



First the flag, then our monuments, and then our heroes.

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By Dr. Neill H. Payne, Chairman



Neil Payne at his post during the Lee/Jackson Vigil in Lexington Virginia

Since the early days of the SLRC we have been warning Southerners that the enemies of Southern history and heritage would not stop at banning the flag. They want everything. They want all things Confederate vilified, disgraced and erased.

The outpouring of hatred against our culture and society in the Late Unpleasantness did not exhaust the malice of the Yankee government or the Marxists and radicals who so greatly influenced the inhuman and disgraceful way the Yankees conducted Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence.

Even now, 150 years later, the war aims of the North are being per-

petuated by their offspring: consolidate, exterminate and profiteer. For our part the South maintains the same position of our ancestors, namely, "Would you people just go away and leave us alone."

It is intolerable to Northern Marxists, radicals and fellow-traveling Southern scalawags that at this late date there are so many Southerners who insist on maintaining and defending their Southern culture and heritage and who say, "The South was right!" Well, if the South was right that means that the Yankees were wrong and the Yankees can't have that. There is no live-and-let-live with manic lunatics. Like the Borg, these Yankees refuse to stop until all cultural distinctives have been assimilated and all opinions match their opinions.

So we see this scenario unfolding in two Southern towns, Lexington, Virginia and Reidsville, North Carolina. We have almost become numb to the steady drumbeat of anti-Southern

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We Are Family

By HK Edgerton



HK Edgerton

My fellow Confederates,

My message will be brief, but I hope you will remember my words.

I speak today on behalf of the 2 and a half million Southern bondsmen, bondswomen, freedmen, and freedwomen who from 1861 to 1865 loyally served and supported

the Confederate cause, in however humble and noble a capacity.

When cotton was needed to finance a long war, it was black hands that picked it and prepared it for export to Europe. When foodstuffs were needed to feed the embattled Southern armies and a beleaguered Southern civilian population, it was black hands working with white hands that tilled the soil to grow needed crops to fend

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 hatred against the noble banners of the Confederacy. However, now the plotting has advanced to the next level. In Lexington we are witnessing a combined attack upon our flag and our heroes and in Reidsville there has been an attempt to destroy one of our monuments. We will be doing a special report on Reidsville in our next issue.

The carpetbag city council of Lexington decided to pass an ordinance to prevent the proper celebration of a tradition that has honored Generals Lee and Jackson going back to the early 1900s. As both of these most famous, Christian gentlemen and heroes have their final resting place in Lexington, Confederate groups have honored them by celebrating Lee/Jackson Day with a parade, memorial services and other events since the 1980's.

Since that time the city would allow private organizations like VMI and Washington and Lee University to put their flags on holders affixed to downtown city light poles. In 2011 the local Sons of Confederate Veteran's Camp Commander Brandon Dorsey applied for permission to display Confederate battle flags and Virginia State flags from the city's poles for the weekend that the Lee/Jackson Celebration would take place. The city potentates were

very hostile to the request. Commander Dorsey contacted the SLRC to consult with our chief trial counsel and, faced with the threat of a lawsuit, the city ungraciously allowed the SCV to place Confederate flags on the light poles for the 2011 Lee/Jackson Day celebration. Stung by having to yield to the reasonable request of the SCV due to threatened litigation, the city laid their plans for the 2012 celebration.

On 1 September of 2011 the city council convened a public hearing on their controversial ordinance that would ban the display of any flags from the city's poles except for the Federal flag, the Virginia state flag and the city flag. The ordinance was concocted reportedly in response to the existential angst of an allegedly oppressed foreign (Russian) member of the community who thought that two or three days of seeing the beautiful banner of the Confederacy was more than her eyes could tolerate. The council (now dominated by non-Southerners) only pretended to have a hearing. Actually it was a stage production. Using the Marxist dialectical tactics known as "consensus building" they pretended to have a hearing, but they were not interested in hearing our side of the question at all. In fact the room was stacked with anti-

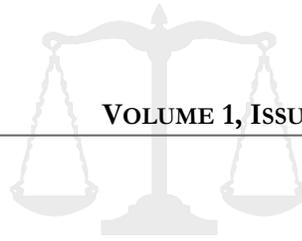
Confederate scalawags and outsiders. The pro-Confederate attendees were relegated to the hall.

To her shame and disgrace, Mayor Mimi Elrod, a descendant of the man who administered to President Jefferson Davis the oath of office, was the stage manager of this farce. As HK Edgerton, who lead an eight-mile march into town that morning from Buena Vista and who attended the hearing, said, "The deal was done before they ever met. The hearing was done just to satisfy the requirements of the law." The ordinance passed 4 to 1. No longer would VMI's banners or the University of Washington and Somebody (oh yeah, Lee) be allowed to fly from the city's poles. No other organization who had also been allowed to use the poles could do so anymore and thereby they could eliminate the one flag that they intended to get rid of, the Confederate flag. They reasoned that because the resolution applied to everyone equally, they were protected from charges of a constitutional violation, seconded by law professor/pontificators at the University of Virginia.

Nice try. Unfortunately for them the offices of the Southern Legal Resource Center are much more conversant with the First Amendment protections

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off starvation. Slave & Freedman alike gave his last penny to support the Confederate cause.

It was trusted black hands left on the plantation to guard the mistress and her children from the hand of the invader. It was skilled black labor that worked in the new southern factories making the implements of war that kept Southern armies in the field for 4 years.

Across the South in every town, city, and plantation a cadre of black laborers and craftsmen worked to keep Southern armies supplied with all the implements of war.

In the Confederate navy, some black men mustered in as sailors on Confederate navy vessels, manned the rigging, manned the guns, and stoked the fireboxes, and even served as pilots.

Without the untiring sweat of black men, the Confederate army would have quickly ground to a halt. Black men served as teamsters, cooks, blacksmiths, farriers, laborers, servants, and, in many cases, as the close friend of the white man he accompanied. Many of these black auxiliaries were to prove their worth in combat, even though by law they could

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Bazz Childress Case Set For Trial in March

By Kirk D. Lyons, Chief Trial Council



Bazz Childress

The case where an SCV member at an SCV Reunion was arrested in his own hotel room for displaying a Confederate flag may be on its way to trial.

Court ordered mediation and depositions have been scheduled for the week of February 20. Trial may be held on March 12, 2012 in

the Cabarrus County Courthouse in Concord, NC.

Bazz, then Lt. Commander of Kentucky Division, rented a hospitality room at the Wingate Hotel in Concord during the 2008 SCV National reunion. The owner demanded that Bazz remove his Confederate flag, and when he refused was arrested and booked at a Concord Police substation. The charges were dropped when the hotel owner did not show up at

trial. A Civil suit for malicious prosecution and breach of contract followed that was dismissed. In December 2011 the North Court of Appeals overturned the dismissal and sent it back to Cabarrus County for trial.

- Kirk D. Lyons, Chief Trial Counsel

To follow Bazz Childress, or voice your support, check out the **BAZZ CHILDRESS DEFENSE FUND** Facebook page.

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not be compelled to fight, and would not be legally allowed to enlist as soldiers until the last days of the war.

Most importantly was the bond of love and affection between black and white that transcended the institution of slavery and is so incomprehensible to people up north.

In cases to numerous to mention, boyhood friends, black & white, went off to war together, sharing together the hardships of camp life, the camaraderie of army life, the stress of

campaigning, the excitement of battle, the agony of the hospital, and the painful separation of death.

Stories abound of faithful black friends and servants seeing to the comfort of their white friends last moments on earth, and with tearful countenance and broken hearts began the sometimes difficult and arduous task of obtaining proper burial for his friend and then bringing the painful news home.

Only love can explain such a bond, fear of the lash cannot explain it, and our northern friends dismiss it

as so many fairy-tales. These Northerners miss a very important point. We are Southerners too. By 1861 we had worked with white Southerners for 2 centuries. South Carolina, or Georgia, or Tennessee was our home. The average black Confederate understood his duty as God gave him the light to perform it. He performed his duty without expectation of reward or promise of freedom, but knew that if he worked and struggled and fought hard for the Confederate cause as a loyal subject, the white people of the

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Board Member Argues Hardwick Case

By Kirk D. Lyons, Chief Trial Counsel



“Justice is Coming” Banner used for Hardwick case. (left to right: Kirk Lyons, Candice Hardwick, Roger McCredie, Michel Givens)

Board Member Lourie A. Salley III argued in federal court on behalf of SLRC client Candice Hardwick before Judge Terry

Wooten. The 4th Circuit remanded the case back to the Florence, SC District Court because the lower court had failed to rule on the protest shirts worn by Candice and others while

contesting a school wide ban on Confederate symbols.

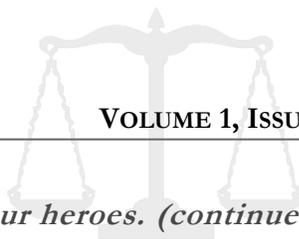
The protest shirts, though containing no Confederate flags, were banned by the school, though they later denied doing so. Judge Wooten’s determination of the issue will decide whether Candice goes to trial or the issue goes back to the 4th Circuit US Court of Appeals in Richmond, VA. “We are in this for the long haul,” said Chief Trial Counsel Kirk D. Lyons. “This case has been going on since 2003, but is very important as it affects the heritage rights of every public school child in South Carolina and

ultimately a five state area.

Ominously the National Association of School Boards has asked through a “Friend of the Court” brief that Federal judges abandon their right to make decisions in these kind of cases and give this power to school officials. (As frightening a request as the SLRC staff has ever seen.)

- Kirk D. Lyons, Chief Trial Counsel

“THIS CASE AFFECTS THE HERITAGE RIGHTS OF EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILD IN A FIVE STATE AREA.”



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than are the offices of the city attorney of Lexington. As we spelled out in our memorandum of law that used as the underpinning for the lawsuit filed against the city of Lexington on January 12 in Roanoke, Virginia; in allowing civic organizations this long tradition of using the city's lamp posts to display their banners they have created what the law calls a "limited public forum". Once such a forum is created it cannot be so easily destroyed. We also pointed out that the law looks askance at a government entity attempting to selectively squash the protected speech [in this case, our flags] of a disfavored group by the ruse of disallowing the forum to all groups. This, of course, is exactly what the carpetbag council was trying to do.

What puts the stopper in the bottle is the consent decree that the city fathers signed in front of a federal judge in 1993, when the SCV had sued the City of Lexington for banning Confederate flags in public forums. The current flag ordinance puts them in direct violation of that agreement and by the grace of the God of Providence, this case will be heard by the same judge who signed the original consent order.

It is certain that other carpetbag dominated municipalities will be paying attention to this case to learn how much they can get away with in trashing our ancestors and erasing our history. If these two paragons of Christian virtue and Southern valor can be dishonored none of the rest of our heroes are safe. Your

support is crucial in our efforts to be able to respond quickly to these situations. I think that the brief we provided will be a slam dunk. We cannot rest, however, until we get a favorable ruling. These cases are always political and the pro-Confederate community must keep the pressure on lest the rulers think that we do not care.

*- Neil H. Payne, Chairman of
the Board of Directors*

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The weekly show, which began in January, consists of Confederate related news-items and discussion from around the South.

The easiest way to find it is go to our new, updated website at slrc-csa.org

Executive Director Retires

Roger W. McCredie retired from the SLRC as Executive Director just before Christmas. McCredie, a past SCV Chief of Heritage Defense, joined the SLRC as Executive Director in the Fall of 2004.

Thank you for your great service to the SLRC and our Southland. We wish you the best of success in all your future endeavors.

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Lexington Lee Jackson Vigil: Keep track of our ongoing fight against the City of Lexington for their insult to Lee & Jackson

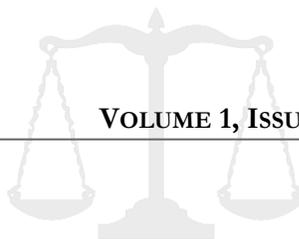
Black Confederate Historical Resources: Best site for photographic proof & intelligent discussion on Black Confederates

Aggies for Dixie: Explores the Confederate Heritage of Texas A&M University

Texas Confederate Heritage And Legal Issues: A Citizen's Guide: Explores the many Confederate connections to Texas including monuments and city & Counties named for Confederates

Harvard Confederate Memorial: Advocates for a Harvard memorial for its Confederate Alum killed in action

Confederate Southern American Census 2010: Explores inclusion of Confederate Southern Americans on the census and advocates CSA's as a legitimate National Origin group



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South would do right by him.

When Sherman marched to the sea he destroyed black homes as well as white, his soldiers raped and killed black women, and forced loyal black men to volunteer for their army at bayonet point or more commonly to act as laborers so that white Yankees could sit on their backside.

Sure, many blacks voluntarily went over to the Union army, but history will never record how many of them sincerely regretted their decision later, while they served as slaves for Union officers or their wives were forced to be prostitutes for Union enlisted men.

Then came 1865, the complete collapse of the Confederacy, so-called "freedom" for the slave, and the beginning of the 135 years of deferred promises to African-Americans under the stars and stripes.

The white South was ready to do right by their former slaves. They accepted the fact of freedom and were prepared to make provision for the new freedman within the limits of an impoverished and devastated South.

But, even though the Southern armies had surrendered, the North had not finished their conquest. They began a deliberate policy of poisoning the minds of the

former slaves against their former masters.

The bonds of love and affection were severely tried and in many cases sundered. The North spread anarchy and hatred through their secret black societies called the 'Loyal Leagues'. By the misrule of the Carpetbag governments, they spread corruption across the defeated South. They continued their deliberate economic boycott of the South until the mid 20th Century.

There was no marshal plan for Dixie.

This Northern policy of divide and conquer coupled with the economic strangulation of the South go a long way towards explaining much of the rancor and hatred of black/white relations in the South.

Unfortunately, most Americans, black or white, are completely ignorant of this view of Southern history. Therefore, to those who act out of simple ignorance, we should extend the hand of friendship with education.

To those who act out of malice. Hear me!

From this day forward your policies of divide and conquer are doomed to failure!

No longer are you going to be able to benefit from the ignorance created by your own failed education

programs.

No longer from this day are you going to be able to play middle man between the races. Because a new class of black Southern leaders are rising, leaders who are aware of how their people have been duped, bribed, and pandered to, for the benefit of a powerful few.

These new leaders, are willing to cast aside the ignorance and prejudice of the past to work with a new class of white Southern leaders who together will sort out the problems and invent solutions for their respective communities, and for the mutual betterment of all.

Scalawag politicians will not be a part of this process, nor will our insincere Northern friends be invited.

Christian Southern men and women, black and white are invited to begin the healing process that was derailed in 1865.

Reconciliation based on truth, not a lie.

Reconciliation based on Christianity, not on secular humanism.

Reconciliation based on mutual respect, not on one-world pipe dreams.

The process I am describing starts today. We are all a part, and we do so under the noble and sacred Confederate Battle Flag. God bless you all! God bless Dixie!

**"THERE WAS NO
MARSHAL PLAN
FOR DIXIE."**

- HK Edgerton

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