

May 2010

I Salute The Confederate Flag With Affection, Reverence, and Undying Devotion to the Cause for Which It Stands.

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From The Adjutant

Gen. RE Rodes Camp 262, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will meet at 7 PM Thursday night, May 13th, 2010, at the Tuscaloosa Public Library.

Our speaker for the evening will be the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine "Southern Times of Greater Tuscaloosa", Mr. James Crawford II. For 15 years the Southern Times published the stories and reminisces of people from all walks of Tuscaloosa's unique Southern lifestyle.

Mr. Crawford will tell how the new management team of the publication intends to publish it under a bi-monthly schedule. He will speak on the importance of preserving the "truly southern art of storytelling", the basic tenets of passing heritage and family values from one generation to another and some of the techniques for engaging the younger generation. Let's have a good turnout for this event.

We had a good turn-out for our Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church, many of the church members who had Confederate ancestors buried there came to the ceremony and spoke about their ancestors when given the opportunity to do so. We need to think about finding another historic church with Confederate soldiers buried in its cemetery for a future ceremony.

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Confederate Ancestors Having Birth Dates in May:

Pvt John Moore	May 2, 1823 - Co G, 41st AL Inf Regt	Frank Delbridge's GG Grandfather
Pvt David J Utley	May 20, 1828 - 10th AL Cav Regt	Michael Canavan's G Greatfather



Upcoming Events



2010

- 13** May - Camp Meeting
- 29-30** May - Tannehill Reenactment

10 June - Camp Meeting

8 July - Camp Meeting

August - Summer Stand Down/Bivouac

The *Rodes Brigade Report* is a monthly publication by the Robert E. Rodes SCV Camp #262 to preserve the history and legacy of the citizen-soldiers who, in fighting for the Confederacy, personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the *Second American Revolution*. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Edited by James B. Simms; non-member subscriptions are available for \$15. Please send information, comments, or inquiries to Robert E. Rodes Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #262, PO Box 1417, Tuscaloosa, AL 34501 or jbsimms@comcast.net.

General Robert Emmet Rodes (1829-1864)

The Robert E. Rodes Camp #262 is named in memory of Robert Emmet Rodes. General Rodes was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on March 30, 1829; the son of General David Rodes and Martha Yancey. Attending Virginia Military Institute, he graduated in July 1848, standing 10th in a class of 24 graduates; Assistant Professor (Physical Science, Chemistry, Tactics) at VMI, 1848-1850. He married Virginia Hortense Woodruff (1833-1907), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama in September 1857. They had 2 children: Robert Emmet Rodes, Jr. (1863-1925) and a daughter, Bell Yancey Rodes (1865-1931). He taught at VMI as an assistant professor until 1851. He left when a promotion he wanted to full professor was given instead to Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, a future Confederate general and commander of his. Rodes used his civil engineering skills to become chief engineer for the Alabama & Chattanooga Railroad in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He held this position until the start of the Civil War. Although born a Virginian, he chose to serve his adopted state of Alabama.

He started his Confederate service as a Colonel in command of the 5th Alabama Infantry regiment, in the brigade commanded by Major General Richard S. Ewell, with which he first saw combat at the 1st Bull Run. He was promoted to Brigadier General on October 21, 1861, and commanded a brigade under Major General Daniel H. Hill. In the Peninsula Campaign, Rodes was wounded in the arm at Seven Pines and was assigned to light duty in the defenses of Richmond, Virginia while he recuperated.

He recovered in time for General Robert E. Lee's first invasion of the north in September, 1862, fighting at South Mountain and Sharpsburg. At Sharpsburg, he commanded one of two brigades that held out so long against the Union assault on the sunken road, or "Bloody Lane", at the center of the Confederate line, suffering heavy casualties. Rodes was lightly wounded by shell fragments.

At Chancellorsville, Rodes was a division commander in Stonewall Jackson's corps. He was the only division-level commander in Lee's army who had not graduated from West Point. He was temporarily placed in command of the corps on May 2, 1863, when Jackson was mortally wounded and Lieutenant General A.P. Hill was also wounded, but Lee quickly replaced him with the more experienced Major General J.E.B. Stuart. Jackson on his deathbed recommended that Rodes be promoted to major general and this promotion was back-dated to be effective May 2nd.

When Lee reorganized the Army of Northern Virginia to compensate for the loss of Jackson, Rodes joined the II Corps under Ewell. At Gettysburg, on July 1, Rodes led the assault south from Oak Hill against the right flank of the Union I Corps. Although he successfully routed the division of Major Gen. John C. Robinson and drove it back through the town, the attack was not as well coordinated or pursued as aggressively as his reputation would have implied. His division sat mostly idle for the remaining two days of the battle. After performing poorly at Gettysburg, and recovered his reputation somewhat by performing better at Spotsylvania Court House.

Rodes continued to fight with Ewell's corps through the Overland Campaign of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Ewell was replaced by Major General Jubal A. Early and his corps was sent by Lee to the Shenandoah Valley to draw Union forces away from the Siege of Petersburg, in the Valley Campaign. They conducted a long and successful raid down the Valley, into Maryland, and reached the outskirts of Washington, D.C., before turning back. Major Gen. Philip Sheridan was sent by Grant to drive Early from the Valley.

On September 19, 1864, Sheridan attacked the Confederates at Opequon/3rd Winchester. Several wives of Confederate officers were chased from town during the attack and Rodes managed to save Major Gen. John B. Gordon's wife from capture. Rodes and Gordon prepared to attack Sheridan's forces when Rodes was struck in the back of his head by a Union shell fragment. He died on the field outside Winchester.

Rodes was a modest but inspiring leader. He was mourned by the Confederacy as a promising, brave, and aggressive officer killed before he could achieve greatness. Lee and other high-ranking officers wrote sympathetic statements. He was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia next to his brother, Virginius Hudson Rodes; and his parents. His wife Virginia Hortense is buried in Alabama, her home state.

His Major Commands included Rode's Brigade/D.H. Hill's Division and Rodes Division/II Corps.

Support Your Confederate Heritage



Alabama SCV specialty car Tag!!

Remember:

1. The SCV Specialty Tag is an OFFICIAL, LEGALLY RECOGNIZED LICENSE PLATE as established by an act of the Alabama Legislature. The Battle Flag exhibited in this manner can NOT be discriminated against or removed by any government entity, corporation, employer or person without violating the law. IMAGINE! While politicians remove our flag from public view, one at a time, we will be displaying our Flag by the thousands to the public, furthering Confederate Pride and Loyalty.
2. You may personalize this tag with up to 5 letters and/or numbers, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE. (ALDIV, ALREB, 33ALA, 5THAL, CSSAL, etc.) Ask the Tag clerk when ordering.

How to buy:

1. When your current regular tag expires, go to the County's Probate Judge's Office or County Tag Office and say, "I want to order the Specialty Car Tag of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in place of my regular car tag."
2. You may **personalize (*)** this tag with up to 5 letters / numbers. Ask the Tag clerk when ordering. (**AT no EXTRA CHARGE**). This cost is \$50.00 (in addition to the regular cost of an Alabama car tag), of which \$41.25 goes to the Alabama Division, SCV to promote and protect our Confederate Heritage and History. You may reserve your choice before you go by going to: <https://www.alabamainteractive.org/dorpt/UserHome.str>

Be sure to select the SCV tag!

The cost of reserving a personalized plate is \$2 and payment must be made online using either VISA or MASTERCARD. Once approved, the reservation will be valid for five business days. You will not be charged if DOR rejects your request.



Alabama United Daughters of the Confederacy available at your County Courthouse. Sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Alabama Division. This plate is available to ***all supporters***. The net proceeds will be used for preservation of historic sites in Alabama, conservation of the flags of the Confederacy, and scholarship programs.

The UDC Specialty Tag is an OFFICIAL, LEGALLY RECOGNIZED LICENSE PLATE as established by an act of the Alabama Legislature. The First National exhibited in this manner can NOT be discriminated against or removed by any government entity, corporation, employer or person without violating the law. IMAGINE! While politicians remove our flag from public view, one at a time, we will be displaying our Flag by the thousands to the public, furthering Confederate Pride and Loyalty. Ask the Tag clerk when ordering.

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Be sure to select the UDC tag!

Historical Markers of Tuscaloosa County & Surrounding Area

The Confederate Monument

The Confederate Monument was erected on November 13, 1907 and dedicated May 2, 1908 by the Jasper Chapter #925, United Daughters of the Confederacy, under the leadership of Elizabeth Cain Musgrove to honor the 1900 soldiers who served from Walker County. The monument was placed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage May 19, 1999 by the Elizabeth Cain Musgrove chapter #1929, UDC. (Jasper, Walker County)

Confederate Generals Birthdays for May

General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard - 28 May 1818 - St. Bernard Parish, La.
 General Edmund Kirby Smith - 16 May 1824 - St. Augustine, Fla.
 Maj. General Robert Frederick Hoke - 27 May 1837 - Lincolnton, N.C.
 Maj. General William Fitzhugh Lee - 31 May 1837 - Arlington Co., Va.
 Maj. General John Bankhead Magruder - 1 May 1807 - Port Royal, Va.
 Maj. General Dabney Herndon Maury - 21 May 1822 - Fredericksburg, Va.
 Maj. General Stephen Dodson Ramseur - 31 May 1837 - Lincolnton, N.C.
 Maj. General Isaac Ridgeway Trimble - 15 May 1802 - Culpeper, Va.
 Maj. General Cadmus Marcellus Wilcox - 29 May 1826 - Wayne Co., N.C.
 Brig. General Edward Porter Alexander - 26 May 1835 - Washington, Ga.
 Brig. General Alpheus Baker - 28 May 1828 - Abbyville Dist., S.C.
 Brig. General Laurence Simmons Baker - 15 May 1830 - Gates Co., N.C.
 Brig. General Richard Lee Turberville Beale - 22 May 1819 - Westmoreland Co., Va.
 Brig. General Charles Clark - 24 May 1811 - Warren Co., Ohio
 Brig. General William George Mackey Davis - 9 May 1812 - Portsmouth, Va.
 Brig. General George Pierce Doles - 14 May 1830 - Milledgeville, Ga.
 Brig. General Basil Wilson Duke - 28 May 1838 - Georgetown, Ky.
 Brig. General Samuel Jameson Gholson - 19 May 1808 - Madison Co., Ky.
Brig. General Thomas Harrison - 1 May 1823 - Jefferson Co., Ala.
 Brig. General William Young Conn Humes - 1 May 1830 - Abingdon, Va.
 Brig. General George Doherty Johnston - 30 May 1832 - Hillsborough, N.C.
 Brig. General William Edmondson "Grumble" Jones - 9 May 1824 - Washington Co., Va.
 Brig. General Edwin Gray Lee - 27 May 1836 - Loudoun Co., Va.
 Brig. General Collett Leventhorpe - 15 May 1815 - Exmouth, England
 Brig. General James Patrick Major - 14 May 1836 - Fayette, Missouri
 Brig. General Mosby Monroe Parsons - 21 May 1822 - Charlottesville, Va.
 Brig. General Henry Hopkins Sibley - 25 May 1816 - Natchitoches, La.
 Brig. General William Steele - 1 May 1819 - Albany, N.Y.
 Brig. General Bryan Morel Thomas - 8 May 1836 - Milledgeville, Ga.
 Brig. General William Feimster Tucker - 9 May 1827 - Iredell Co., N.C.
 Brig. General Alfred Jefferson Vaughn Jr. - 10 May 1830 - Dinwiddie Co., Va.
 Brig. General Reuben Lindsay Walker - 29 May 1827 - Albemarle Co., Va.
 Brig. General Felix Kirk Zollicoffer - 19 May 1812 - Maury Co., Tenn.

Alabama Civil War Units

Thirty-Ninth Alabama Infantry Regiment

This regiment was organized at Opelika in May 1862, and proceeded at once to Mississippi. It was there brigaded under Gen. Frank Gardner, with the Nineteenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-fifth, and Twenty-sixth Alabama regiments. It participated in the weary march into Kentucky, and came back with the army to Murfreesboro. The regiment took part in that battle, and with heavy loss in casualties, having gained much credit for repulsing an attack of the enemy the day before.

The regiment was with the army when it fell back to the Chattanooga line, and took part in the battle of the Chicamauga with a very heavy loss of men. At Mission Ridge the loss was light, and the Thirty-ninth, now under Gen. Deas of Mobile as brigade commander, wintered at Dalton. From there to Atlanta the regiment was a conspicuous actor in all the fighting of the army, suffering severely.

And when, under Gen. Hood the fate of the Confederacy was risked on the "iron dice of battle," in the trenches of Atlanta, and at Jonesboro, the ranks of the Thirty-ninth were thinned sadly by the casualties of those desperate struggles. It marched with the army into Tennessee, and lost a number of prisoners at Nashville. Emerging from that train of disasters, the regiment rallied to the call of Gen. Johnston in the Carolinas, and took part in the operations there, though reduced to a bare skeleton. It was there consolidated with the Twenty-second and Twenty-sixth-Fiftieth Alabama, but was surrendered a few days later.

Field and Staff

Colonels - Henry D. Clayton of Barbour; promoted. Whitfield Clarke of Barbour.

Lieutenant Colonels - James T. Flewellen of Barbour; resigned. Whitfield Clarke; promoted. Lemuel Hargroves of Barbour; resigned. W.C. Clifton of Russell.

Majors - Whitfield Clarke; promoted. L. Hargroves; resigned. W.C. Clifton; promoted. J.D. Smith of Barbour; killed at Jonesboro.

Adjutants - J.M. Macon of Barbour; transferred. H.B. Tompkins of Barbour.

Captains, and Counties from Which the Companies Came.

Pike - J.W.W. Jackson; resigned. J.P. Nall; wounded; retired. Roberts; killed in North Carolina.

Barbour - Lemuel Hargroves; promoted. T.J. Cox.

Barbour - Calvin McSwean; resigned. J.A. Miller.

Henry - Lee A. Jennings; wounded at Murfreesboro; resigned. A.J. Cassady.

Russell - W.C. Clifton; promoted.

The State of Georgia - A.H. Flewellen; resigned. Willis Banks; killed near Atlanta.

Henry and Barbour - T.Q. Stanford; killed at Murfreesboro; C.H. Mathews; killed at Peach-tree Creek.

Barbour - Joseph C. Clayton; killed at Murfreesboro; J.L. McRae.

Barbour - Whitfield Clarke; promoted. J.D. Smith; promoted. Wm. H. Dill.

Barbour - J.C. Mitchell; resigned. Thomas J. Brannon.

Fortieth Alabama Infantry Regiment

This regiment was organized in May 1862 at Mobile, and remained there till December. It then moved to Vicksburg, and took part in the operations on Deer Creek. While in that region, it was brigaded with the Thirty-seventh, and Forty-second Alabama, and Second Texas, under Gen. Moore. Four companies were placed in Fort Pemberton, and were from there transferred to Gen. Bragg's army, and fought at Chicamauga. The other companies of the Fortieth were part of the garrison of Vicksburg, suffered severely, and were there captured.

The regiment was united near Mission Ridge, and took part in that battle, and at Look-out Mountain, but with light loss. Having passed the winter at Dalton, where Gen. Baker took command of the brigade, the Fortieth took part in the campaign from there to Atlanta, losing largely, especially at New Hope.

When the army marched back to Tennessee, in company with the other regiments of Baker's brigade, the Fortieth was sent to Mobile, and was on garrison duty there for some months.

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AL Civil War Units (Continued): In January 1865, the regiment proceeded with the remainder of the army to North Carolina, and shared in the operations, fighting at Bentonville with severe loss. Consolidated with the Nineteenth and Forty-sixth, the Fortieth was shortly after surrendered at Yadkin River bridge.

Field and Staff

Colonels - Augustus A. Coleman of Sumter; resigned. John H. Higley of Mobile; captured at Vicksburg.
Lieutenant Colonels - John H. Higley; promoted. Thos. Stone of Pickens; died in the service. Ezekiel Gully of Sumter.

Majors* - Thomas Stone; promoted. Ezekiel Gully; promoted. E.D. Willet of Pickens.

Adjutant - Clarence H. Ellerbee; killed at Bentonville.

Captains, and Counties from Which the Companies Came.

Sumter - Ezekiel Gully; promoted. James Cobbs; resigned. Samuel H. Sprott.

Pickens - E.D. Willet; promoted. James A. Latham; killed at Bentonville.

Sumter - W.A.C. Jones; captured at Vicksburg; transferred. Thomas M. Brunson; resigned. James W. Monette.

Chocta - Abraham G. Campbell.

Pickens - Thomas Stone; promoted. J. Henderson Pickens; captured at Vicksburg.

Chocta - Edward Marsh; killed at Dalton.

Chocta - Thos. Wilkes Coleman; captured at Vicksburg. Lieut. Jo. Knighton commanded.

Perry - C.C. Crowe; detached. Lieut. Hicks commanded.

Sumter - Andrew M. Moore; captured at Vicksburg.

Covington - Hiram Gant.

*Devereux Hopkins of Chocta was elected major, but did not accept.

Compatriot Reginald Vick Passes

Obituary as Published in *The Tuscaloosa News* on April 19, 2010

TUSCALOOSA Reginald Vick, age 89, of Tuscaloosa, died April 17, 2010, at Park Manor Health and Rehabilitation in Northport. Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Memory Chapel Funeral Home with Rev. Carl Wells and Rev. Benton Goodman officiating. Burial will follow in the Memory Hill Mausoleum with Memory Chapel Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider, directing. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lois Morris Vick; his parents, J.P. Vick, Sr. and Carrie Essie Stockman Vick; his brothers, J.P. Vick, Jr. and Billy Vick; and his half-sister, Della Simmons.

He is survived by his daughter, Marilyn Cash (Doug) of Millport, Ala.; his sisters, Bessie Sessions of Grand Bay, Ala., Mildred Sessions of Camden, Ala., and Carolyn Buchanan of Fairhope, Ala.; his brother, Bob Vick of Atlanta, Ga.; his grandchildren, Valerie Birge (Keith) of Bourbonnais, Ill. and David Cash of Baltimore, Md.; and his step-great-grandson, Zack Birge of Bourbonnais, Ill.

Vick was born May 13, 1920, in Vineland, Ala., in Marengo County, grew up in Camden, Ala., in Wilcox County, and was a graduate of Monroeville High School. His occupational endeavors included R.E. Lambert and Sons, a farm seed company; Witticher Transfer and Warehouse Company in Birmingham, Ala.; and District Sales Supervisor with Colgate-Palmolive Company.

His career choice turned to investments in securities and mutual funds, and, after additional preparation and study, his career advanced as he worked for Investors Diversified Services, Southern Financial Services, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Kohlmeyer and Company, Thomson McKinnon Securities, and J.C. Bradford and Company, where he also served as Office Manager. During his 34 year career he became a broker and a member of the New York Stock Exchange. For 15 years he was the voice of the stock report on the radio each afternoon.

Vick was an active member of Tuscaloosa First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, Sunday School department director, and trustee of the church. He served as president of the Tuscaloosa Exchange Club and also as president of the Tuscaloosa Shrine Club, which is affiliated with Zamora Temple of Birmingham. A 32nd degree Master Mason, he was a member of Rising Virtue Lodge and was a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite. He was also a member of the Kennedy Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Vick was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, participating in the initial development of the American Village in Montevallo, and in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was also a Life Member of the Tuscaloosa Music Club.

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Reginald Vick (Continued): He was interested in people and in life, and after ruminating about his life said, "It's been a good trip." We rejoice in his life and celebrate his homecoming.

Pallbearers will be Don Seay, Chuck Moates, Wiley Sessions, Troy Sessions, Tom Rogers, and Bill Trull.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes, the Cancer Society, or the American Village.

Condolences may be offered at www.memorychapelfuneralhome.com.

Civil War Preservation Trust April 2010 News

Preservation News April 2010

Dear Civil War Preservationist,

Spring is now in full evidence and CWPT has never been busier. Not only have we recently announced new battlefield preservation campaigns at the Glendale, Ream's Station, and Davis Bridge battlefields, but we have also stepped up our efforts to help stop the threat of a new casino in Gettysburg.

Planning for our 2010 Teacher Institute in Hagerstown, MD, likely to be our best, and the 2010 Annual Conference in Lexington, KY, is advancing nicely. I hope you've already registered for one or both of these events.

Lastly, if you are not already a CWPT Color Bearer, I hope you will take a closer look at our new easy and convenient on-line monthly payment option. CWPT Color Bearers, like their Civil War counterparts, are always at the front of all our preservation efforts - they are the true difference-makers. It has never been easier to be a CWPT Color Bearer.

It's Never Been Easier to Join the Ranks of CWPT's Color Bearers

The Color Bearers of the Civil War Preservation Trust are the true leaders of the Civil War battlefield preservation movement. Now it's never been easier to join our Color Bearer program. Our convenient new on-line monthly payment option allows you to spread your annual dues evenly over twelve installments.

Regimental Color Bearer - \$84/month	Corps Color Bearer - \$834/month
Brigade Color Bearer - \$208/month	National Color Bearer - \$2,084/month
Division Color Bearer - \$417/month	

In addition to being recognized as a true leader of the Civil War battlefield preservation movement, there are a number of great benefits that are available to our Color Bearers:

- An annual subscription to Hallowed Ground, our award winning magazine
- 10-12 high-quality CWPT battlefield maps per year
- Invitations to exclusive historian-led battlefield tours
- Invitations to The Grand Review, an annual dinner held at a unique Civil War site (Brigade Color Bearers and Higher)
- Listing in our annual Roll Call of Honor
- ...And much more

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CWPT (Continued): If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wiemer, one of our Color Bearer Coordinators at (202) 367.1861 ext. 7233 or dwiemer@civilwar.org.

Celebration of Battlefield Protection Efforts in Virginia

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 AT THE CHANCELLORSVILLE BATTLEFIELD

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Civil War Preservation Trust, and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation cordially invite you to join preservation leaders for a celebration of battlefield protection efforts in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The event and news conference will be held **Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at noon** on the historic Chancellorsville Battlefield.

The celebration will include the first-ever public tour of the 85-acre Wagner Farm, recently preserved by the Commonwealth of Virginia in partnership with the Civil War Preservation Trust.

There is **no parking on site**. Parking shuttles will transport guests from the Chancellorsville National Battlefield Visitor Center to the Wagner Farm property beginning at 11:15 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. The Chancellorsville Visitor Center is located at 9001 Plank Road, Spotsylvania, Virginia.

REAMS-GLENDALE-DAVIS BRIDGE

CWPT is adding to saved land at three neglected chapters of the Civil War: Glendale, Davis Bridge, and Reams Station - bringing us one step closer to saving this hallowed ground forever.

We have put together a series of transactions that will turn every \$1 you give into \$7.35 and save 97.44 acres...at all THREE of these key pieces of America's history...at battlefields in Eastern and Western theaters... Union and Confederate victories...forces under the command of generals like Hancock, Heth, A. P. Hill, Ord and Price, Lee and McClellan.

DEFEND AMERICA'S HERITAGE

NO CASINO GETTYSBURG

Once again a group of investors have chosen Gettysburg, Pennsylvania – the scene of indescribable suffering in 1863 – as the location for a new casino. The proposed casino would be a mere ½ mile south of the National Park.

Fortunately - with your help - we can stop them!

These investors must convince the Pennsylvania Gaming and Control Board that Gettysburg is the best place for a new casino and the competition for licenses is steep.

The Civil War Preservation Trust remains committed to stopping this proposal, but we need your voice to succeed!

Let's tell Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell and state legislative leaders, "Don't Gamble with Gettysburg!"

CWPT Awarded 4-Stars by Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, America's leading charity watchdog, recognizes Civil War Preservation Trust for outstanding fiscal management

(Washington, D.C.) – The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) is one of America's best managed nonprofit organizations, according to Charity Navigator, America's leading charity evaluator. In a letter dated April 1, 2010, Charity Navigator President and CEO Ken Berger announced that CWPT had earned a coveted 4-star rating from the esteemed watchdog group, its highest ranking for nonprofit charities.

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“[The] Civil War Preservation Trust executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America,” notes Berger in his letter. “This ‘exceptional’ designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Civil War Preservation Trust from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

CWPT President James Lighthizer expressed appreciation for the award, saying: “In this difficult financial climate, it is essential that our members know we go the extra mile to make every donated dollar count. The Charity Navigator 4-star rating is further evidence that CWPT delivers on its promise to save hallowed ground — and does so in a responsible, cost-effective manner.”

Berger echoed Lighthizer’s remarks, stating: “savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they chose to support with their hard-earned dollars.”

Charity Navigator’s designation of CWPT as a 4-star charity comes in the wake of the most successful year in the organization’s history. In 2009, CWPT helped to permanently protect 2,777 acres of hallowed ground at 20 different Civil War battlefields in five states. The organization was able to do so because of the generosity of its membership, who made battlefield preservation a priority during the nation’s worse recession in decades.

Charity Navigator is the nation’s largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. Its professional analysts examine tens of thousands of non-profit financial documents each year. Forbes, Business Week, and Kiplinger’s Financial Magazine have profiled and celebrated Charity Navigator’s unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charities. Charity Navigator uses its analysis to develop an unbiased, objective rating system that assesses the financial health of more than 5,000 of America’s best-known charities. According to Charity Navigator, its rating system influenced more than \$10 billion in charitable gifts in 2009.

With 55,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation’s endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. CWPT’s website is www.civilwar.org.

(For more information about CWPT’s 4-star rating, visit <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=6260>)

Museum Of The Confederacy News

The MOC’s digital collection!

The MOC’s Collections Department is featuring its new high resolution digital photographs that allow viewers to virtually explore artifacts. Our digital images come to life through **Zoomify**, a software application created by Adobe. Explore our website to find our recently upgraded photographs or follow this link to our Digital Collections page.

If you are interested in helping fund additional digital photographs of the MOC’s collection, make a donation today!

Letter from the Director

Dear Member,

When we launched our Wilkinson Vodcast Series in 2008, we were pretty sure the videos available on our website would be widely popular with anyone seeking more information about the Confederacy and the Civil War. Our goal was to make short videos using our vast collection of artifacts and archives.

Our members from across the country enjoy the short videos because it gives them a special insight into our collection when they are unable to visit the Museum. When we release a new video, I hear from many of you about how much you enjoy them.

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MOC NEWS (Continued):

Another interesting outcome of the Vodcast Series has been learning about TeacherTube. We heard from a number of teachers telling us that YouTube is often blocked in their classrooms and they were quick to educate the Museum about TeacherTube, which is a resource for sharing instructional videos. It was launched in 2007 by a 14 year veteran educator named Jason Smith from Texas. He wanted teachers, students and schools to utilize the power of the internet for learning and be able to safely navigate the Web without the threat of inappropriate videos. If you know a teacher, please tell them about our website, the Wilkinson Vodcast Series and TeacherTube.

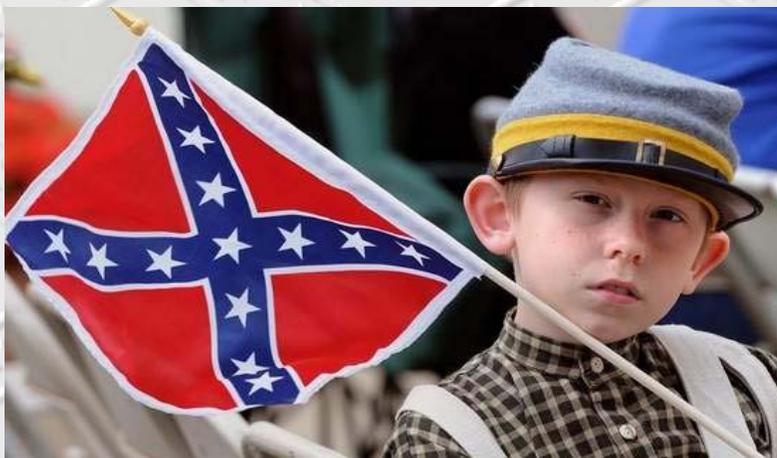
I recently received a new membership application from a UDC Chapter that wanted to purchase a gift of membership for their local public library so they would receive our quarterly Magazine. What a terrific idea! If you want to make sure that your library has this wonderful resource please consider purchasing a membership for them. It truly is the gift that keeps on giving.

Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,
Diane

Scenes from the Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, April 26, 2010,
at the Capitol in Downtown Montgomery, Ala.

(All photos: Montgomery Advertiser, Julie Bennett)



Trey Jones, 8, of Clanton attends the Confederate Memorial Day ceremony Monday at the Capitol in downtown Montgomery. The Alabama Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy were hosts of the event, with participation by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



University KA chapter calls off Old South parade

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TUSCALOOSA (AP) — The president of the University of Alabama's Kappa Alpha chapter says the fraternity has canceled its annual Old South parade.

The event has traditionally featured members dressed as Confederate soldiers and waving Confederate flags. Last year's parade stopped in front of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's house as the historically black group was holding an event celebrating its 35th anniversary. The incident upset many of the group's alumnae.

Sorority members said they requested an apology from Kappa Alpha members while the trucks were in front of the house but did not receive one. National and local fraternity leaders later apologized.

Following the incident, Alpha Kappa Alpha alumnae sent a letter to UA President Robert Witt asking him cancel all Old South events.

The university said Thursday the decision to call off the parade was made by the fraternity in consultation with school administrators.

An alumna of the black sorority that complained about racial insensitivity at last year's parade said there are ways for the fraternity to acknowledge its Southern heritage beside dressing up like Confederate soldiers.

"The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha and other racially diverse groups on UA's campus trust that the men of Kappa Alpha will find ways to commemorate their founders in a spirited and significant manner that simultaneously recognizes the progress that we have made in race relations since the founding of Kappa Alpha and the rich diversity and inclusiveness of our progressive and positive campus," said Joyce Stallworth, now an associate education dean at Alabama.

The Virginia-based Kappa Alpha Order also issued new rules to chapters earlier this year saying members aren't allowed to wear Rebel uniforms to parties or during their parades, which are a staple on campuses across the South.

In the memo to chapters, Kappa Alpha's national executive director, Larry Wiese, said such displays had to end.

"In today's climate, the Order can ill afford to offend our host institutions and fend off significant negative national press and remain effective at our core mission, which is to aid young men in becoming better community leaders and citizens," Wiese wrote.

Wiese didn't immediately returns message seeking comment Thursday.

Mayor doesn't want secession monument

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NORTH CHARLESTON, SC — A mayor has decided he doesn't want a monument to South Carolina's secession to go in a city park.

The Post and Courier of Charleston reported Tuesday that North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey has withdrawn an offer to allow the monument to be built at Riverfront Park.

Summey says his offer to the Sons of Confederate Veterans has become too controversial. He says while the Civil War is part of history, some people were using his offer to try to divide the city along racial lines.

He says the monument should go to the lab in North Charleston where the Confederate submarine Hunley is being preserved, or else at the North Charleston site where a museum to the submarine will be built.

A spokesman for the Confederate group says he'd like to see the monument at a Hunley-related location.

Harrisonburg Residents Recognize Confederate History Month

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Harrisonburg, VA. People in Harrisonburg gathered to recognize Confederate History and Heritage Month Monday. The event comes as part of Confederate History Month declared by Gov. Bob McDonnell.

Some criticized McDonnell earlier this month for making the declaration, without mentioning of the evils of slavery. McDonnell later amended his declaration.

Harrisonburg, VA (Continued): Stephen Lee Ritchie, with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said Monday Gov. Bob McDonnell's declaration is overdue and that education is key to understanding history. "For those that see this as something negative, that's the best remedy is to do exactly what the proclamation encourages, which is to study and learn from history," says Ritchie.

Ritchie says it's important to remember that Confederate soldiers from Virginia lost their lives, while trying to protect their homes.

DMV revokes an SCV license plate over racist meaning

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The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles revoked a Sons of Confederate Veterans special license plate yesterday because its characters contained racist and neo-Nazi meaning.

The state DMV received five complaints about the plate, "14CV88," agency spokeswoman Melanie Stokes said.

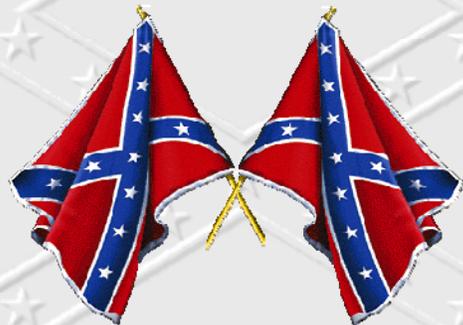
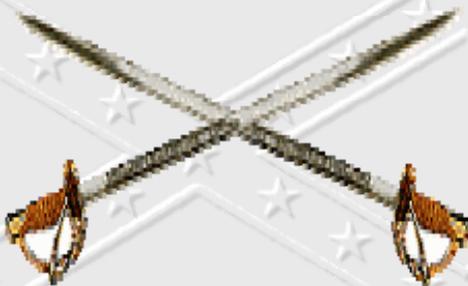
A photo of a truck with the plate came to light when it was posted on the Internet. The truck has a Confederate flag on its rear window and a picture of the World Trade Center attack with "Everything I ever needed to know about Islam I learned on 9/11" on its tailgate. DMV would not identify the holder of the plate, which was issued in 2005.

"The number 88 may refer to the Nazi salute 'Heil Hitler' based on a doubling of the eighth letter of the alphabet," the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Washington said in a statement.

"And 14 is common white supremacist code for the 14-word phrase 'We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.'"

"Our organization is against any type of racial prejudice at all," said Bragdon R. Bowling Jr., the SCV's Virginia department commander.

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To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and 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. Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us the undeniable birthright of our Southern Heritage and the vision, desire, and courage to see it perpetuated.

"A People Without Pride in Their Heritage, Is a Nation Without Purpose." - Walter E. Dockery

You can know a man in all his depth or shallowness by his attitude toward the Southern Banner

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