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**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, COLORADO DIVISION
CAMP 2104, CAMP 175, CAMP 2126, CAMP 1492, CAMP 676**

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A New Year An Historic Charge

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."



You're Invited! 12th annual Lee/Jackson dinner



**It's Robert E. Lee's & Thomas
Jackson's birthday!**

Date 01/26/2013

Time 11:00 am

**Place: Village Inn
207 W. Wolfensberger Rd
Castle Rock, CO 80109**



Buffet style dinner

**Special Presentation
"The Gold, The Grey & The
Blue," history of
Colorado's founding, gold
rush and "fifth column"
operation during the civil
war - 1540-1865.
by Author: Gary Goodson**

**Silent Auction
Yearly awards
Special grand door prize
Birthday cake**

**Cost is \$25.00 for adults/ \$15.00 kids under 12.
Please RSVP @ goodoldreb@comcast.net by 01/22/2013
Make check out to Sterling Price 676 & send to Bob Milner 8033
W. Spanish pk. Littleton, CO. 80127**



Yes! I want to celebrate my Southern Heritage at the 2013 Banquet
for Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson

Please reserve _____ (#) of adult tickets at \$25 each (total) _____

Please reserve _____ (#) of youth tickets at \$15 each (total) _____

Amount Enclose _____ (total) _____

Name _____ Contact telephone _____



**Sterling Price Camp 676
C/O Bob Milner
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Littleton, CO 80127**

Heritage Defense



So, how does “heritage defense” play out in Colorado?

Are we looking at compatriots to see if they “improperly” use Confederate symbols on their letters? Are we making sure reenactor uniforms are historically accurate?

Nope!

It’s about compatriots in Colorado, keeping an eye out for things which denigrate our ancestors, and which use a false narrative to demean our ancestors.

And it’s not hard to do.

In mid-December, a compatriot noticed an article in the Cortez Journal, from way down in the little town of Dolores:

Confederate flag banned at Dolores schools

By Shannon Livick, Dolores Star Editor

The Confederate flag was banned at the Dolores schools this week, following an incident that school officials are calling a hate crime. Dolores School District Superintendent Scott Cooper said the incident happened on Nov. 30 and was considered a “psychological hate crime.” No one was physically hurt in the incident which involved a high school student allegedly targeting a high school teacher with a hateful display left in the classroom. Because of the nature of the incident, Cooper could not say much more about it. But because of the alleged hate crime, Cooper sent out a school-wide memo last week to all staff banning the display of the Confederate flag and “any other symbols that represent and promote hate crimes” on school grounds.

The compatriot who read this felt some of his friends might like to see this ignorance on display. So he sent it to Scott Myers down in Colorado Springs.

Scott immediately saw the many levels this act took to denigrate and demean our heritage, and began to compose a response. After getting input from others who wanted to make sure this act by the Dolores School Board did not go unchallenged, Scott created the following:

December 23, 2012

Superintendent Scott Cooper
Dolores School District Board of Education
100 North 6th Street -P.O. Box 727
Dolores, Colorado 81323

The Colorado Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) would like to respond to the banning of the Confederate Flag at Dolores Schools and the article “Confederate Flag Banned at Dolores Schools” by Shannon Livick that appeared in the Dolores Star on 17 December 2012. The ban is based on misconceptions and historical inaccuracies about the

Confederate Battle Flag and is an infringement on the 1st Amendment right of freedom of speech.

According to the article, a school-wide memo was sent out to all staff banning the display of the Confederate Flag and “any other symbols that represent and promote hate crimes” on school grounds. The Confederate Battle Flag does not represent or promote hate crimes. The Confederate Battle Flag was just that, a battle flag used to signal troops in battle, so that commanders could see where their troops and units were located on the battlefield. It was never a national flag nor did it represent racism as you claim. It was simply a battle flag, used in battle, nothing more and nothing less.

Unfortunately, several hate groups have co-opted the Confederate Battle Flag for disgraceful and unseemly purposes. The SCV abhors these actions as well as these organizations. The SCV neither embraces, nor espouses acts or ideologies of racial and religious bigotry, and further, condemns the misuse of its symbols and flags in the conduct of same. It is a strictly patriotic, historical, educational, fraternal, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian organization, as stated in the SCV Constitution.

You also state that the Battle Flag is “just too close to a history of racism.” Two of the biggest misconceptions regarding the Confederate Flag are that it was the flag of racism as well as the flag of discrimination and segregation. Let us examine these myths:

Myth Number 1: The Confederate Flag is the “flag of slavery”.

Reality: It was the United States Flag that flew over a slave nation for over 85 years, not the Confederate Battle Flag. It was the United States Flag that was flown on all northern slave trading ships, not a Confederate Battle Flag. None of the flags of the Confederacy ever flew over a single slave ship. Nor did the South own or operate any slave ships. The North tolerated slavery and acknowledged it as a Division of Labor. It made countless fortunes on the delivery of slaves as well as the products made from raw materials such as cotton and tobacco in the South. The United States flag was the flag of the African slave trader, and the country it represented went to great efforts to protect both slave property and the slave trade.

Myth Number 2: The Confederate Flag is the “flag of discrimination and segregation”.

Reality: America has a long history of laws that discriminate against non-whites. Racial hatred and notions of black inferiority permeated the white North which dreaded a migration of blacks both during and after the war. Even though the North had tiny black populations accounting for one to two percent of the total, blacks were not allowed to vote and were relegated overwhelmingly to poverty, separate communities, condescension, and overt discrimination. During and after the War for Southern Independence, all Northern and Western States and Territories passed extremely harsh Black Exclusionary Laws/Black Codes in order to keep free blacks confined to the South. As a result, 90% of all blacks lived in the South until the eve of World War I.

It was in 1898 that the United States Supreme Court formally sanctioned segregation and made discrimination the law of the land. In its landmark decision, *Plessey v. Ferguson*, the Federal, not the Confederate Supreme Court, approved the doctrine of separate but equal (i.e. segregation) in the United States. Thus it was the Federal Government of the United States that formally established the policy of segregation in America.

The article in the *Dolores Star* states that the origin of the American Civil War was “over slavery”. In reality, The War for Southern Independence, 1861-1865, was the culmination of many complex causes and factors. Slavery was not a direct or proximate cause of the war; rather, it was intertwined with these other complex issues and factors that led to the war:

- Centralized Federal Power versus States Rights
- Regional economic, political and social differences between the Agricultural South and the Industrialized North
- Sectional tariffs on imported goods implemented on Southern States by the Federal Government
- It was a war about political power and economic dominance
- Control of Western Territories and Congress
- The election of Abraham Lincoln as president in 1860
- Armed invasion of Southern States by the Federal Government

A letter posted on the school district’s website by Dolores High School Principal Brandon Thurston indefensibly includes the Confederate Battle Flag along with the Black Power Fist, the Iron Cross, and the Swastika as symbols of hate. This is simply inaccurate, unfair and disgraces the honorable men who fought so bravely and valiantly for the Confederate States of America in the face of overwhelming odds.

Finally, you state in the memo that “there isn’t a direct connection between the hate crime itself and the Confederate flag”. So why would you take the steps you have taken to ban the Confederate Flag?

The following represents the law as it is now stands:

In order to ban any symbolic speech, such as the Confederate flag, school administrators must be prepared to admit, and prove, that they would be unable to maintain order in the school if the Confederate flag were allowed in the school. The U.S. Supreme Court explained:

"It would be obvious that the regulation would violate the constitutional rights of students, at least if it could not be justified by a showing that the students' activities would materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school." -- *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*, 393 U.S. 503, 513 (1969).

Note that the school bears the burden of proving that the specific symbol in question, if allowed in the school, would materially and substantially interfere with the operation of the

school. This is probably impossible where the flag has already been present in the school and has not caused chaos or mass disorder. The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals interpreted *Tinker* as follows:

"If the students' claims ... that there were no prior disruptive altercations as a result of Confederate flags are found credible, the Court below would be required to strike down the students' suspension as a violation of their rights of free speech as set forth in *Tinker*." -- *Castorina v. Madison County Sch Bd.*, 246 F3d. 536 (2001) (emphasis added).

As the Supreme Court explained, "a mere desire to avoid the discomfort and unpleasantness that always accompany an unpopular viewpoint" does not give school officials the right to deny students their right to self-expression. (*Tinker*, 393 U.S. at 509).

Since you yourself state that there was no direct connection between the hate crime and the Confederate flag, you have clearly not met the burden required to ban the flag.

We urge you to end the ban of the Confederate Flag in your school district as it is based on misconceptions regarding the flag, its true history and The American “Civil War”. We believe that this is a violation of the 1st Amendment right of free speech.

From the SCV web site:

<http://www.scv.org/heritageReporting.php>



Sons of Confederate Veterans
General Headquarters

How to Report a Heritage Violation

Any attack upon our Confederate Heritage, or the flags, monuments, and symbols which represent it, can be termed a Heritage Violation. If you become aware of a heritage violation, what do you do? How is the best way to respond?

It is most important that you act promptly. The more time which passes between a heritage violation and any SCV response, the less likely we are to be successful in correcting the situation. Report the heritage violation just as soon as you can.

Whom do you report it to? Your first contact should be your Camp Commander or Heritage Officer. They should in turn report the heritage violation to the Heritage Chairman in your Brigade. The Brigade Heritage Chairman should then contact his Brigade Commander and the Division Heritage Chairman. Heritage violation responses are best handled at the local level, in cooperation with Brigade and Division level officers. A plan of action to deal with the heritage violation should be developed by these Brigade and Division officers, acting in concert with the local camp and member (or other person) that initially reported the violation.

The Division Heritage Chairman should report the violation to the Division Commander, and the SCV's Chief of Heritage Defense. The Chief of Heritage Defense can call upon the national organization to respond to the violation, if such action is required. The Chief of Heritage Defense is assisted by a members of a Heritage Defense Committee, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

For the Chief of Heritage Defense to have a heritage situation officially deemed as a violation by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, he must have consent from the Commander-in-Chief and such other members of the General Executive Council as the Commander-in-Chief may designate, as well as a consensus of the Heritage Defense Committee.

When appropriate, the Chief of Heritage Defense will include details of the heritage violation in his report, which is published in each issue of *Confederate Veteran*. Pre-addressed Heritage Alert cards may also be included in the *Confederate Veteran* to facilitate direct contact with the offending party by the membership at large.

Any disrespect shown to our Confederate Heritage should be considered as serious. SCV members are reminded, however, to remain calm and to respond in a manner befitting the dignity of the heritage we seek to preserve. These persons or groups who cause a heritage violation often do so in a manner deliberately intended to provoke us into intemperate response. Do not play into their hands by over-reacting. We should always handle ourselves as the responsible Southern gentlemen that we are.

Again, heritage violations are best handled on the local level. However, be assured that the SCV on a national level will respond promptly, aggressively, and effectively when the situation requires it.



Hi y'all,

Greetings from your long-lost Adjutant. First let me apologize for being so silent over the past couple months. A combination of work, and the holidays have served to beat me down real hard. I've had little time for anything and when I have I am so physically and mentally tired that I've been unable to concentrate on much at all. But, that was then and this is now. The holidays are over and I hope everyone had a great Christmas and of course if you're reading this the world did not come to an end on the 21st like the Mayans said. It was probably a good thing that I didn't max out my credit cards and tell my boss what I really think of him. Okay on to business.

2013 is going to be a busy year for us. The first event will be our camp meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 7 p.m. at the Breckenridge brewery. This will be our last meeting before Lee Jackson and will be our last chance to finalize the offense for the coming months.

Next on the 26th of January is our annual Lee/Jackson banquet which this year will be held At the Village inn In Castle Rock starting at 11 a.m. and running till about 3 p.m. I have included the annual flyer for this event. I hope y'all will make a special effort to attend. We have a special program planned for this year's event that goes hand in hand with our Colorado Confederate gold project. Also the yearly awards will be handed out including the Knight of the Confederacy award. Please make your RSVP's as early as you can.

Following that on the 16th of February will be our participation at the Colorado State muzzleloading Association winter convention. We will have a booth in the trade room and volunteers will be needed to man the table both Saturday and Sunday. More information on this event will be coming shortly.

In the coming months will be our annual gun show and our adopt a highway trash pickup.

Again I have included an informational flyer for Lee/Jackson. Please feel free to distribute this flyer to anyone or any organization that you think might be interested in coming to our event.

Again I want to thank y'all for your patience with me and I am looking forward to a better 2013.

Your obedient servant,

Bob



10/9/12 Meeting Minutes

Old Business

1. Lee-Jackson Banquet 2013: To be held on 26 January Looking at Village Inn in Castle Rock for location.
2. Oakwood Cemetery donations from CO Division. Took up a collection and Adjutant Greg Gentry will send in a check from the Camp to the Oakwood Restoration Project
3. Meeting Program: The Battle of Glorieta Pass: Scott Myers

New Business

1. Induct new SCV member Ray Honaker: Adjutant to send membership certificate to Compatriot Honaker.
2. Review transfer of Compatriot Wayne Snodgrass. Wayne is transferring from Camp 2126 in Grand Junction. Compatriot is in good standing. Transfer approved.
3. Review transfer of Compatriot Ric Parrent. Ric is transferring from Camp 1313 in Garland Texas and lives in Westcliffe, Colorado. Compatriot is in good standing. Transfer approved
4. FOSCV application for Aaron Savage: Aaron was unable to attend meeting.
5. Review new membership application for Steve Weaver. Camp Membership approved.
6. Review new membership application for Don Creamer. Camp Membership approved.
7. Review new membership application for Dave Sharp. Need completed application with signature.
8. Compatriot Robert Dobbins is now a Life Member of the SCV. Congratulations to Robert!
9. Knights of the Confederacy Nominations for 2012. Received one nomination and forwarded it to K of C members for review.
10. Discuss issue of incorrectly marked Confederate Veteran Graves. VA will replace these markers with proper documentation. Three are in process.
11. Graves update: two flag holders set at Swallows Cemetery in Pueblo (John Brooks, 16 MO Inf, Thomas J. Colvard, 2 NC Cav) and one was set at Cotopaxi Cemetery (Joel Basham, Quantrill's Partisan Rangers, MO)

Great News!

In 2013, Camp 676 is going to a monthly meeting schedule! On even months, we will see to the business of our Camp, and plan for future events.

On odd-numbered months we'll gather for social time with a featured presentation on Southern Heritage.



Implementation:

How we're going to actually implement the Vision 2016 plan. We're all going to be reading a great deal about the Vision project during the next year and beyond. This message is certainly available to all, but it is addressed to the management team that's been tasked with the responsibility for running the show. Please read it, think about what's in it, and talk about what it says, among yourselves, and with your Camps and Divisions.

Assumptions:

- An organization is the sum of its parts. There is no way to work on one part without affecting other parts and there is no way to make significant change at the top without first involving every component. Everything is inter-related.
- Every organization has "inputs" and "outputs". Any group that lacks one or both of these will fail in short order. Identifying its actual (not "assumed" or "hoped for"-actual) inputs and outputs is the most important function of group leadership.
- The most effective organizations seek positive inputs from every level within itself and transform these into outputs that promote the health and strength of the organization within its environment.

Using the assumptions:

It should be obvious at this point, that actually using the assumptions is the challenge. To improve our organization to the point where it matches our vision, "an organization of southern men, 50,000 strong by the time of our 2016 reunion, that knows itself to be, and is widely seen by others as the pre-eminent authority on Southern heritage and American liberty", we have to

- (1) identify a vision (we've done that),
- (2) get input from the membership on how to accomplish it, and

(3) use that knowledge to produce "outputs" that will accomplish what we want the organization to do. We've done # 1 and we're ready to do # 3.

The hard part is # 2. Simply, it is enormously difficult to get the input we need. Every organization has that difficulty.

We have to make sure that inputs are generated at every opportunity. The technique we'll use is called "brainstorming and straw polling". It works like this:

- Every time you can get a group together (Camp meeting, Brigade or Division meeting, officer training session, whatever), or anytime a Camp, Brigade or Division in your area gets together, have someone "brainstorm" one or two of the six components in terms of "what works".
- Report the results "up the chain" and we'll record them at national level. As we identify ideas that work, we'll put them out wherever they will do the most good.
- At the Reunion in Vicksburg, we'll report to the general membership on what we've done and we'll use the above system to get yet more input.

This is our job, starting now and running through the Reunion, at least. Get the inputs, from the lowest level and on the broadest possible basis. The GEC, with our advice, will start turning them into outputs. What "outputs" may we see? The sky's the limit! A world-class national museum?

It's already in the works. A Million Member March, somewhere? Why not? First, we'll need a million members, but why not? A feature-length movie? A television series? Heck, a television network! Remember: we must get inputs from the members and convert the information contained in them into outputs into the environment. It's what we've always done, but our job now is to organize it and do it all as part of one integrated system. It can be done. It has been done, just not by us.



As a reminder that we are still in the five-year recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States, and 2013 marks the 150th year since the conflict at Gettysburg.

One of the organizations established to enrich this recognition has already planned many events. Here is a sample of their calendar for the battlefields on June 30, 2013:

Events on 6/30/2013

Living History Weekends on the Battlefield
Gettysburg National Military Park [more ...](#)

A Sacred Trust - Gettysburg Perspectives Lecture Series and Book Signing

Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center - Gettysburg Foundation & National Park Service
[more ...](#)

"Gettysburg: A New Birth of Freedom" Commemorative Ceremony

Gettysburg National Military Park [more ...](#)

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Hanover
[more ...](#)

Corbit's Charge-Union Mills 1863, Living History Encampment

The Union Mills Homestead [more ...](#)

Guided Double Decker Tours

Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tours [more ...](#)

Prelude to Gettysburg: The Cashtown Road 150th Anniversary of Lee's Approach to Gettysburg

[more ...](#)

War Meets Compassion, The Confederate Field Hospital

[more ...](#)

Expanded Slaves, Soldiers, Citizens: African American Artifacts of the Civil War Era Exhibit

Gettysburg College Conference Department [more ...](#)

Turn your web browser to

<http://www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com/> and discover all of the events planned for the coming year at Gettysburg.

Marching Orders

Calendar of events and meetings of interest to Compatriots in the Colorado Division

Jan 1, 1863	Galveston, TX captured by CSA
Jan 1, 1863	Emancipation Proclamation made effective but unenforceable
Jan 8, 2013	Camp 676 Planning meeting, Breckenridge Brewery, Denver 7:00 pm
Jan 8, 2013	Camp 175 Meeting, Colo Mtn Brewery, 21st & US 24 6:00 pm
Jan 10, 1863	US Steamer Hatteras sunk by CSS Alabama
Jan 13, 1863	In England Thomas Crapper invented the flushing toilet
Jan 26, 1863	Gen Burnside relieved of command of Army of Potomac by Gen Hooker
Jan 26, 2013	Lee-Jackson Banquet of Colorado Division SCV 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Feb 3, 1863	Ft Donelson, TN attacked by CSA
Feb 12, 2013	Camp 676 Social and Educational meeting, Breckenridge Brewery, Denver
Feb 12, 2013	Camp 175 Meeting, Colo Mtn Brewery, 21st & US 24 6:00 pm
Feb 16-17, 2013	Colorado State Muzzleloader Convention, SCV Education booth, Holiday Inn, Denver East (Stapleton)
Feb 24, 1863	Arizona recognized as its own territory
Mar 1, 1863	Battle of Chancellorsville
Mar 3, 1863	Lincoln signs Draft Act, sparking riots in New York
Mar 4, 1863	Idaho becomes a territory
Mar 9, 1863	U.S. Grant named Commander in Chief of Union forces
Mar 12, 2013	Camp 676 Planning meeting, Breckenridge Brewery, Denver 7:00 pm
Mar 12, 2013	Camp 175 Meeting, Colo Mtn Brewery, 21st & US 24 6:00 pm
Mar 25, 1863	Nathan Bedford Forrest wins Battle of Brentwood, TN
Apr 3, 1863	US Supreme Court said Lincoln could not try US citizens in Union states with military tribunals



Tentative Schedule of 2013 General SCV Reunion

Thursday- July 18, 2013 Registration Opens

Vendors Open Forrest Cavalry Breakfast Opening Ceremony Business Session

Heritage Luncheon Vicksburg NMP Tour

"Gold in the Hills" - Melodrama Play

Friday – July 19, 2013 Registration Opens

Chaplain's Breakfast

Business Session II

Ladies Morning Tour (Martha Vick House and Ladies Program at the Old Courthouse Museum limited to 112 participants)

Awards Luncheon Memorial Service

MS Shiloh Monument Fish Fry Oratory Contest and Social

Saturday – July 20, 2013 Registration Opens

Vendors Open/Close Army Meetings

AOT AOTM ANV

Business Session III

Post-GEC Meeting

Commander's Reception Grand Banquet / Debutante Presentation

This year's SCV reunion is being held in Vicksburg, Mississippi (1,186 miles from Denver or as low as \$225 on Southwest Airlines to nearby Jackson, MS).

The reunion is Sponsored by the Lt. General John C. Pemberton Camp # 1354 - Vicksburg, MS.

You can find out all the information about lodging, events, tours, and more by going to <http://2013scvreunion.homestead.com/>