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## HERITAGE NOT HATE DEFINING THE TRUE MEANING OF SOUTHERN HERITAGE

From an article by: C.W. Roden

*"Why, if what you want to do is celebrate the South -- but not the racist, ugly parts of the South -- would you choose to do so by waving a symbol literally used by the Confederacy?"*

That quote comes from some anonymous Social "Just Us" regressive and anti-Confederate heritage reactionary, and it sums up perfectly just how far behind many of them truly are when it relates to the idea of both Southern and Confederate heritage as a whole.

It seems like these days those of us who honor Confederate heritage hear this argument -- or more likely some far less well-spoken and more profanity-laden version of this talking point -- from those who remain largely ignorant of exactly what it is defenders of that heritage *actually* honor.

I watched these men, women and children dressed up in replica Confederate uniforms and 19th century clothes. I watched as "widows" in black gowns laid wreaths of flowers on graves and monuments for the dead. I watched children and adults alike kneel down to place flags on soldier's graves. I listened to their prayers, to the roll call of the dead, of stories of individual lives and who they were to the people telling them. I did not hear glorification of war, or hatred for anyone. All I saw were people who cared about the dead in the graves, the men honored on those monuments, and the connection through blood and family they have with the living today.

These were not closed-minded people who saw everything in "*Moonlight and Magnolias*" terms. They were not folks who longed for the days of sitting on a porch while African-Americans and other minorities toiled in the fields and did their yard work.

There were people from all walks of life, from all racial and ethnic identities there to honor the life of Johnny Reb and the men who led them -- many of them *also* direct descendants.

These were simply a group of fellow Southerners who shared my love for history and personal identity. People for the most part, simply do not look at the world entirely in terms of racial identity politics. White, Black, Hispanics, Native, Jewish, Christians, and others are a virtual tapestry of Southern cultural identity. All equal brothers and sisters who shared one important thing in common: they were all Southern and descendants of the Confederate dead.

I saw the simple message in all of those memorial services and small acts of honor, especially to those lying in unmarked graves with Unknown Soldier as their own legacy: *We remember you, soldier -- and we still care.* True Southern heritage as a living heritage *is* about all of us.

For those of us who honor Southern Confederate historical heritage, we do not so much honor the War Between the States itself -- the destruction and the loss of human life, nor necessarily the Confederate government or its ideals -- although there are people who include the more positive of those in terms of representative government as opposed to the negatives which include, unfortunately slavery.

Rather when we honor this aspect of our living Southern heritage, we honor the courage of the Confederate soldier himself - soldiers many recognize as American veterans (the old Union soldiers who fought against him accepted him as a fellow American soldier after the War ended) and his legacy in terms of the martial spirit he gave to his ancestors -- Southern men who

served in the US military and fought with the descendants of his former Union opponents to defeat the enemies of America. That too is also a part of American heritage as a whole.

For us the Confederate soldier wasn't just some nameless footnote in history, he was our ancestors. People who shared our last names, our family, and our blood are a piece of us. It is just about wanting to honor one's own sense of personal identity and the heritage given through blood and a sense of personal honor. Nothing more, and never anything less than that.

### **A LINK TO A GOOD ARTICLE**

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Founding member Bill Starnes gives our September Program on the Battle of Mobile

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**THE GUARDIAN**

By: WDP



"We must forevermore do honor to our heroic dead. We must forevermore cherish the sacred memories of those four terrible but glorious years of unequal strife. We must forevermore consecrate in our hearts our old battle flag of the Southern Cross – not now as a political symbol, but as the consecrated emblem of a heroic epoch. The person that forgets its heroic dead is already dying at the heart, and we believe we shall be truer and better citizens of the United States if we are true to our past."

*Rev. Randolph Harrison McKim.*

Cleaning a gravestone may be one of the last acts of kindness we can show loved ones. Gravestones that are left uncleaned are slowly being destroyed by lichen, moss, mold, algae and other biological growth. This leads to chipping, flaking, and cracking. Tell your ancestor's military stories to their descendants. Encourage them to reflect on the sacrifices made by the fallen soldiers and their families.

Joining the SCV Guardian Program is a wonderful way to honor our Ancestors who gave everything for future generations.

Contact our Guardian Chairman Phil Davis for more information on this worthwhile program.



## 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



“Liberty must at all hazards be supported.

We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood.” – *John Adams*, 1765

## 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.

A Bill of Rights is what the people are entitled to against every government, and what no just government should refuse, or rest on inference.



*Thomas Jefferson*

*The Full Hunter's Moon will reach peak fullness on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at 5:08 p.m. EDT.*



## 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.



"I want my army to be an army of the living God."

*Stonewall Jackson*

"You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are."

*– George Washington*

By the time October arrives, many plans for the end-of-the-year activities are well underway or soon will be. No other season of the year provides as much opportunity for creating spiritual impressions upon young and old alike as do the closing months of the year. In contemporary society, Christians must conceive of ways to convey the glory of the gospel to a suspicious and cynical world. Often this task is complicated by the fact that America and other parts of the world are increasingly biblically illiterate and many audiences do not readily understand the allusions to Scriptural events and concepts. The end of the year affords sanctified creativity with many opportunities for Christian edification and proclamation, and it presents some of the most meaningful opportunities for appreciating our Christian heritage. As is the case on other occasions and for other



events, October and the end of the calendar year offers Bible-believing Christians opportunities to correct errors and half-truths and set an agenda for Christian living that honors the Lord in every sphere of life.



## **HISTORICAL DATES IN OCTOBER**

**October 1, 1861** Confederate Navy forces capture USS Fanny.

**October 3–4, 1862** The Battle of Corinth, Mississippi.

**October 4, 1862** The Battle of Galveston, Texas.

**October 5, 1862** Battle of Hatchie's Bridge, Tennessee.

**October 7, 1861** "Stonewall Jackson", currently a Brigadier General serving with the Confederate Army, is handed the promotion to Major General.

**October 13, 1861** Confederate General Turner Ashby's forces raid Harpers Ferry in Virginia.

**October 21, 1861** Confederate forces successfully intercept a traveling Union force at Ball's Bluff, Leesburg, Virginia.

**October 8, 1862** Battle of Perryville, Kentucky.

**October 4, 1863** Colonel Quantrill and his raiders take prisoner Union cavalry while dressed in Union garb and proceed to execute about 100. The action takes place near Fort Smith, Arkansas.

**October 19, 1863** Confederate General Jeb Stuart and his cavalry forces are victorious

over Union elements at Buckland Mills, Virginia. The action is remembered as the "Buckland Races". Union elements are commanded by General Hugh Kilpatrick.

**October 20, 1863** Confederate attackers are victorious over Union defenders at Philadelphia, Tennessee. Several hundred are taken prisoner.

**October 1, 1864** Confederate General Wheeler begins a week-long period of raids into Tennessee against Union targets—namely army supply lines.

**October 5, 1864** The Battle of Allatoona is fought in Bartow County, Georgia. Union strength numbers 2,025 against a Confederate army of 3,276. Casualties totaled 706 for the victors and 897 for the South.

**October 16, 1864** More Confederate raids are had into Tennessee. General Forrest begins a near-month-long campaign targeting Union supply lines. The campaign ends around November 10th.

**October 21, 1864** The Battle of Little Blue River is recorded as a Confederate victory. General Price leads his men over General Curtis with a force of 8,500 to 2,000, respectively. The fighting takes place in Jackson County, Missouri.



**October 8, 1918** - During World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.



## **BATTLE OF HATCHIE'S BRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

From: Civil War Times

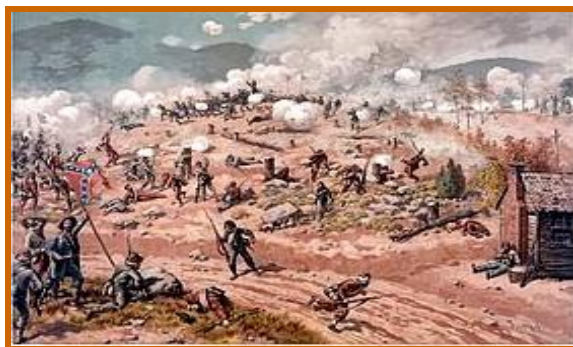
The Battle of Hatchie's Bridge, also known as Battle of Davis Bridge or Matamora, was fought on October 5, 1862, in Hardeman County and McNairy County, Tennessee, as the final engagement of the Iuka–Corinth Campaign of the American Civil War. Confederate Major General Earl Van Dorn's army successfully evaded capture by the Union Army, following his defeat at the

Battle of Corinth.

The battlefield site, known as Davis Bridge Battlefield, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. A 5-acre (20,000 m<sup>2</sup>) area of the battlefield is part of the Siege and Battle of Corinth Sites, which was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1991.



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 ALLATOONA PASS GEORGIA**

From: Wikipedia

The Battle of Allatoona, also known as the Battle of Allatoona Pass, was fought October 5, 1864, in Bartow County, Georgia, and was the first major engagement of the Franklin-Nashville Campaign of the American Civil War.

Maj. Gen. Samuel G. French's division arrived near Allatoona Gap during the early morning hours of October 5, 1864. The battle began at 7:00 A.M. when eleven Confederate manufactured 12 pounder bronze Napoleon guns began firing upon the Union fortifications. Confederate artillery involved were two batteries of Myrick's Artillery Battalion manned by men of Capt. Alcide Bouanchaud's Battery of Louisiana, Capt. James J. Cowan's Battery of Warren County, Mississippi and a battery from Storr's Artillery Battalion, French's Division, Capt. R. F. Kolb's Battery of Alabama. French had ordered a one gun detachment to force the surrender of the blockhouse a few miles away on Allatoona Creek. Six guns of the 12th Wisconsin Battery answered the Confederate artillery. After a two-hour artillery bombardment, French sent a demand for surrender, which Corse refused. French then launched his brigades in an attack.

By noon French received a report from his cavalry that a strong Union force was approaching from Acworth, so he withdrew at 2 p.m. More reinforcements from Rome reached Allatoona the next morning.



## SCV TELEGRAPH

Compatriot Calvin Robertson Crane was the Real Son of James Antony Crane, Ringgold Battery, Company B, of the Virginia Light Artillery.



Calvin R. Crane died Sunday, September 15, 2019, at the age of 102. He was the son of James Antony Crane and was living at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Salem, Virginia. Calvin's father fought in the War Between the States. He was only a year old when his father died. Because he really never got to know his dad, Calvin Crane said most of his memory of his dad was just what he had been told by other family members. He recalled they mostly talked about how he loved to hunt. Calvin was very pleased that he inherited his daddy's shotgun.

Calvin served in the 1st Armored Division in the North African and European Theaters and was awarded two Bronze Stars for his valor.



Upcoming Events may be found on the  
Calendar at:

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander and Upshur Co.  
Patriot Eddie Pricer

October 31st

## FEMALE SPIES OF THE CONFEDERACY

From: *thought.com*

### Antonia Ford

**Born:** July 23, 1838 in Fairfax, Virginia

**Died:** February 14, 1871 in  
Washington, D.C.



Antonia Ford lived at the home owned by her father, Edward R. Ford, located across the road from the Fairfax Courthouse. General J.E.B. Stuart was an occasional visitor at the home, as was his scout, John Singleton Mosby.

Federal troops occupied Fairfax in 1861, and Antonia Ford passed along to Stuart information on troop activity. Gen. Stuart gave her a written honorary commission as an aide-de-camp for her help. On the basis of this paper, she was arrested as a Confederate spy. She was imprisoned in Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C.

Major Joseph C. Willard, a co-owner of the Willard Hotel in D.C., who had been a provost marshal at the Fairfax Courthouse, negotiated for Ford's release from prison. He then married her.



She was credited with helping plan the Confederate raid on the Fairfax County Courthouse, although Mosby and Stuart denied her help. Ford has also been credited with driving her carriage 20 miles past federal troops and through rain to report to General Stuart, just before the Second Battle of Manassas/Bull Run (1862) a Union plan to deceive Confederate troops.

Their son, Joseph E. Willard, served as lieutenant governor of Virginia and U.S. minister to Spain. A daughter of Joseph Willard married Kermit Roosevelt, son of President Teddy Roosevelt.



## **MANDATORY GUN BUYBACK PROGRAMS WILL NEVER WORK IN AMERICA**

By: By *Peter Suci*

It is important as firearms owners that we understand how the Second Amendment grants us the right to keep and bear arms, the Fourth Amendment is almost as important. It provides all citizens "to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures."

It is because of the Fourth Amendment that police need a search warrant. Legal experts contend that while the Second Amendment grants the right to own a firearm, the Fourth Amendment ensures that the firearms, as with any personal property, can't simply be seized.

There are of course exceptions, and for good reason. Convicted felons lose their

Second Amendment rights, but not their Fourth Amendment rights, at least not without due process.

Beyond the above legal ramifications, there is also the issue of cost involved. Given the number of firearms, the actual cost could conceivably top \$100 billion; that's taking into account the fact that, today, many of these rifles are more than \$1,000 each.

Consider that there are 300 million firearms in the United States by most estimates. Should the lawful owners of those items, which are protected by not only the Second Amendment but the Fourth Amendment as well, lose their property because of the actions of few bad people? That would be like banning all cars because of drunk drivers, but that's a debate for another time.



## **CONFEDERATE INDIGENTS PENSION APPLICATIONS UPSHUR COUNTY**

From: *txgenwebcounties.org*

On November 24, 1863, the Texas Legislature passed a Joint Resolution stating that the government pledged "support and maintenance of [the soldiers'] families during their absence from home." In accordance with this Resolution, an "Act to Support the Families and Dependents of Texas Soldiers" passed on December 15, 1863. The Act set aside \$1,000,000 annually to be paid the "families, widows, and dependents of soldiers currently serving in State or Confederate forces, or of soldiers killed or disabled in service." Chief Justices of the counties, on or before March 1 in

1864 and 1865, submitted lists of servicemen and the number of their dependents eligible for relief. The County Clerk administered the money distributed to the county for this purpose.



## UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS CRIME NEWS

*From: genealogytrails.com*

### **Fatal Affair - May 12, 1853**

A few weeks since at Gilmer, Upshur County, Texas, a man named Robert Bledsoe, was shot on the public square, by three citizens of that place. The deceased is said to have been a notorious and abandoned outlaw, and a source of perpetual annoyance and apprehension to the whole community. The Texas Star says that he was accustomed to ride over the public square every day with a volley of oaths against all good people, a flourishing of guns and gasconade, trampling on the laws of the country and the feelings of all, abusing private families, and evincing generally a reckless disregard of public decency, order and propriety. He was warned not to come again on the square, but, careless of all remonstrance, he did so, and was coolly shot down. The actors in the scene forthwith surrendered themselves, and, upon the testimony of the whole community, were instantly acquitted.



**Caddo Parrish Confederate Monument**

## UNDER ATTACK

SHREVEPORT, La. (KSLA) - The Confederate monument outside the Caddo Parish Courthouse soon will have to find a new home.

A letter issued Wednesday, August 28, 2019, by the Caddo Parish attorney's office notifies Chapter 237 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy that it has 90 days to remove the monument from outside of the courthouse in downtown Shreveport.

The Shreveport Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Caddo Parish have been in court regarding the monument since October 2017.

This memorial was erected in 1905 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

## YAMBOREE PARADE

Join us for the Gilmer Yamboree Parade on  
Saturday October 19th at 11 A.M.

Truck and Trailer provided  
Period Attire preferred if riding on the  
trailer.

## YAMBOREE! GILMER, TEXAS

The "Yamboree" in Gilmer, Texas is one of the oldest festivals in Texas all dedicated to the lowly "Yam".

It all started in 1935, when every county in Texas was encouraged to come up with something to celebrate for the Texas Centennial in 1936. The folks in Gilmer and for that matter all of East Texas were hard pressed to find much to celebrate in the depths of depression era Texas. The only thing Upshur County could come up with was ... "Yams". It had been a good cash crop for the county in the early 1930's. That was before the weevils came. The yams had been quarantine to the borders of the county and they had yams running out of their ears. That was the beginning of the "Yamboree".

This four-day event is held every October and is attended by about 100,000 each year.



## A COMMENTARY

### THE PROGRESSIVE SENSE

*From the writings of: Peter Berkowitz June 2019*

Knowledge of the modern tradition of freedom is fast fading. From K-12 through college, our educators prefer to inculcate a divisive and intolerant version of diversity, equity, and inclusion that privileges a progressive perspective and harshly reproaches departures from it. Our colleges and universities advocate abstract versions of liberalism whose principal relevance seems to be in justifying an aggressive redistributionist and regulatory state, or they present it as a curiosity in the history of ideas that should be studied like all the other systems that have come and gone over the centuries.

The result is a liberalism that emphasizes equality over individual freedom. It stresses the fallibility of human judgment along with the capacity of reason to understand the world and improve the quality of life.

Few have risen to liberalism's defense against assaults. This is partly because the term came to be associated narrowly with the tax-and-spend, big-government wing of the Democratic Party. It should be criticized for the injustices perpetrated under its cover; and that it ought to be corrected where it continues to go astray.

The spirit of conservation and order not only to coexist in the public sphere but to cooperate to advance the public interest is vital.

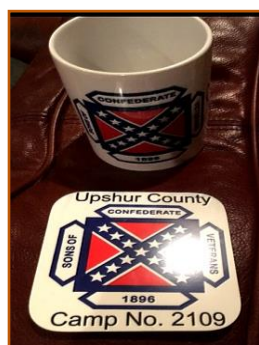
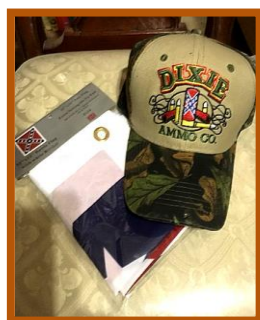


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