

Next Meeting
April 28th
At The Rose
Center
6:00 PM

Southern Heritage

Bradford / Rose Camp # 1638

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At our last meeting, it was inevitable that, for better or worse, the Lincoln celebration would be on everyone's mind. I expect that you have no doubt as to my opinion. Anyway, as the meeting opened an impromptu discussion of the topic developed. It was apparent that there was a wide variety of historic knowledge and perspective as well as opinion within the camp. I believe that everyone enjoyed the discussion and that we filled in some gaps in each other's knowledge. While we did not agree on everything, it appeared that we were able to handle our differences. It may be that we want to consider having a discussion topic on the agenda at future meetings.

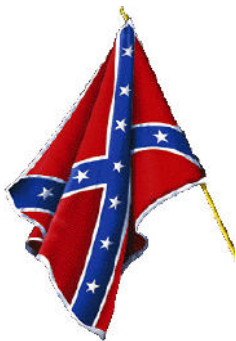
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Larry W. Watkins

Southern Legal Resource Center

The SLRC is at it again! Keep it up! They demand that another High School in Blount County drop its ban on the display of our Confederate symbols. We need to support the SLRC for what they are doing to preserve our Southern Heritage. If you have not visited their Web Site in a while, you need to check it out. Below is an article that was posted on April 16th. For more information, please check out their Web Site. There is a really nice picture on the Home Page showing Attorneys and Sons of Confederate Veterans with Ashley Thomas and Aubrey McCallum at a media conference in front of the Federal Courthouse in Dallas following the filing of their suit against Bureson Independent School District. The girls are carrying the Confederate Battle Flag purses that they were punished for carrying into school. At far left, next to Ashley, is SLRC Chief Trial Counsel Kirk Lyons; next to Aubrie is SLRC local Texas Counsel Jim Chapman and next to Chapman is SCV Past Commander-in-Chief Denne L. Sweeney.

<http://www.slrc-csa.org/site/>



The Southern Legal Resource Center

NEWS RELEASE

Monday, April 16, 2007

SLRC demands that another Blount County High School drop its ban on the display of Confederate symbols

BLACK MOUNTAIN , NC –

The Southern Legal Resource Center has demanded that a Blount County high school drop its ban on the display of Confederate symbols by its students, or face a lawsuit similar to one now under way against the other high school in the county.

In a letter sent Friday to Heritage High School Principal Patty Mandigo, the SLRC said it is acting on behalf of Heritage High student Spencer Stinnett, who has been subjected to several instances of disciplinary action for displaying the Confederate flag in various forms. The letter says the school's anti-Confederate symbols policy is based on regulations that are legally flawed and selectively enforced. It further states that if the school does not remove its ban voluntarily, the SLRC "will be forced to take sterner measures to vindicate our clients' rights."

According to the letter, in addition to violation of his free speech rights, the flag ban also subjects Stinnett to religious discrimination because the Confederate battle flag features St. Andrew's Cross, and also to racial discrimination because it institutionalizes the idea that Confederate symbols represent slavery and white su-

premacny, an idea which the SLRC says schools could help overcome through dialogue and proper education. "By banning Confederate symbols without a proper explanation of the meaning of the symbol, or, worse, by deliberately equating these symbols with 'racism' as an excuse for banning them, the school partakes of precisely the same bigotry it claims to denounce," the letter states.

In March of 2006 the SLRC and Knoxville Attorney Van Irion sued Blount County schools in similar circumstances, on behalf of two minor students. That case is now scheduled to be heard by the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in early June. The case is based in part on the precedent set by another SLRC case, *Castorina v. Madison County Schools*, in which a Kentucky school board's ban on Confederate symbols was overturned. The Castorina decision is thus established law in the Sixth Circuit, which includes Tennessee .

In February of this year a Knoxville television station reported that taxpayer costs of the first lawsuit, including wrangling over a preliminary injunction requested by the SLRC, already exceeded \$53,000.

The SLRC is a registered non-profit organization that coordinates legal assistance for persons whose civil rights have been violated in connection with Southern heritage issues.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Our April Meeting is
scheduled for
6:00 P.M.
April 28th, 2007 at
The Rose Center in
Morristown

Looking Ahead

Our May Meeting is
scheduled for
6:00 P.M.
May 26th, 2007 at
The Rose Center in
Morristown

Our June Meeting
is scheduled for
6:00 P.M.
June 23rd, 2007 at
The Rose Center in
Morristown

Upcoming Events

April 28 & 29th
Reenactment - Cumberland Gap

May 12th & 13th
Reenactment - Battle of Bean Station

May 27th
Memorial Service for an Ancestor of Marie Merritt in Rogersville

June 2nd & 3rd
Reenactment - Jonesville, VA

June 23rd
Forrest Homecoming Celebration at the Forrest Home

July 7th & 8th
Reenactment - Wise, VA

July 14th & 15th
Reenactment - Webber City, VA

July 28th & 29th
Living History - Tomato Festival in Rutledge, TN

August 4th & 5th
Reenactment - Battle of Tazewell

September 8th & 9th
Living History - LMU

September 15th & 16th
Reenactment - Barbersville, KY

September 22nd & 23rd
Reenactment - Battle of Morrystown - Bethesda Church

September 19th & 30th
Reenactment - Millsprings, KY

October 13th & 14th
Reenactment - Battle of Blue Springs - Mosheim, TN

October 21st
Reenactment - Wildcat, KY

October 27th & 28th
Reenactment - Leatherwood, KY

November 3rd & 4th
Reenactment - Bluff City, TN

November 10th & 11th
Reenactment - Fort Dickerson - Knoxville, TN



For more information, please contact General Forrest (Stan Dalton 865-828-4659)