OF CHEAT MOUNTAIN

From: mycivilwar.com

The Battle of Cheat Mountain, also known as the Battle of Cheat Summit Fort, took place September 12-September 15, 1861, in Pocahontas County, Virginia (now West Virginia) as part of the Operations in Western Virginia Campaign during the American Civil War.

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee directed his first offensive of the war. The strategy included a two-pronged simultaneous attack against Colonel Nathan Kimball's fortress on the summit of Cheat Mountain and against Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Reynolds' entrenchments at Elk Water on the Tygart's Valley River. Approximately 4500 Confederates moved to attack Cheat Summit.





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.



BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA

From: history.com

September 19-20, 1863, Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee defeated a Union force commanded by General William Rosecrans in the Battle of Chickamauga, during the American Civil War. After Rosecrans' troops pushed the Confederates out of Chattanooga early that month, Bragg called for reinforcements and launched a counterattack on the banks of nearby Chickamauga Creek. Over two days of battle, the rebels forced Rosecrans to give way, with heavy losses on both sides.



Union and Confederate forces were struggling over control of the key railroad center of Chattanooga, Tennessee. By mid-

September, Union General William Rosecrans had pushed Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee out of Chattanooga and gathered his army of some 60,000 at Chickamauga, Georgia, located 12 miles southwest of Chattanooga. Though Confederate morale in the region was at a low point, the imminent arrival of reinforcements led by James Longstreet helped shore up Bragg's forces, and the general decided to go on the offensive.



Commander Milt Ojeman (L) presents the National Graves Award to Guardian Director Phil Davis (R) at our August meeting.



This National Award is presented to those individuals who have shown significant dedication to our Southern Heritage, above and beyond that which is expected of an SCV member, by recording for posterity the graves of our fallen heroes, as stipulated in the Selection Criteria. No more than one award per Division may be awarded annually.



In accordance with National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day August 15, 2019, the Upshur Co. Patriots delivered Gift Baskets to the Department of Public Safety, Gilmer Police Department and the Upshur Co. Sheriff's Office.

Representing our Camp were 1st Lt. Commander Eugene Brown and 2nd Lt. Commander David Palmer.



HOSTILITY TOWARD CONFEDERATE HERITAGE

ONLINE DEBATES



Article by: Andy Schindler

It's basically rooted in political ideology. Those of us who defend the South in online debates have learned to identify the left-leaning politically activist historians from their blogs and Twitter feeds that reveal the true animosity behind their more cautiously worded books and articles. I need not mention them by name. Online debate newcomers will learn them soon enough.

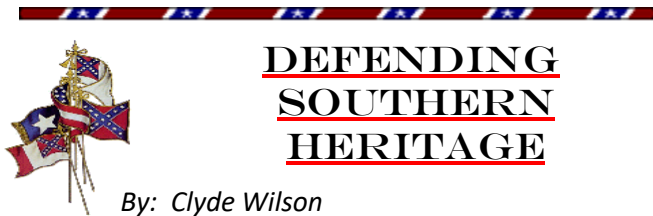
The activist's interactions with dissenters are woven with ridicule. They commonly act as a mob, marching around the Internet on dissenter search and destroy missions. They also often bridge historical topics to modern political topics.

The reality that most of these folks preach biased history isn't the main problem. The bigger problem is their dishonest portrayal of themselves as neutral. It's no coincidence that those contemptuous of Confederate Heritage are left wing political activists.

They are beyond liberal, which in the traditional sense is open-minded, well-rounded and perpetually open to free speech. In contrast, today's politically-active historians are censors. They are the dominant "moderators" on Civil War discussion groups. It is always the people in power that censor. Moreover, they do it for a single reason: to retain power and control the narrative they prefer.

It wasn't that long ago when most people in positions of respect and higher learning went to great lengths to appear neutral.

Disguising indoctrination as education is a great evil. Eventually it leads to contempt of minority opinion, for which free speech is the last line of defense. And that is why free speech is under attack in academia, the online forums and . . . well, everywhere.



DEFENDING SOUTHERN HERITAGE

By: Clyde Wilson

Many good people have been working in recent years to preserve public acknowledgment and celebration of our Confederate history. Our fights have been largely defensive reactions to the innumerable strokes of our enemies.

Unfortunately, too many spokesmen in the fight for Southern heritage are stand-patters, i.e., dinosaurs on their way to extinction. They are trying to live in a world that they grew up in but which does not exist anymore. The world that they grew up in accepted Southerners and Southern heritage as a positive part of America. That world began disappearing a half century ago and is almost gone.

The people who want to do away with Confederate symbols are not people who will come around when you argue a little historical interpretation with them, or when you point out (as you know to be true) that your forebears were not fighting for slavery, or prove that you are a loyal American whose heart contains no hate and violence.

They do not care! They have no heritage of their own and do not know what a heritage is. They believe in their own self-interest and fashionable abstractions. We do not and will not in the foreseeable future live in a world where Southern heritage will be publicly honored except by us. We live in a regime where Confederate symbols are scheduled for complete obliteration.

It is not 1945 anymore, or even 1975. You can either honor your Southern heritage and preserve your Southern identity, or you can give unthinking obedience to the America of today. You cannot do both without engaging in self-defeating contradiction.

Be worthy of your ancestors. Don't be a goody goody "American" humbly begging to be allowed to keep a shred of your heritage. You are a member of a great people who are under attack and have been betrayed by their leaders. It is needed to defend the Southern people here and now and not just the noble Confederate soldier.

Think like a Southerner. We cannot defend just our Confederate forebears, as important as that is. They are but a part of Southern history. Lay claim to all of Southern history and culture. Avoid argument with the enemy and concentrate on educating yourself and members of our people, especially the young, not forgetting the many Yankees of good will. In Heritage Haters you are dealing with people who send their children to private schools while busing yours and still think they are morally superior to you because they are in favor of busing and you are not. They are not interested in debate or evidence. Remember, they are not attacking your

great-grandfather's war: they are attacking you!

My standpatter compatriots, if you want to be a good American as defined by the ruling institutions today, forget about your Southern heritage. But most Southerners care for family, place, Christian social order, courage, loyalty, honor—all things besieged in America today. That is, after all, why we love our heritage.



SOUND FAMILIAR?

"They have proclaimed, and at the ballot box sustained, the revolutionary

doctrine that there is a 'higher law' than the constitution and laws of our Federal Union, and virtually that they will disregard their oaths and trample upon our rights. They have invaded Southern soil and murdered unoffending citizens, and through the press their leading men and a fanatical pulpit have bestowed praise upon the actors and assassins in these crimes."...

From the Declaration of the Causes which Impel the State of Texas to Secede from the Federal Union 1861.

This "telephone" has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us. - *Western Union internal memo, 1876.*

INTERESTING CIVIL WAR FACTS



From: factretriever.com

Virginia experienced the most fighting during the Civil War—more than 2,100 events, followed by Tennessee (1,400) and Missouri (1,100).

The last Southern troops surrendered on May 26, 1865. Afterward, survivors began decorating the graves of those who had died. They repeated the ritual each year on "The Decoration Day"—which is now known as Memorial Day.

Immediately after the war, 2 out of 3 men sentenced to state prisons in the North were Civil War veterans.

In the 20 years after the Civil War, the national divorce rate increased 150%.

The average Civil War soldier was 5'8" tall and weighed 143 pounds. He was 23 years old.

In the North, more than 1/3 of all men of military age served in the war. For the South, it was nearly 2/3.

The Civil War was the first time the national draft was used in American history (April 16, 1862).

The Founding Fathers refused to include a reference to "Almighty God" into the U.S. Constitution. The Confederate Constitution, however, wanted to appear more evangelical and included the phrase. In fact, the national motto of the Confederacy was *Deo Vindice*: "God will avenge."

Reminder

*Texas Hunting and Fishing Licenses expired August 31st



PATENTS ISSUED IN UPSHUR COUNTY DURING THE 19TH CENTURY

May 4, 1869 – F.C. Richer Gilmer New and Improved Buckle.

May 4, 1869 – Henry C. Taylor Gilmer Insecticide, This invention is a composition of matter for killing insects, and is particularly useful for destroying the cotton boll weevil.

May 4, 1869 – F.C. Richer, Gilmer, New and Improved Monkey Wrench.

May 20, 1879 - Edwaed G. Hoeke Upshur Co. Improvement in Cotton Gin Hoppers.

July 7, 1885 - David Histsley Batiste, Coffeyville, TX., Spring Loaded Mole Trap.

October 20, 1882 – Edward G. Horne of Calloway, TX., new and useful Improvements in Cotton-Gin Hoppers.

June 12, 1889 – John T. Collier, Coffeyville, TX., Plow Attachment Gage for Cotton-Flows.

June 6, 1889 – F. C. Richer, Gilmer, TX. improvements in that class of steam engines in which an oscillating cylinder for moving the driving-shaft is employed.

THE BEST RESPONSE TO HATE SPEECH IS FREE SPEECH

By: Lionel Shriver

It's time to give up on the idea that we can legislate niceness...

The First Amendment to the American constitution guarantees five basic

freedoms, including freedom of speech. Thus the Supreme Court has repeatedly struck down 'hate-speech' laws.

In the US, free-speech exemptions are strikingly few. They are: 1) Obscenity — definitionally dodgy, much adjudicated and legally eroded. 2) Defamation — although short of telling, witting, malicious lies, you may defame public figures, and 3) Incitement to imminent lawbreaking or violence.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote: 'Speech that demeans on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability, or any other similar ground is hateful; but the proudest boast of our free speech jurisprudence is that we protect the freedom to express "the thought that we hate".'

It's time to give up on the idea that we can legislate niceness. A law against the expression of racist or sexist opinions doesn't change what goes on in people's heads; it doesn't change their hearts.

With truly free speech, we strike a bargain: you get to preach atrocities, and I get to say, 'That's an atrocity.' Then I speak what to you is atrocity, and to me is common sense. It's a good deal.

The alternative is worse: government systematically legislating not just what we say but what we may believe. I don't share such a view.

'The best response to disfavored speech on matters of public concern is more speech, not less.' - Barrington D. Parker, Federal Appeals Court Judge.

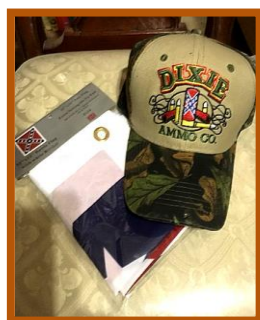


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