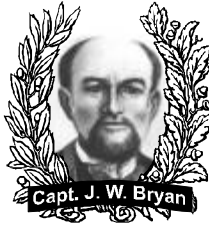


# THE CALCASIEU GREYS



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## October 2003

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Library, 411 Pujot St. in Lake Charles. The program will be a round-table discussion on the Siege of Port Hudson in 1863. We'll have maps and handouts on this most important of Louisiana battles. Following the meeting, for those who want to, we'll have a social at Archie's Cafe at the corner of Bilbo and Broad, which is only a block away from the Library.

### Commander's Comments

Compatriots:

As descendents of Confederate veterans who have enlisted in the SCV in order to support its stated purpose as per the charge given to us by General Stephen Dill Lee, it is evermore incumbent upon us to put on the whole armor of heritage defense. A panoply of weapons in this polemic struggle are ever available through periodicals, some of which are available at newsstands or by paid subscription.

I highly recommend Southern Partisan magazine (currently available at Books-A-Million in Lake Charles). Not only is the writing powerful persuasive, meticulously researched and well reasoned, but it supports people who are like-minded reach a wider reading audience. As sons (and daughters, too) of the South, we need to be mindful of those who support us, and whom we should support. I also read it for some entertainment; the editorialists have a very satirical wit. There are always humorous anecdotes, too! Consider giving up that subscription to Time or Newsweek, if necessary, to get the history, information, and perspective that can and will be of use in defense of our heritage. Remember, it is not a matter of IF, but only a matter of WHEN, that you will be in a situation to defend with words what our ancestors defended with bullets.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of being well informed on our history from a Southern

perspective. We've all been force fed the Northern view (or, perhaps I should say the other losers, for we all lost!) during our time in the government schools and even while watching certain so-called documentaries that support the Yankee version of truth, justice, and the consolidated way (Had Lincoln lived he could have written a post-bellum account of the war entitled, "It Takes a Bayonet to Raze a Nation").

Finally, to paraphrase Richard M. Weaver (1910-63)"when we do get that opportunity to express the Southern point of view, we must express it unapologetically for it carry any conviction. When you are impressed with the positive value of anything, you do not fall back on defensive postures, for that is to accept defeat in advance."

May we all read, read, and read, so that we may defend our heritage, debate our foes, and ultimately defeat our antagonists in the heritage battles to come and in which are all necessarily defenders.

Tommy Curtis,  
Commander

### Port Hudson Prints Available on Payment Plan



Thanks to the generosity of Dr. John K. Griffith Jr., Captain Bryan camp have available signed, numbered limited edition art prints of the March 14, 1863 Battle of Port Hudson by the late Virginia artist Joe Umble. This

is a very limited edition print by a deceased artist, which means it is a most desirable art collectible. It sales for \$125 or, if you prefer, you can buy one on a 10 month payment plan of \$12.50 per month. We' ll have the prints at the October meeting and you can also see it on our Web site, [www.geocities.com/scv1390](http://www.geocities.com/scv1390).

## Letter to the Editor

Lt. governor ignored preservation efforts

This past spring the Baton Rouge Advocate reported in detail efforts to rescue from a private part of the original Port Hudson Battlefield a historic monument erected in 1930 by the United Daughters of Confederacy honoring the Confederate soldiers who defended Port Hudson in its battle and later 48-day siege in 1863. I attended this 1930 dedication with my parents and recall a very well attended and enthusiastic celebration of our history.

It was expected the monument would be relocated to the Port Hudson State Historic Battlefield site. This is the perfect place for it, both for heritage preservation and as a tourist attraction. After all, the primary responsibility of our Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco is promoting tourism.

My request to Blanco in a certified letter of March 2003 asked why her reason and the legal support of her department's refusal to accept the logical relocation of this monument. Without the courtesy of her reply, this question remains unanswered.

Further investigation of her department's non action in support of our state's heritage in the Mansfield Battlefield preservation, the Camp Moore Confederate Museum and Cemetery and saving the Confederate Memorial Hall near the D-Day Museum in New Orleans raise questions of her lack of aggressive support of our valuable heritage and tourist attractions, particularly in the anniversary year of the Louisiana Purchase.

Evaluations of Blanco's career and creative accomplishments as lieutenant governor are essentially negative. Does this recommend her for elevation as governor of our great state of Louisiana?

We think not!

JOHN K. GRIFFITH JR.

Lake Charles

## SCV News Email List Up and Running

The SCVNews E-Mail list is a newly operational email list server specifically designed to serve as an official message delivery system for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The list server is a "one-way" post for the purpose of sending out information of importance to the

membership of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. You can NOT reply to messages.

All messages posted to this list (which has some 3,000 SCV members on it) have been cleared by Commander-in-Chief Ron Wilson. Only a few of his staff are authorized to post on this secure list. Chief Webmaster John Adams is in charge of [scvnews@confederacy.net](mailto:scvnews@confederacy.net).

So that your valuable time will NOT be wasted, posts to this list will be limited to important, "mission-critical" messages, of special interest to SCV members.

You should not expect to receive more than 5 messages a week.

This list has been assembled with the goal of increasing communications within the SCV, with special emphasis on reaching rank and file members in addition to officers. You can assist the spread of information by encouraging your fellow members to provide their email addresses to SCV Headquarters.

A convenient form for this is at:

<http://www.scv.org/services/scvlists.asp>

Ron Casteel

Chief of Staff

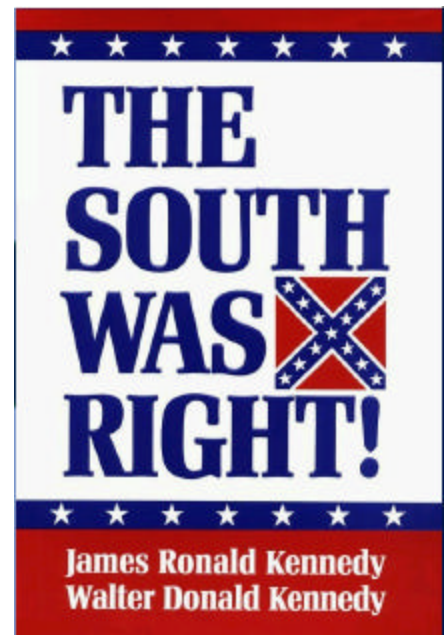
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## Kennedy Says 'The South Was Right' and Still Is

By Mike Jones

Historical author Walter D. Kennedy of Ruston discussed various "hot-button" issues involving the War Between the States, including secession, slavery and states rights Tuesday at a joint meeting of Lake Charles, DeRidder and Leesville Sons of Confederate Veterans camps.

Kennedy, the author or co-author, with his twin brother James R. Kennedy, of such works as "The South Was Right," "Was Jefferson Davis Right?," "Why Not Freedom" and "Myths of American Slavery," all published by Pelican Publishing of



Gretna, La., spoke to a standing-room-only gathering at the War Memorial Civic Center.

Attending were members of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390, Lake Charles, Major Jesse M. Cooper Camp 1665, DeRidder, and Anacoco Rangers Camp 1995, Leesville, as well as members of the general public. Order of the Confederate Rose provided refreshments.

He said it is unfair to accuse the southern states that seceded in 1861 of being traitors, because secession had long been viewed as a fundamental right of the sovereign states in both north and south.

Kennedy said, in fact, the south was fighting to preserve the right of self-government as outlined in the founding documents, such as the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

He pointed out a textbook used at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., written by a constitutional scholar from Pennsylvania who was also an abolitionist, included a chapter on how a state could peacefully, legally and constitutionally withdraw from the Union.

The author said by defending the founding American principle of self-government, "the south was right, and still is."

Kennedy also said it was unfair to put all the blame for slavery on the South. He pointed out that 99 percent of the U.S. ships engaged in the slave trade were from northern states such as New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He said it was the U.S. flag flying over those slave ships, and that no version of the Confederate flag ever flew over any slave ships. The Confederate Constitution outlawed the slave trade.

He also said that the northern states abolished slavery before the war because the institution was no longer economical, and it was cheaper to use European immigrant labor. Kennedy said many northern slave owners sold their slaves in the south, rather than set them free.

For more information about the books go to the Web site, [www.kennedytwins.com](http://www.kennedytwins.com).

## **Camp Moore Annual Reenactment and Living History**

This year, as with all years, the event is held the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 22nd and 23rd, 2003. Amenities provided for reenactors include hay, firewood, water, restrooms and a Sat. evening meal.

There will be sutlers and vendors on site as well. Camping is campaign to Winter Quarters. First person impressions appreciated. There will be a flagpole service in the Cemetery. A schedule will be posted on this site as soon as it is completed. The public is welcome to attend for a nominal entry fee. There will be

skirmishes on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For further information, or to register, contact or reenactment coordinator: Wayne Cosby.

For visitors, the schedule is as follows for both days:

9:00 Gates Open  
10:00 Museum Opens  
1:00 Ceremony  
2:00 Battle (1:00 PM on Sunday)  
4:00 Museum Closes

Admission prices are \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and children under 6, free. We will have food vendors and sutlers on site.

## **"Ride for the Hunley!"**



Painting by Conrad Wise Chapman, circa 1865. Courtesy of the Museum of the Confederacy.

Three years ago a rally was held at the Statehouse in Columbia, South Carolina as part of the then ongoing fight over the battleflag on the capitol dome. The call went out for all who could to attend a rally to be held in Columbia, South Carolina and the Louisiana Division responded – and "Confederate Freedom Ride 2000" was born - where many answered the call to stand up for our Confederate Heritage by traveling to Columbia, South Carolina for the rally held there.

Today we have another opportunity to stand up for our Heritage. This time we have the chance to honor the crew of the H.L.Hunley - who on February 17, 1864 became the first submarine crew in history to sink an enemy warship - and lost their lives in their efforts to defend the Confederacy.

The Hunley was lost for many years but in August 2000 she was raised from the bed of the Atlantic Ocean and has been undergoing study and conservation since. Now the crew will be laid to rest with full military honors - on April 17, 2004 - in Charleston, South Carolina.

In an effort to permit as many as possible to attend this once in a lifetime event, buses have been organized and arrangements made to attend the funeral.

The basics are as follows:

The cost of round-trip bus transportation, the ticket to see the Hunley and the tour to Ft. Sumter is only 120.00 dollars.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at 67.00 dollars a night - for a room with two double beds or a king bed. Hotel details including the 800 number to call the hotel will be distributed later so those participating in the "Ride for the Hunley" can make their own reservations in the reserved block of rooms. **THE COST OF THE HOTEL ROOMS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE \$120 DOLLAR PRICE.**

Commander Charles Lauret of the Gen. Mouton Camp in Opelousas has organized the South Louisiana bus, which will depart from Lafayette on the evening of April 15. The cost for the Lafayette bus is \$120 dollars and it is scheduled to visit the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, where the Hunley is on display, and after leaving the Conservation Center we will proceed to the boat dock for a tour of Ft. Sumter.

Following the Sumter Tour the bus will proceed to a hotel, where a block of rooms have been reserved. The next morning - Saturday the 17th - the bus will proceed to the opening of the funeral ceremony and those aboard can attend the opening ceremony and march in the 4.5 mile funeral procession thru the streets of Charleston to Magnolia Cemetery where the crew will be laid to rest with full military honors - next to the first two crews of the Hunley. The Lafayette bus will leave Charleston on Saturday afternoon and return to Lafayette on Sunday morning - the 18th of April.

Commander Lauret will answer inquires concerning the Lafayette bus beginning on July 8 when he returns from vacation. However you should act as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the Lafayette bus, as they will go fast. You can contact Commander Lauret at patriot1861@yahoo.com or 337-826-1622 (Home). Checks for the Lafayette bus should be made payable to Hunley-SCV in the amount of \$120 and can be mailed to him at P.O. Box 721, Washington, LA 70589-0721. Please note a phone number and an email address on your check. **RESERVATIONS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED - SO SEND IN YOUR CHECK NOW. NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE WITHOUT PAYMENT.**

We have an unprecedented and a once in a lifetime opportunity to honor the crew of H.L.Hunley - brave Confederate patriots that gave their lives in defense of our homeland. We cannot let this chance past to pay our respects to them and to give them the honor they so richly deserve.

Join the "RIDE FOR THE HUNLEY!" and help make history! The time to act is NOW - history waits for no one and this opportunity will not come again!

## **Report on Confederate Issues Candidate Questionnaire**

As a service to our members, Lt. Isaac Ryan Chapter 205, MOSB, sent a questionnaire asking candidates for governor and lieutenant governor of Louisiana how they stood on issues of interest to Confederate heritage. It was also pointed out that we are strictly a nonpartisan, nonpolitical organization and do not make endorsements. It was also pointed out that an estimated 1,000,000 Louisianans are of Confederate Heritage.

The questionnaire for governor asked the following questions:

1. Gov. Mike Foster has for the past seven year's proclaimed April as Confederate History Month. If elected, will you continue this tradition?

2. An abandoned historic monument dedicated in 1930 to honor the Louisiana Confederate soldiers who defended Port Hudson in 1863, was recently rescued from a private part of the original battlefield. If elected governor (or lieutenant governor on the lieutenant governor questionnaire), will you approve having this monument permanently preserved at Port Hudson State Historic Site?

3. Do you support efforts to preserve Louisiana battlefields at Mansfield and Port Hudson, both of which have been on the 10 most endangered battlefields list of the Congressionally chartered Civil War Preservation Trust?

4. If elected, will you support legislation that would give protection to our state's historic war memorials and veterans monuments, inclusive of all our wars and all of our veterans?

This questionnaire was sent to candidates Kathleen Blanco, Randy Ewing, Buddy Leach, Richard Ieyoub, Hunt Downer, Bobby Jindal, and Jay Blossman.

Downer and Blossman returned the questionnaire and answered yes to all questions.

The lieutenant governor questionnaire asked questions 2, 3, and 4. It also asked: As the state's chief tourism officer, if elected would you promote such historic sites as the Confederate Museum in New Orleans, Camp Moore Confederate Museum and Cemetery, Mansfield and Port Hudson as part of the overall tourism plan of the state?

This questionnaire was sent to Mitch Landrieu, Melinda Schwegman, Kirt Bennett, and Clyde Holloway.

Schwegman returned the questionnaire and answered yes to all questions.

Lt. Isaac Ryan Chapter 205 makes no endorsements, nor does it imply that failure to return the questionnaire necessarily mean that the candidate does or does not support the issues involved. It is intended only as information for our members, as well

as to inform the candidates that a lot of Louisianans have Confederate heritage.

Your obedient servant,  
Michael Dan Jones, Commander  
Lt. Isaac Ryan Chapter 205, MOSB

## **La. Div. Fall Assembly Scheduled**

The 2003 Fall Assembly of the Louisiana Division, SCV, will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 701 Fourth Street in downtown Alexandria.

You will recall this is where the Fall Assembly was held in 2001.

A block of rooms at the Holiday Inn is being held until October 31, 2003. The rate for single or double is \$64.00 plus tax per night or \$72.00 per night including tax. You must mention SCV to get this rate.

The registration fee, which must be paid by all members to enter the room where the Fall Assembly will be held, will be \$10.00 per person. This fee will not be collected in advance but will be collected on-site. Dinner will be 'dutch treat' through the hotel's buffet line or 'off campus' if you'd like to go elsewhere.

Further information as to agenda will be forthcoming.

Everyone is reminded of the provision of the La. Division Constitution, which prohibits transaction of any business at the Fall Assembly. The primary purpose of Fall Assembly is for us to become better camp and division officers, thru the exchange of information, workshops, etc.

In addition, the Louisiana Division Executive Council will meet on Friday evening, November 14, at the Holiday Inn at a time TBA.

Yr Svt,  
Robert W. Crook  
Chief of Staff  
Louisiana Division, SCV

## **Federal Appeals Court to Rehear Confederate Flag Case**

(For educational purposes only)

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A federal appeals court will rehear the case of a man fired from his job for displaying stickers with the Confederate flag on his toolbox.

Matthew Dixon was a refrigerator mechanic at the Coburg Dairy's North Charleston office and refused to remove two Confederate flag emblems from his toolbox after a black co-worker complained.

The dairy said the stickers violated company policy against workplace harassment.

In May, a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., upheld Coburg's

position. But last week, the full court agreed to rehear the case this December.

In its earlier 2-1 ruling, the court found "Dixon has a constitutionally protected right to fly the Confederate battle flag from his home, car or truck."

But, the majority ruled, "in the context of this case, Dixon's First Amendment right does not extend to bringing the Confederate flag inside his employer's privately owned workplace."

The court, as it never does, did not explain why it would rehear the case. But, according to court documents, at least one unidentified member of the full court polled the other judges asking them to hear the matter again, The (Charleston) Post and Courier reported Wednesday.

University of South Carolina constitutional law professor Richard Seamon said it is not unheard of for the full court to dismiss a ruling based on the effort of a judge who disagrees with a position.

"It's really that the judge considers the case to be very important in terms of presenting the legal issue and one that the full court needs to resolve because of its importance," he said.

Attorney Tom Kilpatrick, representing the dairy, doesn't expect the full court to change the ruling.

"I believe that the initial panel got it right the first time," he said.

But Dixon said he was happy for another hearing.

"Bottom line is I felt one man's heritage was being chosen over the other's," he said.

## **Vanderbilt Wins 'Confederate' Suit**



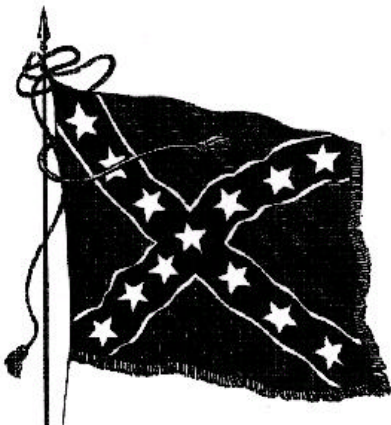
A judge ruled Sept. 30 in favor of Vanderbilt University in a lawsuit over the naming of a dormitory. The ruling, issued by Chancellor Irvin Kilcrease, will allow the University to remove the word "Confederate" from Confederate Memorial Hall if the university chooses.

The ruling stems from a legal battle that has been ongoing since last year, and was set to go to trial in December. The Tennessee Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy sued the University after

it announced that it would remove the word "Confederate" from the dormitory. The Daughters said Vanderbilt should have consulted it before making such a decision, because the organization contributed \$50,000 to the construction of the facility when it was built in the 1930s. Vanderbilt has disputed any say the Daughters might still have over the dormitory, questioning the legitimacy or even existence of contracts, which might be binding.



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