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Celebrating Memorial Day

Remember the defenders of our Southland

It is a matter of history that Mrs. Chas. J. Williams, of Columbus, Ga., instituted the beautiful custom of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers, a custom which has been adopted throughout the United States. Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Maj. John Howard, of Milledgeville, Ga., and was a superior woman. She married Maj. C. J. Williams on his return from the Mexican War. As colonel of the First Georgia Regulars, of the Army in Virginia, he contracted a disease, from which he died in 1862, and was buried in Columbus, Ga.

Mrs. Williams and her little girl visited his grave every day, and often comforted themselves by wreathing it with flowers. While the mother sat abstractly thinking of the loved and lost one, the little one would pluck the weeds from the unmarked soldiers' graves near her father's and cover them with flowers, calling them her soldiers' graves.

After a short time while the dear little girl was summoned by the angels

to join her father. The sorely bereaved mother then took charge of these unknown graves for the child's sake, and as she cared for them thought of the thousands of patriot graves throughout the South, far away from home and kindred, and in this way the plan was suggested to her of setting apart one day in each year, that love might pay tribute to valor throughout the Southern States. In March, 1868, she addressed a communication to the Columbus Times, an extract of which is given below:

"We beg the assistance of the press and the ladies throughout the South to aid us in the effort to set apart a certain day to be observed from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, and to be handed down through time as a religious custom of the South, to wreath the graves of our martyred dead with flowers, and we propose the 26th day of April as the day."

She then wrote to the Soldiers' Aid

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The Brogan Museum/Sims Exhibit

A personal update by Bob Hurst, 2nd Lt. Commander, Florida Division

It was good to hear that so many fine Southerners are ready to take a stand. Dante wrote in the INFERNO that, "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a time of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality." I, and I can tell that you and the many you mentioned, have no plans to spend eternity anywhere other than "resting beneath the shade of the

trees" with our Confederate heroes.

After the press conference held at The Brogan ended around 11:20 Friday morning (3/16/2007), My phone started ringing about 11:21. For the next 4 and ½ hours I gave telephone interviews to ABC News in New York, the New York TIMES, the

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Sims Exhibit

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St. Pete TIMES, the Miami HERALD, the Associated Press, you name it, and also had on-camera interviews with the CBS and ABC stations in Tallahassee, the Associated Press, the Capital News Service and several radio reporters. I read the stories that were in the papers the next day after having watched the TV News Shows the night of the press conference. I was astounded! Not one of the major reporters tried to put an anti-Confederate or pro-museum spin on the stories.

Within three days, Chucha Barber, the Director of the Brogan Museum, had received over 1000 emails and 300 phone calls. She told me the vast majority was in agreement with our stand and against the museum including the "art" of Sims in the exhibit. My emails were running about 20 to 1 favorable.

All of the reporters quoted me accurately. They used my quotes of Sims' display being "offensive, objectionable and tasteless", of Sims being "irrelevant" and someone "lacking true talent" who must rely on a "gimmick" to create controversy. The St. Pete TIMES reporter evened wrote of my Confederate ancestor who committed suicide

after the War rather than live under carpetbagger rule. He also wrote of my graduate degrees which pretty much shattered the stereotype of the "gap-toothed, knuckle-dragging Neanderthal" so prevalent in much reporting about similar controversies.

We are way ahead in the PR battle regarding The Brogan.

That is why the Director of the museum suggested an alternative exhibit that would portray the Confederate flags in a positive manner. She has been astounded at the reaction of the people and some of the things she has learned. The Board of Directors would not go along because they thought it would be a loss of face for them. Sims was livid that the director had even proposed the alternative exhibit.

I have talked with a number of people to get their ideas about the best way to proceed. I have had several phone conversations with Darryl Starnes, Chief of Heritage Defense for the SCV. Darryl, in turn, has talked with CINC Chris Sullivan about his ideas. I have had numer-

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Memorial Day

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Societies in every Southern State, and they readily responded and reorganized under the name of Memorial Associations. She lived long enough to see her plan adopted all over the South, and in 1868 throughout the United States. Mrs. Williams died April 15, 1874, and was buried with military honors. On each returning Memorial Day the Columbus military march around her grave, and each deposits a floral offering.

The Legislature of Florida, by statute, set apart the 26th day of April as a legal holiday in obedience to her request.

If you were to ask your Grandfather about Confederate Memorial Day, he might tell you a story from the past when children grew up to be proud of their ancestors and were taught American History in school. He might tell you about the time school boys and girls walked in the Confederate Memorial Day Parade with the Veterans.

Once upon a time schools and merchants closed their doors for Confederate Memorial Day and many thousands would gather at the local cemetery for a day

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of speeches, singing and remembrance of the brave soldiers buried there. Old Veterans saluted as children lay flowers on Heroes graves. The people stood up reverently as the band played "Dixie."

It is up to you, the citizens, to determine if the politically correct, corrupt politicians and corporations will be successful in their effort to eliminate Southern

Heritage. If they are successful, what's next, your Heritage? Our Founding Fathers? Reparations?

As you see the liberal papers, the media, the corporations and the politically correct rant and rave about Our Heritage, remember Mrs. Chas. J. Williams. They are trying to destroy what she started!

Camp 745 has been invited by the Kirby Smith Camp to attend their Memorial Day Service at the Camp Mooney Cemetery in on Sunday April 22nd at 2 pm.

The cemetery is located at 530 Ellis Road off Interstate 10 and Lane Avenue in Jacksonville.

The Guest Speaker will be Bill Haft, conservative talk show host.

Sims Exhibit

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ous conversations with Florida Division Commander Doug Dawson. I have also talked with personal friends here in Tallahassee ranging from bank presidents to retirees. All of these people are in agreement, and I concur, that we have taken the high road all the way through this controversy and it has worked to our advantage with the media and with the people. Our float entry in the Springtime Tallahassee Parade Saturday the 31st received cheers and salutes from the crowd throughout the parade route.

These same people believe that the controversy has blown over and that it would be a mistake to start it back up. It would give the media, if they so desired, the opportunity to say and write that the SCV obviously did NOT consider Sims "irrelevant" as I had earlier stated. I think the best strategy at this time to be "let a sleeping dog lie".

As far as being able to shut down the exhibit because it was in violation of Florida Statutes, that would not work. Several attorneys (including the State Attorney here who is a friend) told me not to shoot myself in the foot by taking legal action since all of the various state "venerated symbols" statutes are superseded by federal court rulings of recent years (Texas v. Johnson, US v. Eichmann, for example).

I recognize the great work that has been done in Georgia with flaggings. In fact, several years ago a beautiful Southern lady from Troup County, Ellen Gilmore, and I flagged Sonny Perdue in the Cabinet Room of the Florida Capitol.

Sonny sat through the entire Tri-States Waterways meeting looking like he wanted to be anywhere but there. Ellen and I were holding a '56 Veterans Flag and a "Let Us Vote" yard sign. The media gravitated to us as soon as the meeting adjourned. I know, though, that the time and situation must be right for these methods to be effective.

The time and situation are not right now in Tallahassee. There is nothing positive that I can see that would come out of any type of group protest or demonstration in Tallahassee now. We have won the PR war here. Let's use this momentum to try to prevent another Sims exhibit from going up in some other Southern capital rather than inflaming a situation that is currently under control. BTW, attendance is down at The Brogan.

Again, I appreciate the love for our heritage that you and the others all hold so strongly. There will be other battles to fight and we must choose the right strategy for each if we are to be successful.

Confederate Memorial Service

Montgomery, Alabama

A rally is planned in Montgomery at the Alabama Capitol on Monday April 23rd beginning at 10:45 for the STATE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

This happens only one time a year. We remember Generals Lee and Jackson on their day; and our beloved president on his birthday, but this day is for OUR ANCESTORS, and all Confederate soldiers and civil government leaders.

It is the one day in the whole year when we stand at that beautiful monument and remember their sacrifices and their courage and their peerless honor. There is no exhilaration liking hearing the name, rank and regiment of your own ancestor spoken aloud at the Alabama Confederate Memorial there at the Montgomery capitol.

The UDC is sponsoring this program and they have wonderful Confederate music planned and uplifting speeches, bugles, bag-pipers, cannons and the high-point: roll-call of the ancestors.

The state is "watching" to see if we indeed do still remember them. Two hundred were mustered at last year's rally. We hope to increase our ranks this year and each year hereafter.

When duty called them, they answered with valor.

Now, will you answer the call and stand for them this Memorial Day?

On the Internet

Just type: "**SCV Camp 745**" into your browser and an interesting page will appear with links to our Camp.

Web Address of SCV Camp 745:
earth.prohosting.com/scv745

Our WEBMASTER is Pastor Greg Wilson of Archer, Florida . His e-mail address is **LIBCFL@aol.com**

Projects and Goals

SCV Goals for 2007

- Add more members to the "Red Shirt" Honour guard, especially musicians.
- Concentrate on local history, whenever possible.
- Spread the Camp responsibility

OCR Goals for 2007

- A stone for the grave of Rebecca Higginbotham Jones
- A Chapter #6 Banner

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Historical Quiz

In 1943 the great-grandson and namesake of a famous Confederate general from Tennessee led a bombing raid over the German submarine bases in Kiel, Germany. He was shot down in the process and was the first U.S. general killed in World War II.

Who was the general who bravely led this World War II raid?

Mail your answer to: **Historical Quiz, P.O. Box 37338, Jacksonville, Florida 32236**, or send an email to: neflos@net-host.net

The first correct answer will win a free Florida State Flag, suitable for outdoor display of your patriotism.



Southern National Congress Committee Launches "Year of the South" Campaign

The Southern National Congress Committee has announced a "Year of the South" campaign to establish a Southern National Congress (SNC). "Southerners will celebrate two significant anniversaries this year, the bicentennial of the birth of Robert E. Lee and the quadrennial anniversary of the first English colony in North America, at Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. 2007 is not just 'the Year of Lee', it is 'the Year of the South.'

Visit southernnationalcongress.org

We Call Them Southrons

"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know where it is today ... The reputation of an individual is of minor importance to the opinion posterity may form of the motives which governed the South in their late struggle for the maintenance of the principles of the Constitution. I hope therefore, a true history will be written, and justice will be done them."

General Robert E. Lee

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

*The marching armies of the past
Along our Southern plains,
Are sleeping now in quiet rest
Beneath the Southern rains.*

*The bugle call is now in vain
To rouse them from their bed;
To arms they'll never march again--
They are sleeping with the dead.*

*No more will Shiloh's plains be stained
With blood our heroes shed,
Nor Chancellorsville resound again
To our noble warriors' tread.*

*For them no more shall reveille
Sound at the break of dawn,
But may their sleep peaceful be
Till God's great judgment morn.*

*We bow our heads in solemn prayer
For those who wore the gray,
And clasp again their unseen hands
On our Memorial Day.*

Author Unknown

Lee Surrenders Southern Army

On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate States' Army of Northern Virginia to United States General Ulysses Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia.

This marked the turning point for all citizens, as true liberty, individual freedom, and state's rights were abolished by the federal government of the United States.

The following 142 years of growing federal power and intrusive actions of federal agencies, with total disregard to the Constitution, demonstrate a relentless effort to destroy what

our founding fathers started.

The federals now go, unchecked; spending, regulating, and lining their pockets with an arrogance hard to believe.

Elections are bought with taxpayers money, through all the special interest programs, and the cycle continues.

A Biblical Admonition

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them." (Ephesians 5:6-7)

37th ANNUAL FLORIDA DIVISION REUNION

The Year of Lee

May 18 - 20, 2007

Ocala, Florida

Join with your friends and the Florida Division in Ocala as we celebrate General Robert E. Lee by dedicating this years Division Reunion in his honor.

Saturday evening's musical entertainment by:

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Reliving Florida's Past

APRIL 6 1818 The Spanish fort at St. Marks was occupied today by Major General Andrew Jackson and his troops. The protests of the Spanish commander were ignored.

APRIL 7 1973 The last of 348 flights bringing refugees from Cuba landed in Miami today. Nearly 261,000 refugees made the flight from Cuba to Miami during the seven-and-one-half years they operated from 1965 until 1973.

APRIL 9 1824 John McIver of North Carolina became the first settler in the new town of Tallahassee today, when he arrived with a group of seven persons and took up residence there.

APRIL 12 1834 President Andrew Jackson formally signed the Treaty of Payne's Landing today. By the terms of this treaty, the Seminole peoples agreed to a conclusion of hostilities in Florida and the cession of lands in Florida. The Seminoles were to be transported to lands west of the Mississippi, paid almost \$100,000, and to receive a large amount of

blankets, dry goods, and other services. The Treaty of Payne's Landing did not end hostilities, since some Seminole leaders refused to accept the terms of the treaty.

APRIL 15 1896 Henry Flagler's railroad arrived in Miami today. The



first train, a wood burning steam engine, carried a load of building materials--certainly a harbinger of Miami's future.

APRIL 24 1836 Brigadier General Winfield Scott and his troops arrived today in Volusia on their way

to St. Augustine to establish his command headquarters for actions against the Seminole Indians.

APRIL 26 1565 Major General Andrew Jackson convened a court martial today for two British subjects in West Florida, Alexander Arbuthnot and Robert C. Armbrister. The two men were charged with inciting the Creek Indians against the United States. Each man was found guilty and put to death. The action was controversial and stirred up a great deal of diplomatic upheaval between the United States and Great Britain.

APRIL 30 1803 The treaty ceding the territory of Louisiana to the United States was signed today in Paris. The portion of West Florida, from the Perdido River to the Mississippi River, was not part of the original treaty. The United States claimed the area as part of the purchase of the Louisiana Territory. In one bold stroke, President Thomas Jefferson doubled the size of the United States through this diplomatic coup.

The U.S. Flag

By Dennis Blanton, South Carolina

Many of our citizens like to fly a U.S. federal flag to show their patriotism, support for military service personnel, or simply as a decorative fixture. I hope in reading this short article, you will have a better understanding of some of that flag's association and symbology.

The proper relationship between the states and the United States federal government is clearly spelled out in the Constitution. This U.S. federal government is a product and servant of the states, not the master, and the recipient of only a few powers that were delegated to it by the states. The federal government usurped its authority in 1861 as it went to war against the Southern states to "preserve the Union" when they chose to exercise their Constitutional right and secede. State sovereignty effectively ended following the South's surrender to the military force of the U.S. federal government at the end of the War for Southern Independence in 1865. Following the war, all states — not only the Southern states — became subservient to the federal government. Some states willingly submitted to federal authority, others were forcibly subjugated at the point of a bayonet. The U.S. federal government has continued to aggressively expand its power since that time and seeks to fully centralize all political power under its control in spite of the limits imposed upon it by the Constitution. The "separation of powers" of the federal government branches has proven to be a failure, since all the branches have eagerly participated in this illegitimate expansion of power. The insistence by these federal masters that all power should be transferred to their hands has already led us a long way down the road to tyranny, and this centralization of power continues, unabated, every day.

The United States flag is a symbol of the U.S. federal government. It has become the symbol of those who wish to continue to increase its centralized power. You will note that on federal government property, such as military bases, courthouses and post office buildings, there are no state flags flying. The federal government flies only its own flag on its own property. If you question the overbearing, all-powerful belligerence of the federal government, refer to "The Flag Code" (Public Law 94-344). Here are some excerpts:

SEC. 3 That the flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

(Anybody wonder who's the boss here?)

SEC. 3 (f) When flags of states, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States Flag's right.

(This symbolizes supreme authority.)

SEC. 3 (k) When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

(Clergymen are singled out. Even God's law in His own house is expected to be subordinate to federal authority.)

SEC. 4 That no disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

(The servant has without question become the Master.)

SEC. 4 (j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin, being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

(This is blatant idolatry.)

We should not support any illegal efforts to overthrow or subvert the lawful government, but neither should we support any illegal efforts of the federal government to overstep its Constitutional authority. Even though the states are now found to be under subjection to their creation, the federal government, we the people do not need to fawningly fall at the feet of this creature and display our willing subjugation by displaying the federal flag where a state flag should be flying. We should rather protest the brazen usurpation of its authority.

It angers me when I pass a county school-house and see a federal flag flying in front of it. It brings me shame and sorrow when I pass a church and see the federal flag flying above the Christian flag. I am disappointed when I pass so many homes and businesses that prefer to fly the federal flag instead of their state flag. I smile when I see the old Confederate flag flying, still under fire from and defiant against tyranny.

State and local governments: Remove that federal flag from property that does not belong to the federal government. You have a state flag that you should be proud of. Pastors: Take down that federal flag. If you display a Christian flag, put it in a position of its own authority, not in a place subordinate to the idolatrous emblem of the federal government. Individuals and businesses: Take down that federal flag and raise your state flag to show support for restoring state sovereignty and a constitutional republic.

Dates to Remember

- **Apr. 16** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Speaker: Mr. Larry Skinner., *Topic To be announced*
- **Apr. 22** - Camp Mooney Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration in Jacksonville. **Speaker:** Mr. Bill Haft.
- **Apr. 26** - Confederate Memorial Day Legal Holiday in Florida
Camp Observance: *To be announced.*
- **May. 18-20** - Florida Division Re-union in Ocala at the Ramada Inn. (Highways I-75 and US27)
- **May 21** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Speaker: *To be announced*
- **Jun. 2** - Railroad Days in Callahan. Parade and Exhibit.
- **Jun. 18** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Speaker: *To be announced*

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A Challenge to all Southerners

"Truth crushed to the earth is truth still and like a seed will rise again"

"The contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena."

President Jefferson Davis

June 2007

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**Official U.S. Policy on Confederate POW's
Preamble to H.R. 97, Passed by Both Houses of Congress**

"Rebel Prisoners in our hands are to be subjected to treatment finding it's parallels only in the conduct of savage tribes and resulting in the death of multitudes by the slow but designed process of starvation and by mortal diseases occasioned by insufficient and unhealthy food and wanton exposure of their persons to the inclemency of the weather."

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Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General. United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

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