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February 23, 2017 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, Florida
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from menu 7:00 – 8:00 Program 8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December.

Male descendants of men who served the Confederacy, their wives and others interested in the War for Southern Independence are invited to attend.

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Greetings,

Thanks to Don Young for the January program on General Robert E. Lee. Don is a good speaker and always delivers an interesting program.

We are quickly approaching the first parade of 2017; in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Downtown Melbourne on Saturday, March 18th. Start getting the word out so we can fill the float.

We continue to make progress on the Lawndale and Cemetery projects, but can always use additional help. We are setting reoccurring schedules for these projects and are there from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. as follows:

- The first Saturday of each month will be at Lawndale – Williams House
- The third Saturday of each month will be at Sharpes Cemetery

We really need a Recording Secretary for the Camp. Please consider volunteering to help your Camp.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

God Bless the South!
Cmdr. Marc Thornton

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

1. February 23 Camp 1387 Monthly Meeting @ Memaws.
2. February 24-26, 2017 - Battle at Fort Desoto, FL. @ Ft. Desoto Park in Tierra Verde on the southernmost tip of Pinellas Co.
 - a. Sat/Sun open from 9 am – 5 pm.
 - b. Battle reenactment at 1:30 each day
 - c. Contact: Jan Brown at jbehart@aol.com
 - d. Website: www.97thpvicoa.us
 - e. Location: 3500 Pinellas Bayway S, St. Petersburg, FL 33715
3. March 3-5, 2017 – 152nd Anniversary of the Battle of Natural Bridge, FL
 - a. Location: Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park – 7502 Natural Bridge Road, Tallahassee, FL 32305
 - b. Website: www.nbhscso.com or www.floridastateparks.org/naturalbridge/
4. March 4, 2017 at 2 PM - Second Annual Confederate Flag Day at Confederate Memorial Park in Tampa.
 - a. The Florida Division Sons of Confederate Veterans will co-sponsor the event with the General Jubal A. Early Camp 556 Saturday
 - b. We encourage all SCV camps, OCR and UDC chapters plus any veteran's organizations to attend.
 - c. SCV Chaplain in Chief Reverend Ray Parker will be our featured speaker.
 - d. Those interested with participating in the Colour Guard should contact Early Camp Adjutant Kevin Hobson for instructions. khobsoncsa@yahoo.com
 - e. Gates open at 12 PM
 - f. Park Address: 10418 East HWY 92 Tampa, Florida 33610
5. March 3-4, 2017 - The 2017 Stephen D. Lee Institute in Knoxville, TN
 - a. *From: Cindy White; Office Manager; SCV HQ; 931-380-1844 ext 209*
 - b. Details for the upcoming Stephen D. Lee event.
 - c. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville TN on 3/3 and 3/4/2017. The rates are the same as last year, \$125.00 for members and spouses. \$150.00 for non-members. You can go to the SD Lee website to register but at this time the correct hotel information is not up. The number for the hotel is: 865-522-2600. Our group code is

STE. I have requested that they update the website as soon as possible.

- d. If you cannot reach me by phone to register, either Holly or Bryan can take your reservation and forward it on to me. I sincerely apologize for the delay in getting this information to you. By the way, **the first twenty-five (25) Compatriots who register will receive a special free gift in recognition of their support.**

6. March 10-12, 2017 – Nature Coast Reenactment – Kirby Family Farm in Williston, FL.

- a. Location: 19630 NE 30th Street, Williston, FL 32696

- b. Website: www.naturecoastcivilwarreenactment.com

7. March 18 2017 – St. Patricks' Day Parade Downtown Melbourne

- a. Decorate float 9-10 AM @ the parking lot under the oak tree directly South of The Nomad Cafe close to the intersection of US1 and E. New Haven Ave.

- b. Line-up between 10-11 AM and the parade starts at 11 AM.

- c. This is the short parade route that runs from West to East. Starts at Mustard's Last Stand and ends at the railroad tracks.

8. March 24-26, 2017 – 24th annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill, FL.

- a. Education day on Friday the 24th. Admission for students/chaperones is \$5.00 per person, lunch included.

- b. Ample grandstand viewing of the battle

- c. Spectator admission is: \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 children 5-12, Children under 5 free.

- d. Location: 4700 Chisholm Park Trail, St. Cloud, FL 34771

- e. Website: www.battleatnarcoosseemill.com

9. March 9 2017; Next E-Board Meeting

10. Mar. 23 2017; Next Monthly Meeting –

- a. Since we will have a display set up at the Liberty Bell Museum in Melbourne during the month of April, 2nd Lt. Nick Nichols has requested that anyone having items worthy of this display (memorabilia, etc.) bring them to this meeting and loan them to him. They will be returned to you after this display has been completed.

11. April 26, 2017 – Confederate Memorial Day. Location: Melbourne Cemetery. More details to come.

PROGRAM

The February program will be by Larry Thornton on the Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC).

➤ **SCV Pledge to the Flag of the Confederate States of America**

I salute the **Confederate** flag
with affection, reverence, and undying devotion
to the Cause for which it stands.

➤ **Facts from the War for Southern Independence:**

“The consolidation of the states into one vast union, sure to be increasingly despotic at home and dangerously adventurous abroad, will lead to certain ruin”

--Robert E. Lee, 1866

➤ **It Happened During this month (February) in 1861:**

Following the secession of 5 more states in January, 1861

- Texas secedes 2/1/1861 - vote of 166 for, 8 against – 7th state to secede
- By Seceding, the South gives up all rights to use, claim, etc. of the new and expanding western territories. Slavery COULD NOT be expanded Westward even if the South wanted to!
- Jefferson Davis elected President of the Provisional CSA - 2/9/1861; Alexander Stephens, Vice Pres.
- 1st Provisional Confederate Capital established in Montgomery. Alabama
- President Jefferson Davis sends 3 men to Washington to negotiate friendly relations with new incoming President Lincoln
- Corwin (13th) Amendment still passing through Congress
- (Outgoing) President is James Buchanan – Dem
- President-elect is incoming Abraham Lincoln - Rep

➤ **Good Reference Reading Books for this Month:**

➤ **Secession and Constitutional Theory:**

1. **A Constitutional History of Secession**, By John Remmington Graham
 2. **Is Secession Treason?** By Albert Bledsoe
 3. **Due Process Denied: Why the 14th Amendment Never Became Part of the Constitution**, By George Pierce Ritter ©2008
 4. **The Fire-Eaters**, By Eric Walther ©1992
- If you have read any good “Southern point of view” books and feel that others would benefit from reading them, please submit them to Steve Smith at smsmith3@bellsouth.net for inclusion in our ever expanding camp book list. Also, if you would like your own copy of our entire camp suggested reading list, please contact me also and I will gladly email you the latest version.

➤ **Current events concerning Confederacy News:**

1. Charlottesville, Virginia City Council voted earlier this month to remove the Robert E. Lee statue from downtown and to rename Lee Park.

In a City Council meeting that once again resembled more of a circus than a representative form of government, Charlottesville City Council voted 3-2 to attempt to tear down the magnificent equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee from its place in LEE Park. Against the advice of its own City Attorney, its self-appointed Blue Ribbon Commission, and the wishes of the overwhelming majority of its citizens, they voted to violate State law in order to carry out their campaign of hate and bigotry.

Tensions were high and police had to escort several people out of the meeting when tempers boiled over into fighting, all a result of the divisive climate created by City Council.

A 10-year-old girl who stood to address the Council was actually booed loudly by the monument haters and others were the target of their jeers and taunts.

The majority of the speakers that night spoke eloquently and passionately for keeping the monuments. Perhaps one of the most poignant moments was when Kenneth Jackson, an African-American and life-long member of the community got up and called Bellamy out for the chaos, hate, and division he and Szakos have caused in the community. He received thunderous applause and cheers for his comments, which included: "I can tell y'all, we didn't have these issues. We grew up together. I used to walk through every neighborhood," he said. "Don't play black folks for a fool. This disgusts me - and you're supposed to be our leaders? Our parents didn't hate the statue."

The few that spoke for removal, like the council members who voted to do the same, blamed the Robert E. Lee monument for everything from white supremacy...to Jim Crow...to President Trump. It was obvious to anyone there that this entire process was a set up from the start.

Comments from council member Kristin Szakos, Wes Bellamy, and Bob Fenwick were so ridiculous that they brought outbursts of laughter from the council chambers... reflective of the fact that the entire county is laughing at them, as well. The biggest rise came when Fenwick had the nerve to complain about the fact that Wes Bellamy had received messages that came from folks who were obviously "racist." Poor Wes was apparently so shook up that he spent the entire meeting staring at his laptop, even when citizens were speaking. Apparently not much has changed since he tweeted "I really tune out when white people talk in community meetings" just a few short years ago.

The fate of the monument was decided by three people. Councilman Kristin Szakos, a leftist extremist who has called for the removal for years put forth the proposal. The motion was seconded by disgraced Vice-Mayor Wes Bellamy, who led the charge to tear down the monument last spring, and was forced to resign from both the State Board of Education AND his position as a teacher in Albermarle County Schools after numerous vulgar and vile racist, sexist and homophobic tweets were uncovered and published"

<http://www.cavalierdaily.com/article/2016/11/wes-bellamy-charlottesville-twitter>

The third and deciding vote came from Bob Fenwick, a spineless, career politician who flip flopped after voting no just two weeks ago. One can only imagine what happened in the past two weeks to purchase that vote.

Mayor Mike Signer and Councilman Kathy Galvin voted to keep the statues, but they are no friends to us or any citizen who honors Confederate heritage. In their comments, they both made it clear that they have also bought (hook, line and sinker) into the false white supremacy/racist/slavery narrative that has so permeated this entire process. They basically apologized for voting no.

For those of you who had not been following our ongoing war with Charlottesville City Council, the vote the other night was not unexpected. We were prepared and if you had to sit through any of those meetings you understand why we are actually glad it finally happened and we no longer have to sit through meeting after meeting waiting for the shoe to drop. Our attorney will be sending a letter today, detailing what action is forthcoming, and we understand lawsuits and injunctions will be filed by others as soon as the courthouse doors open this morning.

The social justice activist extremists in Charlottesville have voted to violate State law and even bragged about it in their comments. They are not from here. They hate us. They hate our heritage and this is all about putting us "in our place". The statues aren't going anywhere. These people actually think things will quiet down now. They are mistaken. We have not yet begun to fight. Poles are currently under construction as for new flag sites in and around Charlottesville, and we are working on several other surprises. It is our prayer that this action by Charlottesville City Council will have the effect that so many others have had...to awaken thousands more to action to defend our history, heritage, and the good name of the Confederate soldier

2. **ALASKA SCHOOL TO PUNISH STUDENTS?**

Chugiak High School administrators on Wednesday were investigating the display of the Confederate Battle Flag by a group of students in the school's hallway, according to an Anchorage School District spokeswoman.

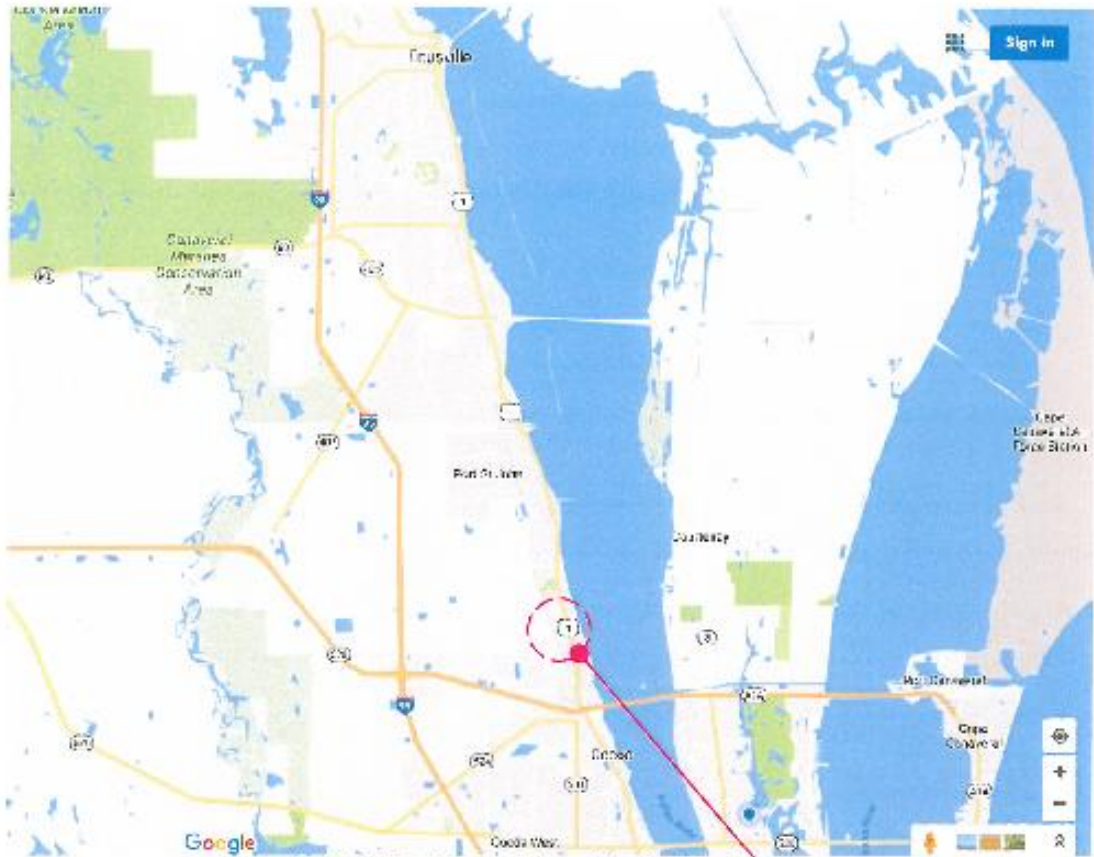
The five students posed for a photograph with the large flag, which also had an image of "the Mudflap Girl" - the silhouette of a curvy woman - in front of an orange flame. Four of the students also held American flags.

A copy of the photograph provided to Alaska Dispatch News appeared to have come from a Snapchat account, and the text across part of it read, "If your (sic) offended. ha that sucks. That's your problem."

A statement from the school district on Wednesday said Chugiak High administrators would speak with the students involved to "learn more about their intentions and discuss appropriate actions in school settings."

Heidi Embley, school district spokeswoman, said the district was first notified of the photograph by a news outlet Wednesday morning. She said the district believed the photograph was taken Friday and confirmed that it was of Chugiak students and was taken inside the high school. Chugiak High administrators would have to determine the circumstances around the image before deciding whether to sanction the students, she said. "It could be punishable," she said. "Obviously a lot of people find it offensive, but students also have a right to free speech so we need to toe that line very carefully."

Chugiak High School serves about 1,180 students, only 22 of them are black, according to the most recent district data.



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COCCA, FL 32928

SHARPES CEMETERY LOCATION MAP

