



The “Bear Flag” Patriots

The Official News of the Missouri Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Issue XIII Gary G. Ayres, *Editor Aeternus Eternus* - John J. Bates, Editor Jan. 2016



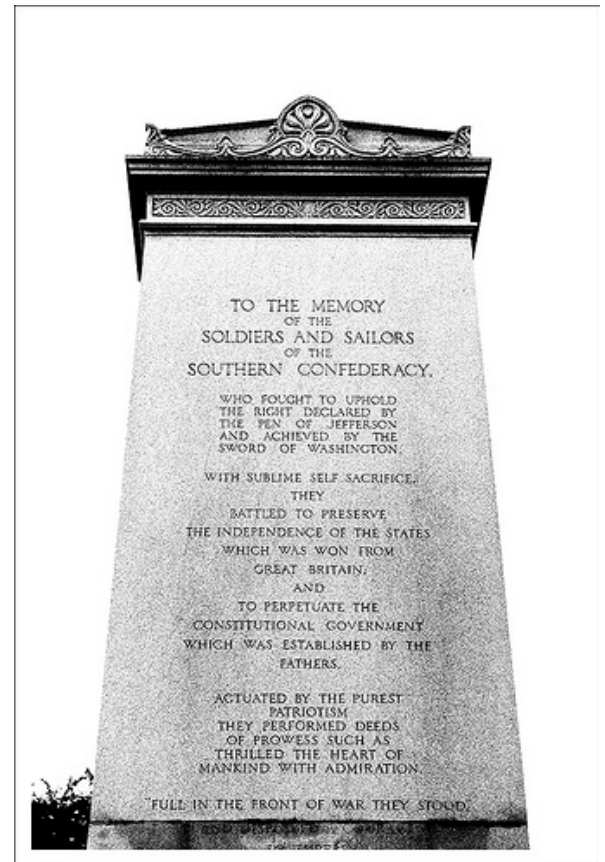
Thoughts from the porch

Hello my fellow Compatriots. My humble and heartfelt apologies for not having the newsletters out in a more timely and efficient manner.

As I am sure y'all are aware, our heritage is under attack from every angle imaginable. Our enemy are opportunists and they do not rest; NOR SHOULD WE. Even within the borders of our sovereign MISSOURAH, the flags of our ancestors have been removed from the sacred grounds of their final resting places and monuments to their memory are removed or relocated. The very sight or mention of anything Confederate sends college students scurrying for their “safe zones.” In St. Louis, the politically correct liberal bastion of insanity, the Confederate Memorial at

Forest Park has been deemed unfit for common public view by the **historically incompetent** Mayor Francis Slay of St. Louis. Mayor Slay wants the memorial out of Forest Park. His actions are *tantamount* to what ISIS is doing worldwide as they spread their version of hate.

In recent months, our beloved Division Commander has spearheaded efforts to prevent the **erasure** of history that honors the sacred memory of our righteous and noble ancestors. As he fights to carry forth the Charge given to us by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, I **do not understand** why some in our ranks feel this fight is futile and unproductive. However, even in today's upside-down world, I do believe everyone is entitled to their own viewpoints.



In my opinion, this type of mentality is not conducive to fulfilling the **Charge** entrusted to each of us. As I reflect on the responsibility given to us by Lt. Gen. Lee, I find myself looking back on Gettysburg from a 20th century vantage point. Some might say Pickett's Charge was foolhardy or a futile attempt to win what was

already lost. However, I do not share that opinion. My belief is our ancestors, at Gettysburg and on many other battlefields, were out

numbered and out gunned. Yet, **they took the fight to the enemy!** In spite of the odds against them, why did they fight? I believe our ancestors fought to be heard; silence in the face of big government tyranny was not an option they could live with and respect themselves. Remember, our ancestors were never out soldiered! Win or lose, good God fearing men standing up against bullies is what righteous men do. This has been the story of good versus evil since the times of David conquering Goliath. I believe we should be heard and seen; **LOUD and PROUD!**

We as individuals, and as an organization, should take heed and realize complacency is one of our **worst** enemies. History proves this fact in many examples from Hitler's Nazi regime to the encroachment of socialism to the spread of radical Islam. We need to be consciously aware of what is happening. This is a total war on our patriotic heritage!

I would like to share with y'all a letter to the editor that was printed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch published on 19 April, 1911.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Confederate Memorial Day.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

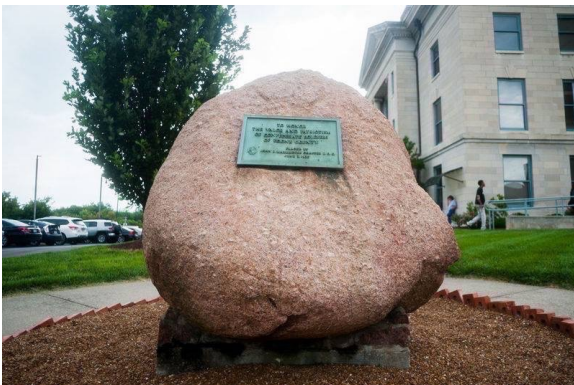
I was very much pleased to read in this evening's paper a letter signed by a Southern woman, suggesting that we observe the Confederate Memorial day, April 26. The few Confederate soldiers would be pleased to hear the strains of "Dixie." I am sure if some start is made towards observing that day there will be many followers, for the Confederates have many friends in St. Louis. Hoping to see a movement started, and I for one shall wear the colors of the South.

**A CONFEDERATE'S DAUGHTER AND HE ALSO
SANCTIONS THE MOVE.**



In April the Col. Elijah Gates Camp #570 of Fulton was fortunate to get a new headquarters for their meetings. The new place is in Auxvasse, Missouri and the County Commissioner was present for the opening.

This June was a picture perfect Southern spring day for honoring our veterans at Higginsville for Confederate Memorial Day. Thank you for a great turnout!



Between July and September, our Compatriots in the Col. James J. Searcy Camp #1923 of Columbia fought a righteous battle against political correctness to save the Confederate Rock in Boone County. This is the type of PC lunacy we are up against. Sad are the times! The outcome was the Confederate Rock was relocated for preservation to the Centralia, Missouri Battlefield. It's new home, on a field of honor, is far better than it's previous location on the grounds of those with no honor or integrity.





*Missourah!
We Are Dixie!*



On August 16th of the past year, we personally delivered a message to Governor Jay Nixon! Our Flag Rally was a huge success! Thank you to all who made this historic event possible!

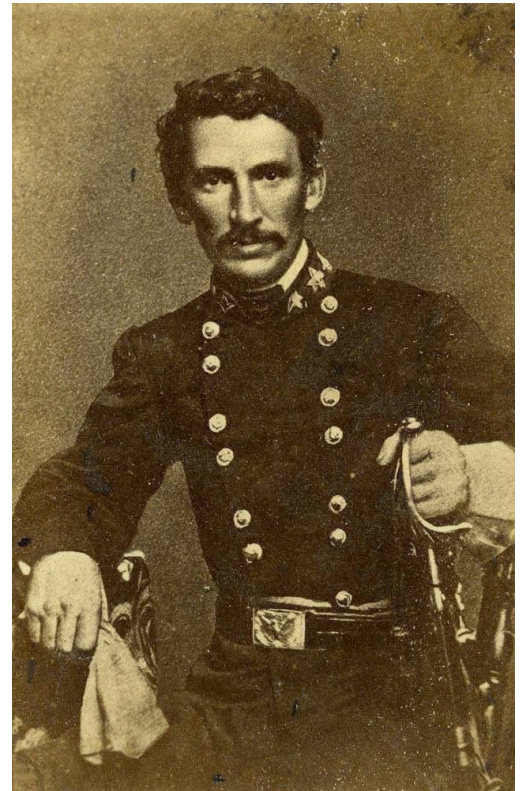


Also in August of 2015, a team effort with members of the Major James Morgan Utz Camp #1815 of Florissant Missouri and the Sterling Price Camp #145 of St. Louis Missouri held a flag rally on an overpass along I-70 in St. Peters, Missouri. This was another Missouri success!



The Campbell's Company Camp #2252 SCV of Republic Missouri also had a busy year honoring Confederate Veterans.

In addition to flag rallies and honoring our ancestors, the Missouri Division is growing. In the Southeast part of our State, a new Camp is forming. This is largely due to the efforts of the members of the Morgan Utz Camp. The new Charter Camp will be the General M. Jeff Thompson Camp and will it be in Farmington, Missouri. It has been a long time since we have had representation in southeast Missouri. Please welcome them into the best Division in the Country!



Please click on the link below. The Carnton Plantation is a beautiful resting place for many of our heroes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZEg9oCXw3U>



Chaplain's Pulpit



Greetings, Missouri Division compatriots! We are extremely blessed to have been granted permission by Dr.H. Rondel Rumburg to print the following article. As we begin the New Year with January--the month of Lee and Jackson--what better way to recommit to living up to our Southern heritage than to learn from these commanders, two of our greatest Southern heroes. Dr. Rumburg is a Past Chaplain-in-Chief, editor of the SCV Chaplains' Corps Chronicles,

*compiler and editor of the popular SCV Chaplain's Handbook, and founder of Biblical and Southern Studies (www.biblicallandsouthernstudies.com). He shares his article titled *The Need for More Confederate Gentleman with the hope and prayer that our Heavenly Father will use it to touch the hearts of those reading it and thus lead to a spiritual awakening.**

The Need for More Confederate Gentlemen

[A Lee—Jackson Day Message]

By Dr. H. Rondel Rumburg

LEE AND JACKSON'S FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

"I prefer the Bible to any other book. There is enough in that to satisfy the most ardent thirst for knowledge; to open the way to true wisdom; and to teach the only road to salvation and eternal happiness," *General R. E. Lee.*¹ Lee's favorite passage of Scripture was likely Psalm 144.²

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" –Romans 8:28. [This was Stonewall Jackson's text.]

LEE AND JACKSON ACKNOWLEDGED AS GENTLEMEN

"Lee was my beau-ideal of the highest type of Christian gentlemen," said Rev. Edward Clifford Gordon.

¹ Douglas Southall Freeman, *R. E. Lee*, Vol. 4, p. 298.

² Ibid. p. 242.

“General Jackson is the best informed soldier I have met in America, and as perfect a gentleman as I have ever known!” said an English gentleman of rank.³

INTRODUCTION

A "gentleman" is a genteel man. In other words he is noble in the Christian sense of the word. He is a man of character. Character is what a man actually is and not what a man is perceived to be or perceives himself to be, which is reputation. Douglas Southall Freeman distilled Robert E. Lee's visible life into one word, "Character!"

Gen. R. E. Lee was considered the consummate Southern Christian gentleman. He exemplified the best in Southern manhood. Freeman remarked, "In Lee the South sees character... Success could not dim it. Public adulation could not tarnish it. Defeat could only test it. For character is invincible."⁴

James Power Smith wrote of the simplicity of Stonewall Jackson's character. "He was in character and will more like a stone wall than any man I have ever known."⁵

In a day of many mixed signals about morality the use even of our words has become suspect. One can often hear a criminal that has been convicted of murder referred to as a gentleman by lawyers and others who are in positions of responsibility. Our language is being devalued.

How can Southern men lead the South back to the culture of their forefathers? Certainly not by aping men such as the drunken Grant, the pyromaniac Sherman, or the agnostic Lincoln. The South must have men such as Lee, Jackson, Stuart, Davis, Stevens, Pelham and the myriad of others who were Christian gentlemen. These Christian gentlemen practiced their faith in a manly way. Christian gentlemen are not effeminate! Southern men of Confederate ancestry must seek to be such gentlemen. Unless this is true of us no amount of flag waving, monument preservation, memorializing of our Confederate dead, promotion of Southern literature or any such will make a lasting impact on our generation. The stone monuments to Lee, Jackson, and others have something missing; they have no hearts for Christ, as did the men they represent. Southern men must be men whose lives demand respect. We must have credibility!

What made Lee and Jackson great men and great warriors? Not their military training. Not their social position. Not their intellects. Their greatness was found in their relationship with the Lord. As Lee's Psalm reminds, *“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer: my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me”* (Ps. 144:1-2).

First, one needs to be a Christian to be a Southern Gentleman. In creation *“God hath made man upright”* but as a result of the fall, in the Garden of Eden, man *“sought out many inventions”* (Eccl. 7:29). Man has tried to evade God's mandates for his life by using his mind to devise or invent other ways. Man outside Christianity has *“many inventions”* or many fallen speculations of heart that are foreign to God. *“Jesus answered and said unto him (Nicodemus), Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”* (John 3:3). A Christian is a person who has been born anew by the Holy Spirit, has

³ James Power Smith, *With Stonewall Jackson in the Army of Northern Virginia*, p. 74.

⁴ James J. Kilpatrick, *Douglas Southall Freeman*, p. 21.

⁵ Op. cite., James Power Smith, p. 61.

been convicted of his sins against God repenting of them, and has embraced Christ as his only Lord and Saviour by faith. “A man is a gentleman in the same proportion that he is a Christian.”⁶

Lee’s Psalm says, “*Blessed be the LORD ... in whom I trust*” (Ps. 144:1, 2). The believer is given a new nature whereby old things have passed away and all things have become new. The one solely trusting in Christ alone for salvation has the Christian graces of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, meekness, temperance, and many more such attributes, which are the true traits of character. And Jackson’s text reminds us of the providence of God toward His own, “*All things are working together for good to them who love God*” (Rom. 8:28).

R. E. Lee, the Christian gentleman, reflected, “I can only say that I am nothing but a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation.”⁷ Are you trusting in Christ alone for salvation? Of Christ we are told, “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). Lee’s life exemplified the presence of Christ and the Christian graces (Gal. 5:22-23).

Another Christian gentleman Stonewall Jackson reflected in a letter to his wife, “while we attach so much importance to being free from temporal bondage, we must attach far more to being free from the bondage of sin.”⁸ Only God’s Son can break the chains of that bondage to sin. Jackson remarked, “The Christian should carry his religion into everything.”⁹ Paul, the apostle, has reminded us, “*Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God*” (1 Cor. 10:31). Stonewall sought to live in that fashion.

Second, when a man is a Christian he will be on his way to being a gentleman. One needs to have experienced the saving work of Christ in order to be a true gentleman in the historic Southern sense of the word. Thomas Nelson Page, the great Southern writer wrote of his father, “To be a Virginia gentleman was his first duty; it embraced being a Christian and all the virtues. He lived as one; he left it as a heritage to his children.”¹⁰ Captain Dabney Carr Harrison¹¹ heard Lee say, “The virtue and fidelity which should characterize a soldier, can be learned from the holy pages of the Bible alone.” What an astounding observation!

Stonewall Jackson wrote a nephew, and in that letter said, “I hope that you are a Christian. There is no happiness like that experienced by a child of God.” Truly there is nothing to compare with being in a saving relation to God. Jackson, the Christian gentleman, summed up his faith when he said, in the words of his wife, “he had been a long time ... stranger to fear because he knew and was assured of the love of Christ to his soul: he felt not the faintest dread that he should ever fall under the wrath of God, although a great sinner; he was forever reconciled by the righteousness of Christ, and that love for God and Christ was now the practical spring of all his penitence.”¹² Have you turned to Christ having renounced your sin?

Lee, as president of Washington College, explained **the code of honor** – “be a gentleman.” That was succinct and implied what the culture of the day expected, which of necessity included being a practicing Christian. Really there is no other kind of Christian. Lee answered an inquiring student, “Young gentleman, we have no printed rules. We have but one rule here, and it is that every student must be a gentleman.”¹³ Sadly the

⁶ J. Cynddylan Jones, *Studies in the Gospel According to St. John*, 249.

⁷ J. William Jones, *Life and Letters of Robert Edward Lee*, p.467.

⁸ Mary Anna Jackson’s *Memoirs of T. J. Stonewall Jackson*, p. 312.

⁹ H. Rondel Rumburg, *Stonewall Jackson’s Verse*, p. 47.

¹⁰ Rosewell Page, *Thomas Nelson Page: A Memoir of a Virginia Gentleman*, p. 18.

¹¹ William J. Hoge, *Dabney Carr Harrison*, p. 24. Harrison was a young minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was killed in 1862 fighting for his family and country.

¹² Op. cite. Mary Anna Jackson, p. 394.

¹³ Op. cite. Freeman, p. 278.

Southern culture of today is not producing such men. The reason seems to be the ignoring or despising of Biblical Christianity in favor of pseudo-Christianity or none at all, which leaves men pagans. Paul the apostle warned against “*having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof,*” and he said, “*from such turn away*” (2 Tim. 3:5).

Lee composed **a test for a true gentleman** during the war for Southern independence. “The forbearing use of power does not only form a touchstone, but the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others is a test of a *true gentleman*. The power which the strong have over the weak, the magistrate over the citizen, the employer over the employed, the educated over the unlettered, the experienced over the confiding, even the clever over the silly—the forbearing or inoffensive use of all this power or authority, or a total abstinence from it when the case admits it, will show the gentlemen in a plain light. The gentleman does not needlessly remind an offender of a wrong he may have committed against him. He cannot only forgive, he can forget; and he strives for that nobleness of self and mildness of character which imparts sufficient strength to let the past be but the past. *A true man of honor feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others.*”¹⁴

The need of the hour is Southern men of quality, which is another way of reiterating the point of this message. Lee and Jackson certainly had a grasp of gentlemanliness and exemplified it. Even so the Sons of Confederate Veterans should be men of quality.

“*Honor thy father and thy mother*”(Ex. 20:12)! How can we be said to honor our Confederate ancestors if we deny the very principles by which they lived? The best way to honor Christian gentlemen of the past is to emulate their Christian virtues. They externalized the Bible or they put it into active practice by their living.

What is required of Southern men in order to honor their forbearers? Men are needed who not only respect Christianity, but who are Christians in the true sense of the Word. Such men who are needed do not just acknowledge the Bible to be God’s Word, but they practice the principles of that Word in every facet of life. The kind of men needed not only favor honor, but they honor and are honorable. They not only desire respect, but they are respectful and respectable. Needed are men who do not just want to be treated honestly, but are men of integrity. Gentlemen are men who respect the Lord, the home, the family, womanhood, neighbors and the church for which the Saviour died.

Men of Lee and Jackson’s character died well. Jackson after days of suffering came to the end of his earthly sojourn on the Lord’s Day, May 10th, 1863. “Anna read to him some comforting Psalms on his last night on earth. He labored harder and harder in his breathing. He asked his wife to sing some of the spiritual songs he loved. Others in the room joined in singing one he especially wanted to hear, which was Psalm 51 set to meter by Watts,

*Show pity, Lord; O Lord forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live;
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?*¹⁵

Consider the rest of the Psalter selection. “Near the end he sank rapidly into unconsciousness, murmuring out very cheerfully and distinctly the beautiful sentence which has become immortalized ever since, ‘Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees.’”¹⁶

¹⁴ J. William Jones, *Personal Reminiscences of Gen. Robert E. Lee*, p. 163.

¹⁵ Op. cite. Rumburg, p. 72 f.

¹⁶ Ibid., p. 74

The Old South could not conceive of a Christian who was not a gentleman or a gentleman who was not a Christian! The sons of such illustrious ancestors **must** return to the old ways if they would experience the glories of the old days.

Lee's favorite Psalm prayerfully says, "*Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood*" (Ps. 144:7-8). Would Lee today, if he were among us address the Lord to rid him "*from the hand of strange children; Whose mouth speaketh vanity*" (vv. 7, 11)? Are our words empty because they do not have a godly life to back them up? Where are the **honorable**? Where are the **Christian Gentlemen**?

Lee's Psalm ends, "*Happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.*" **We must remember, "Salvation is of the Lord."** God save the South, we plead in Jesus' name!

Deo Vindice

© 2002 by the *Society for Biblical and Southern Studies*

In closing, I would like to request each and every Missouri Division compatriot to offer prayers to our Heavenly Father for peace, wisdom, and victory for our leaders of the Sons of Confederate Veterans as they resist the evil and demonic forces of political correctness. Specifically, I request prayers of support for our loved and highly respected Commander Maples as he courageously leads the Missouri Division to defend our Confederate Heritage.

Yours in Christ and Confederate Brotherhood,

Ollie



Missouri Division Graves Registry Information

The Missouri Division Graves Committeeman, Neil Block has been busy! He reports the Graves Sites & Honor Rolls are updated with all new information he received in 2015 on the web site. Every Missouri Compatriot is encouraged to continue to search their respective Brigade areas to find those Confederate Soldiers who have gone unnoticed or recorded. Thank you to Neil for his hard work!

Compatriots, It is time for our Lee-Jackson Dinner at the Inn at Grand Glaize. In these trying times, some good old fashioned Southern camaraderie may be just what is needed.



**2016 Lee Jackson Dinner
January 16, 2016**



**Inn at Grand Glaize
Osage Beach, Missouri
Social Time Begins At 5:30 p.m.
Dinner Begins At 6:30 p.m.**



Guest Speaker

**James Pasley
Professor of History
Columbia College**

Subject Will Be:

***The Confederate
Flag Controversy
And
The Battle of
“Monday Hollow”***

You Won't Want To Miss This One!



**Missouri Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans
2016 Lee Jackson Dinner
Reservation Form**



Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____
(\$30 per person)

Please send reservation and payment to:

**Paul Lawrence - Adjutant
Missouri Division - SCV
280 North West 75th Rd.
Centerview, MO 64019**

Make checks payable to: Missouri Division - SCV

**Special Room Rate for those staying at the Inn at Grand Glaize Hotel/Resort:
\$68.00 + tax**

**Inn at Grand Glaize
5141 Hwy. 54
P.O. Box 969
Osage Beach, MO 65065**

Call the Inn at Grand Glaize direct at: 1-800-348-4731 and mention "SCV Rate".

**Registration Deadline is January 10, 2016, please get reservations in early!
Any questions contact Darrell Maples at: (573) 635-8815
email: pvtmape@embarqmail.com**

Heritage Action Defense Center



*We Want This Flag
Returned And Flying
Once Again
Our Votes Count Too!*

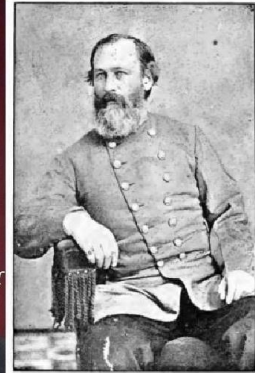
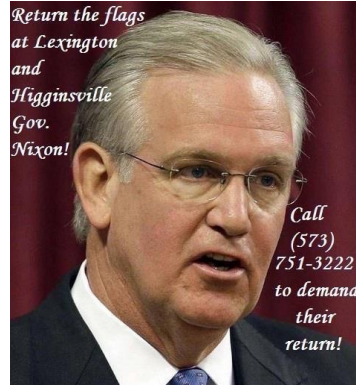
Contact Numbers

Mr. Bill Bryan - Director
Missouri State Parks
(573) 751-9392

email: bill.bryan@dnr.mo.gov

Phone number of the Battle of
Lexington State Historic Site:
(660) 259-4654

Governor's Office:
(573) 751-3222



*Is Missouri
Governor Jay
Nixon ashamed
of his Great-Great
Grandfather?*

*Lt. Colonel
James Oscar Nixon
1st Louisiana
Cavalry - CSA*

Gentlemen of the Missouri Division, here are various contact numbers of people within our borders who severely lack integrity and are repugnant to our Southern customs, our Southern culture, our Southern heritage, and our Southern way of life. I implore you to exercise your Constitutional right of free speech to be heard. The future existence and preservation of our noble heritage for our descendants is resting directly upon us! Our proactive non-complacency and rebellious desire to be heard are essential factors to winning this unprovoked war and second era of reconstruction.



What does this man know about our History? He is the son of Lebanese immigrants. Call Mayor Slay's office and tell him to leave the Confederate Monument where it is. 314-622-3201

Any society which suppresses the heritage of its conquered minorities, prevents their history, and denies them their symbols, has sown the seed of its own destruction.

--- Sir William Wallace 1281 A.D.