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The **July** meeting will be held Thursday at the
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Charleston, SC on June 17, our Christian
Southern Culture has been made subject to an
avalanche of cultural genocide! A terrible dark
& heavy cloud has been hanging over us now
for weeks as our flags, monuments, buildings,
streets, schools, bridges, songs, etc have
been targets of intolerant infidels and the total
absence of common sense!! LETS TALK.

Southerners Rally for Confederate Heritage in Montgomery 29 Jun 2015

By Brandon Moseley
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Saturday, June 27, with only three days to organize and prepare supporters of Alabama's Confederate heritage were able to produce an estimated crowd of over 700 that descended on the Capital grounds to demand that Alabama Governor Robert Bentley (R) restore the Confederate flags to the Confederate Memorial which is adjacent to Alabama's historic Capital building.

Gov. Bentley ordered that the flags be removed on Wednesday on June 24.



The Alabama Division Adjutant of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Mike Williams told the **Alabama Political Reporter** that he would like to meet with Gov. Bentley to resolve this situation face to face.

Williams said that if this is not resolved by the start of the upcoming special session, they would hold a much bigger protest than this one to pressure legislators into supporting legislation requiring that the flags be restored. They would protest again in the regular session if necessary. Williams said that he is working on the legislation that will be introduced in February when the next regular legislative session begins.

Williams said that he plans on talking to state legislators one on one about building support for getting the flags restored.

The protest on Saturday was sponsored by Mike Williams and Karl Andreas "Andy" Bodenheimer.

Bodenheimer said, "We come here today to honor our esteemed ancestors." Bodenheimer went on to denounce Lincoln and defend the motives of his Confederate ancestors whom he said were seeking independence, "From an overbearing and oppressive government: the same government we are bound to today. The State of Alabama's motto is, 'We dare defend our rights.' We will never surrender our ancestor's flags. I refuse to be a third class citizen because of political correctness. Mr., Bentley you wanted a fight on your hands, you got one now, buddy. God bless Dixie and God save the South."

Bodenheimer said afterwards on Facebook, "Thank you....to each and every one of you who attended...I never thought it would be as large as it was, but this is what we needed and we need to continue to stand together and Fight Fight Fight! See you at the next one! Deo Vindice!"

Protestors, a few of them in Confederate uniforms condemned Gov. Bentley calling him "Benedict Arnold Bentley" and "scalawag Bentley." One said that Bentley was a Southerner until Wednesday, when he took our flags down.

No Confederate flag has flown over the State Capital since Alabama Governor Jim Folsom Jr. (D) took the flag down shortly after assuming office in 1993. Gov. Guy Hunt (R) had to step down after being convicted on ethics charges. The flags were around the Confederate memorial which was built with money raised by many of the same heritage groups protesting on Saturday. It also flew over the original White House of the Confederacy a modest building which is now across the street from the Alabama State Capital.

Williams said that the Confederate Memorial is a museum for the Southern soldier.

The population of Alabama in 1860 was only 964,201, but 435,080 of those were slaves. It is estimated that over 122,000 Alabamians served in the Confederate armed forces and of those as high as 35,000 were killed. Another 30,000 suffered disabilities from their service. 10,000 Alabama slaves escaped and joined the Union armed forces while 2,700 White Alabamians fought for Union forces. The war was devastating to Alabama's economy for decades. The number of horses (then the primary means of travel and essential to farm life) plummeted from 127,000 in 1860 to just 80,000 in 1870. The number of mules decreased from 111,000 to just 76,000 in 1870.

AL Conservative Group organizer Deanna Frankowski said, "I am a damned Yankee so I am a little nervous. I am the second generation born in America. I can't relate. I don't have any Confederate relatives. At some point in your life someone or something is going to offend you. You can choose to move on or you choose to be a victim."

Frankowski said that Southerners, "Have the right to acknowledge their lives and history by the flying of the flag. Who determines. What is racist? If it is a flag today what will it be tomorrow? At what point do we say enough is enough?" What happened in South Carolina is tragic, but you can't stop a crazy individual from usurping a flag and declaring that it is evil. This is about more than a flag this is about our country."

Most of the speakers were with Southern heritage groups, but William Flowers with the Georgia chapter of the League of the South also spoke. He said, "We are a modern day political movement. We are reaching out for the hearts of Southerners for the cause of secession. The Republican and Democrat Parties don't represent your interest. They will not stand up and fight for you. We view the South as our country. When we look at the American Flag we feel betrayed. That time has passed."

Williams said that politically correct elites want to "Eradicate your heritage and will ultimately come to destroy you. Be a stand up Southerner who will make a difference."

Lloyd Caperton with Capterton's Old South Store in Weogufka said that his company has probably sold a 100 Confederate flags in the last two days.

Dozens of state troopers and law enforcement personnel were deployed.

There were nine persons at a counter protest in Montgomery on Saturday.

There was a second protest in support of the Confederate flag around the giant flag off of I-65 in northern Autauga County. **The Alabama Political Reporter** observed over 150 motorcyclists at that event.

APR is also aware of smaller pro-Confederate flag protests in Moody and Ashville over the weekend.

Sunday, Phillip Gladden's online petition at change.org had 20,642 signatures urging Gov. Bentley to "Reinstate all Confederate flags to the State buildings of Alabama."

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The Bentley Administration in Montgomery is keeping tabs on just how many people are expressing their views regarding the removal of the Confederate Flag from in front of the Confederate Monument. If this is so...then we need to fill their phone lines with our thoughts. We are asking ALL members of our camp to call the number listed below and voice your opinion. You will not be questioned or interviewed, just given the opportunity to express your view. Naturally, be polite. Ask them to place the flags back in front of the Confederate Monument. If, during all this attack on the Flag, you have asked yourself, what can I do? Well, here it is. Call! **1-334-242-7100**

NASCAR's Confederate Flag 'Ban' Is Being Met With Defiance at Daytona



NASCAR may have unofficially banned the Confederate flag from all its racetracks, but that doesn't mean fans are going to comply.

Take Gene and Gerry Baker. The North Carolina natives flew the stars and bars off their RV at the [Daytona International Speedway](#) infield this week and said any attempts to stop people from joining them would likely backfire, NBC News reported.

The association's decision comes on the heels of similar calls among state governments, retailers, even a [TV network](#), in a spate of anti-Confederate sentiment that has swept the nation following the shooting deaths of nine black people at a South Carolina church by a white man named [Dylann Roof](#), the New York Times reported.

The Bakers condemned Roof's actions, but Glen likened the banning rules to gun control.

"If the guy had been holding a Bible, would everyone want to ban a bible or something? Where does it stop and common sense take over a little bit? This is because we have one idiot that held the Confederate flag instead of the American... or the bible. (It) didn't hurt anybody. It's just like trying to outlaw guns. It's not the guns that do the killing, it's the idiots that shoot them." Others at Daytona said much the same — that asking people to [remove their flags](#) isn't right, and promising to buy a fresh one if they did, Click Orlando reported. Since NASCAR announced its decision —

backed by the sports' most famous drivers — it has set up a program that will let fans exchange their Confederate standard for an American; no one had taken NASCAR up on the offer at Daytona.

This isn't a firm ban, but tracks can declare the flag as offensive, and if someone complains, those flying it would have to take it down. NASCAR has also put their support behind South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley's efforts to have the Confederate flag removed from state house grounds.

"We're all trying to be, as we should, the most inclusive sport that we can, and you can't say that on one hand and then fly a very offensive flag to an entire race of people on the other," [NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France](#) said in a statement.

Driver Jeff Gordon called the choice "a delicate balance," since the sport has a lot of southern devotees. Dale Earnhardt Jr. was a bit more direct in his comments.

"I think it's offensive to an entire race. It does nothing for anybody to be there flying, so I don't see any reason. It belongs in the history books, and that's about it."

Back in Daytona, Gerry Baker repeated what has become a mantra for defenders of the Confederate flag — that it represents southern heritage and is not meant as a symbol of hate.

"I have a rebel flag bathing suit as a matter of fact. Are they going to make me take it off if I put it on? That's just the way I grew up. I grew up in the country and was Southern-raised and born. It's pure country. I've been a NASCAR fan all my life. We're not flying it for controversy. Every race, we fly it. We've got the American... the rebel... the POW. It all to me goes together. Our freedom."

Why" they attack the flag From: pbls40@netscape.com

The clamor being raised against all things that were the Confederate States of America is but a glaring fulfillment of the establishment of the American MSM's version of Orwell's "1984" Ministry of Truth. Just as Orwell said, "By controlling the present, the Party is able to manipulate the past. And in controlling the past, the Party can justify all of its actions in the present."

Our language is being corrupted continuously and being morphed into "Newspeak" with the goal that no one will be capable of conceptualizing anything that might question the establishment of absolute power.

Besides, the American people have already accepted Big Brother (the NSA) watching them, they have been sold that, "War is Peace (America is and has been in perpetual war), Freedom is Slavery (The people are told to surrender their Liberties so the Government can keep them safe), and Ignorance is Strength (The fruits of our public school system).

People have been fed a diet of deception about the causes of the War of Northern Aggression. They believe the lies and half-truths they got from the public school systems. Few kids actually read source material.

C.S.A. General Patrick Cleburne in a 1864 letter to President Jefferson Davis wrote:

"Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."

That's what has happened. The victors have always written the books about the war.

In 1860 the South was paying approx. 70% of the national taxes collected. Tariffs and excise taxes supported the government and the South depended on international trade. If they left the Union there would be a tremendous loss on income for the central government.

The world understood at that time what was going on. In Great Britain, many intellectuals and political leaders saw Lincoln's War for exactly what it was - a dispute over taxation. Charles Dickens writes, "The Northern onslaught upon slavery was no more than a piece of specious humbug designed to conceal its desire for economic control of the Southern States."

Dickens goes on to say "...Union means so many millions a year lost to the South; secession means the loss of the same millions to the North. The love of money is the root of this as of many other evils... The quarrel between the North and South is, as it stands, solely a fiscal quarrel." Let us quote a passage from the Northern British Review, Edinburgh, 1862, "...All Northern products are now protected: and the Morrill Tariff is a very masterpiece of folly and injustice."

The London Times on November 7, 1861 wrote, "The contest is really for empire on the side of the North and for independence on that of the South."

H L Mencken made some astute observations about this war that had been thrust upon the South — "The American people, North and South, went into the Civil War as citizens of their respective states, they came out as subjects... And what they thus lost they have never gotten back.

The Gettysburg speech was at once the shortest and the most famous oration in American history...the highest emotion reduced to a few poetical phrases. Lincoln himself never even remotely approached it. It is genuinely stupendous. But let us not forget that it is poetry, not logic; beauty, not sense. Think of the argument in it. Put it into the cold words of everyday. The doctrine is simply this: that the Union soldiers who died at Gettysburg sacrificed their lives to the cause of self-determination – that government of the people, by the people, for the people, should not perish from the earth.

It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue. The Union soldiers in the battle actually fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of their people to govern themselves."

Why does that battle flag mean something to Southerners? It represents the unquenchable thirst for individual Liberty unencumbered by an overbearing central government that micromanages our lives, regulates, and taxes excessively.. More and more people are tiring of this overbearing central government.

Like the poet said, ""The Gray Riders are gone, yet they remain asleep in Our Soil, and alive in Our Veins! Untouched by fire, untouched by frost, they whisper within us -- OUR CAUSE IS NOT LOST!"

This is not acceptable thinking to the controllers who run this country.

Donald Trump: "Only an Idiot Opposes the Confederate Flag"

Real Estate Tycoon and business man, Donald Trump, announced via Twitter that he supported the Confederate Flag. "Only an idiot opposes the Confederate Flag" read Trump's tweet. Trump continued to rant

stating that the flag is apart of everyone’s heritage and should fly on every government building in the south. “Schools, churches, post offices should all be allowed to proudly fly the Confederate Flag. There’s nothing racist about it. Black people are acting as if it’s a KFC flag” says Trump. The Confederate Flag has been the center of debate following the racially-motivated church shooting massacre in South Carolina. It has been proposed to make flying the Confederate flag illegal at state and federal buildings.

Observations on the Flag

Watching the flag news lately has been, to say the least, discouraging. By design, the poorest representative is generally chosen by the media and at best all he can say is “It’s our heritage”. It’s almost enough to make me give up the fight. But the opposing side isn’t any better. As soon as they open their mouths, they expose themselves as being totally ignorant of history. Confederates were traitors, they say. Not one defender has pointed out that when the Republic was being formed, states reserved the right to withdraw if their rights were violated.

Naysayers say the war was all about slavery and the glorious north was fighting to free them. No defender has pointed out that slavery existed in the border states throughout the war and that Washington DC - as the capitol building - was being constructed with slave labor. West Virginia was admitted to the union as a slave state after the war started. Lincoln said in his inaugural address that he had no intention of interfering with slavery where it existed and that he had no lawful right to do so. The issue should have been settled in Congress but there was never a serious bill to do so.

No defender has pointed out the Corwin Amendment... If the southern states would return to the Union they would not interfere with slavery where it exists. But it wasn’t about that, and the southern states refused to return. As Rett Butler said, “It’s about money and power.”

Former President Harry Truman said, “As soon as the war was over, they had to justify what was done.”

You never saw any this in your public education history books did you?

Opponents of the flag say that it should be abolished, because it has been used by the Klan. But for every picture you show me of the Klan with the flag, I’ll show you one with the Klan and the US flag. Where’s the attack on that flag? Either way we can’t stop it.

To me and some of the estimated 70 million descendents of Confederate Veterans, the flag is representative of the men who fought to defend their country, state, homes and family against an unconstitutional invasion to force us back into what was originally a voluntary union.

Does it improve race relations for this cultural genocide on our history to continue?

David Allen

Event: **OLE BEDFORD'S 16TH ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT FORT DIXIE - SELMA, ALA - JULY 11, 2015 - 3:00PM - Y'ALL Come!**

