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**March 22nd**  
**6:00**  
**At The**  
**Rose Center**  
**In Morristown**

# Southern Heritage

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Shakespeare raised the question, "What's in a name?" When considering the many names of the War, many Southerners ask themselves this question when they are tempted to give in and call it the C\*\*\*I War. Does it really make a difference is we refuse the yankee CW term? Our camp has taken the position that it does, indeed, make a difference and, I believe, that we are right. I am already fighting the school system with my 6 year old on this. The term "civil war" has implications which, in this case, are not true. Also, our use of more Southern labels can provide opportunity to enlighten others. When yankees (homemade or original recipe) question me, I point out that we never wanted control of THEIR government and ask them why they don't call the breakup of the USSR a "civil war". Some of them actually think about it.

DEO VINDICE

Larry W. Watkins

## Gods and Generals a Breath of Fresh Air for Confederates



While this newsletter does not usually do movie reviews, an exception seems to be in order. It is hard to imagine that persons of Southern sympathies would not consider "Gods and Generals" to be a "must see" film.

For starters, it is the most air time that Southern motivations for the war have had since "The Outlaw Josie Wales". This, of course, has much of the press accusing the film of every sin (politically correct persons may substitute "ethical challenge" here) since the apple. Some call it southern fiction. This criticism is totally baseless. The historic accuracy of this picture is, in my assessment,



rivalled only by "Tora, Tora, Tora" and that is high praise. This accuracy extends into detail; much of the dialogue was lifted straight from documented history. The film doesn't make a pronouncement of why the war started. The approach was to have the characters state their own motivations in their actual words.

kee, Chamberlain is one of the most respectable.

Another attacker said that the main characters were "paragons, not people". The fact is that Lee and Jackson actually were paragons, as well as people. Jackson DID see everything through the lens of his faith; the most superfi-



Whatever your personal view, there is no doubt that Lee and Jackson saw their mission to be repelling invaders.

As for the film being Southern propaganda, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain is present to articulate some of the northern motivations. Of course, after 140 years of non-stop propaganda, I consider northern views to be sufficiently publicized. Well, if we had to have a yan-

cial study will reveal this. Lee DID see the world in terms of duty. On the other hand, Jackson's close relationship with his wife and his love of children is well covered. Many of his eccentricities are aired, as well. I suppose the critic was on his cell phone to the ACLU during all this.

The one thing I can agree with the critics on is that the movie is long. But, is this a bad thing? If you are interested in Lee, Jackson and Chamberlain you will appreciate that their coverage is not rushed. Go see it.

Larry W. Watkins, Editor

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## May I Quote You General Longstreet?

*"If we only save the finger  
of one man, that's enough."*

*General Longstreet at  
Fredericksburg*

*"The only hope we had was  
to outgeneral the Federals."*

*"If we could cross the  
Potomac with one hundred  
and fifty thousand men, I  
think we could demand  
Lincoln to declare his  
purpose. If it is a Christian  
purpose, enough of blood  
has been shed to satisfy  
any principles. If he intends  
extermination, we should  
know it at once and play a  
little at that game  
whilst we can."*

*General Longstreet in a  
letter to Senator Louis  
Wigfall, May 1863*

*"I don't fear McClellan or  
any one in Yankeedom."*

*"Retreat! Hell, the Federal  
Army has broken to pieces!  
General Longstreet on  
receiving orders to withdraw  
from Centerville*

# Confederate Unit Flag Raised

Feb 22, 2003

Confederate unit flag raised at black  
soldier's gravesite  
By JUSTIN BAILEY  
Morning News

First Sgt. Bob Harrison of the 37th Texas, left, raises the flag with the help of 1st Lt. Cmdr. Ken Howle of the Pee Dee Rifles Color Guard in honor of Henry "Dad" Brown, grave-stone on the right, at Dad Brown Cemetery Friday.  
(Alison Sidlo)

DARLINGTON --Despite drizzling rain and an overcast sky, celebratory spirits could not be dampened as Darlington officials and Civil War re-enactment soldiers gathered to honor Henry "Dad" Brown at his Darlington grave site Thursday.

Mayor Ronnie Ward, Darlington County Councilwoman Willamina Johnson and members of the 37th Texas Calvary re-enactment unit were in attendance to raise a 21st S.C. Voluntary Infantry unit flag at Brown's grave.

Brown was a free black man who voluntarily served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil War as a drummer in the 21st S.C. Voluntary Infantry unit. Brown went with the Darlington Guards to Charleston in 1861. When that outfit disbanded, he went to the front in Virginia where he served

in both the 8th and 21st Regiments.

His role as drummer was crucial to field operations of his unit when in battle. Through his drum roles and cadences, he would signal orders given by commanding officers to the troops in combat. Drummers were needed because the roar of the cannon and rifle fire and smoke from the battle would often drown out spoken orders and obscure vision on the battlefield.

"Dad Brown was a man of vision, honor and integrity," said 1st Sgt. Bob Harrison of the 37th Texas Calvary. "As Southerners, no matter if you're black or white or whatever, we can work together. That's the lesson Dad Brown shares with all of us today."

Johnson echoed a similar sentiment during the ceremony.

"When we look at the world, we must live as one," she said. "We have to live together. Dad Brown saw it like that and lived that way. Let us live and do what we can."

"You want to live your life so that there's something left for people to remember. One hundred years later (after his death), and we're still finding ways to remember him. He did what he had to do, and he did it his way."

John Touchbery of Hartsville attended the ceremony. Several of his

ancestors were Confederate soldiers.

"It's just people getting together to honor someone of a different race who served (in the Confederacy)," he said. "It hasn't anything to do with racism. I call it heritage. It's about patriotism and honoring a patriot."

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<http://morningnewsonline.com/MGBJZGSPHCD.html>



## February at a Glance

Read 'em and weep: Here's another month's helping of insults, innuendos, libel, slander, oppression and sledgehammer corporate attacks on who and what we are.

**January 27** -- The Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference announces it will soon be changing its name. Although Conference officials say no complaints against the name have been received, Ferrum College Athletic Director Ted Kinder says the word "Dixie" will be dropped as a means of showing "sensitivity to ethnic groups and just making sure that the name is not offensive to anyone."

**February 3** -- Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry tells a group of South Carolina Democrats the Confederate flag should be placed in a

museum. He adds that while he respects Confederate soldiers, he can't respect that they were fighting to destroy his county.

**February 4** -- Raleigh News & Observer columnist G. D. Gearino calls on students to refrain from wearing Confederate clothing as a matter of courtesy to blacks, in spite of the overturning of a ban on Confederate t-shirts in Johnston County schools. Gearino says the Confederate flag "has about the same level of social acceptance as the Nazi swastika."

**February 5** -- The Asheville, NC, independent weekly Mountain Xpress runs an article which purports to be an examination of internal conflict in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, but which

quickly turns into an in-depth rehashing of the splinter group Save the SCV's white supremacist allegations against Southern Legal Resource Center Chief Trial Counsel Kirk D. Lyons. In addition the article's writer, Tracy Rose, quotes SSCV leader Walter Hilderman as saying Gen. Steven D. Lee's Charge to the SCV "could be read as racist or neo-secessionist -- and that indeed some extremists in the organization may well let their racism hide behind their fondness for 'heritage.' "

**February 7** -- The Town Council of Exmouth, England, scuttles plans for a ceremony to honor Gen. Collett Leventhorpe, an English General who fought in the Confederate army, because the observance might be seen to have "racist undertones."

# February at a Glance continued

**February 10** -- The Rhino Times of Greensboro reports that the current edition of that city's "Heritage Guide", produced by the Greensboro Convention and Visitors' Bureau, lists events and observances and historical references for every conceivable ethnicity except Europeans. Asked why the guide contains virtually no reference to the pivotal role the city played in the American Revolution, or to the fact that the city itself is named for an American Revolutionary general, CVB Marketing Director Gail Murphy says, "We tried to cover the heritage of many different groups but we couldn't be all-inclusive."

**February 12** -- In an official directive (section 13.02 of its Advertising Standards) BellSouth states "Cuts of ALL Confederate flags are PROHIBITED from appearing in Yellow Pages advertising." (Capitals are BellSouth's own.)

**February 12** -- CNCNews reports that a new African-American history "initiative" may be incorporated into America's public schools as early as September, 2003. An "elite group" of 24 African-American scholars from across the country are finalizing lesson plans focusing on events such as the "Black Holocaust" and slavery reparations, which are "typically not addressed by kids' textbooks." The project ultimately receives its funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**February 13** -- Ashley Walls, a student at East-Highland Middle School in Sylacauga, Alabama, is told to remove a small necklace on which is an even smaller Confederate flag, as well as a belt buckle of a similar design. She is also told to remove a Dixie Outfitters t-shirt from her locker. Principal Nathan Brown says the school forbids all "rebel" insignia as well as all clothing or objects containing references to "Dixie."

**February 21** -- Private sources reveal that Edmond, OK, State Representative Wayne Pettigrew has pushed through committee a bill that would remove the 14-flag historical flags display from the Oklahoma State Capitol building and place it in the new State Historical Society Building. Pettigrew's actions follow comments made in January

by his colleague, Rep. Kevin Cox (see last month's list). Cox objected to the presence of the Cherokee Braves Confederate flag and called members of the Five Civilized Tribes who fought for the Confederacy "traitors and terrorists."

**February 21** -- The long-awaited film "Gods and Generals" opens nationwide and immediately is savagely panned by mainstream movie critics. While some decry the movie's nearly four-hour running time, most pundits depart from ordinary criticism and lambaste director Ron Maxwell for making picture that is in any way pro-Southern. Typical is a review by Bob Grimm of the Las Vegas Mercury, who says, "... the film is horribly sympathetic to the Confederacy" and calls it "a four-hour travesty." By contrast, most conservative media outlets and reviewers call the picture excellent and praise its historical accuracy.

**February 21** -- A North Carolina Superior Court Judge issues a temporary injunction against the suspension of the charter of the Stokes County SCV camp, thereby setting the precedent that state government may interfere at will in the internal affairs of a private organization.

**February 25** -- Black Georgia State Rep. Alisha Thomas walks out of an SCV meeting at which she was invited to speak, saying that she was "offended" by critical remarks made about the NAACP. The 24-year-old Ms. Thomas' dramatic departure occurs after she arrives at the meeting late, accompanied by a phalanx of Georgia Bureau of Investigation agents, and spends several minutes criticizing the "old" Georgia flag and those who support it. She then bristles when the SCV Camp Commander counters with a remark that the NAACP has been using the flag issue as its "bogyman" to blame for racial issues. Ms. Thomas' exit is followed by an interview with a local TV station, whom she apparently called earlier in anticipation of being offended.

**February 27** -- Following Ms. Thomas' carefully choreographed walkout, Georgia Rep. John Noel, D-Atlanta, dramatically announces to the assembled House that he is "resigning" his membership in the

SCV, saying that the Georgia SCV "does not share my thinking on race and the Rebel flag" and calling the flag "divisive." The effectiveness of his gesture is somewhat undercut when SCV Chief of Heritage Defense Allen Sullivant reveals that he was himself Commander of the SCV camp Noel "joined" in Tennessee, that Noel was never a full SCV member and had not paid his dues as a non-voting associate member in several years. "It seems obvious that [Noel] traded on his association with us in his bid for the [Georgia] house seat, and was elected. Now he chooses to repudiate our organization when he sees there is political capital to be made by doing so," Sullivant says in a press release.

So there you have it; the latest incomplete roundup of the activities of the Forces of Darkness. The other day an acquaintance of mine, transplanted from Michigan, said, "I've lived here for seven years. I eat grits. I like football. I own guns. I'm against big government. Why do I still not get treated like a Southerner?"

"You ain't suffered long enough yet," I told him.

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Your comments and questions are encouraged.

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## May I Quote You General Longstreet?

*James Longstreet was a soldier who faithfully served and a leader who bravely led, and he quickly earned a reputation as one of the hardest fighters in the Army of Northern Virginia. Always calm, even in the midst of battle, it would be said that he was like a rock in his steadiness. His clear head and brave heart inspired his men to unparalleled deeds of valor. By his presence at the right place at the right moment among his men, by the exhibition of characteristic coolness, and by his words of encouragement to the men of his command, he infused a confidence and spirit that contributed largely to the success of our arms on that day.*

*General Pierre Gustave Beauregard on General Longstreet after Blackburn's Ford.*

*"If he is ever excited, he has a way of concealing it, and always appears as if he has the utmost confidence in his own ability to command and in that of troops to execute.*

*Major Thomas Goree describing Longstreet in a letter to his mother, December 1861*

*"If we had our Virginia army here, we would have whipped them in half the time."*

*He is a tower of strength and he returns at a good time. Captain Francis Dawson on Longstreet's return to service.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

**The March Monthly meeting will be at The Rose Center on March 22nd at 6:00**

**The April Monthly meeting will be at The Rose Center on April 26th at 6:00**

**The May Monthly meeting date to be announced because of Confederate Memorial Day**



## Upcoming Events

### March

22-23 Bridgeport, AL  
**Battle**

29 Forrest Boyhood Home  
**Living History**

### April

5-6 Blesk House  
(- Confederate Memorial Hall) -  
**Living History**

25-27 Cumberland Gap, TN  
**Battle - Living History**

### May

3-4 Blountville, AL  
**Battle**

17-18 Sacramento, KY  
**Battle**

### June

6 - Confederate Memorial Day

6-7 Jonesville, VA  
**Battle**

21-22 Georgetown, KY  
**Battle**

### July

1-6 Week of Bettysburg 140th

19-20 Weber City, VA  
**Battle**

### August

9-10 Pigeon Forge  
**Battle (Maybe)**

23-24 Saltville, VA  
**Battle**

30-31 Richmond, KY  
**Battle**

### September

6-7 Bar Bourville

### October

3-5 Tullahoma, TN  
**Battle**

18-19 Blue Springs, TN  
**Battle**

25-26 Rose Center  
**Living History**



### November

1-2 Atlanta  
**Fight**

8-9 Ft. Dickerson  
**Living History**

29-30 Bleak House Christmas  
**Living History**

