



# Sons of Confederate Veterans

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"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

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

**\*\*NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 7th, 7PM\*\***  
**\*\*AT THE NEW WHITE COUNTY LIBRARY\*\***

**Camp News:** Greetings Compatriots, from the Sons of Confederate Veterans Gen. George Gibbs Dibrell Camp # 875 newsletter, *Dibrell's Dispatch*. **2008 Tod Carter Award Winner!** This monthly newsletter for camp members includes: current and past camp news, camp event info, other local camps info, as well as articles and such.

Greetings Compatriots,

Greetings All, It's May; summertime is right around the corner! We have a lot going on the next couple of months. We have Liberty Square Day the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, Two tombstones to set sometime this month, and The Brigade Forrest Picnic will be Held next month. I'll get you details on that later. Thanks to all of Ya'll that turned out for our Bean Supper. Special THANKS to the OCR, and the UDC, for their support, and all you fellers that help set every thing up. the I hope Ya'll enjoy this Month's edition of the Dispatch! See Ya'll at the Meeting.

*In Bonds of The Old South,  
Yr Obd't Serv'nt,*

*Joey Savage, Commander*

*Got any news for the Dispatch? Contact Joey Savage, Camp Commander 935-1040, or 256-0851*

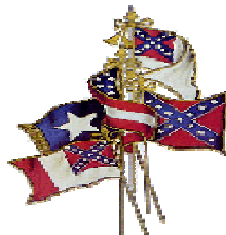
**2009 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED "THE YEAR OF DIXIE" by the SCV!!**

**This Month in Confederate History:** 5/1/1863 The Second National Flag "Stainless Banner" is officially adopted by the Confederate Congress. 5/1-4/1863 Battle of Chancellorsville, VA. 5/5-6/1864 Battle of the Wilderness, VA. 5/6/1861 Arkansas and Tennessee secede. 5/7/1861 Virginia admitted into the Confederacy. 5/9-12/1864 Battle of Rocky Face Ridge, GA. 5/10/1861 General Lee assigned command of Confederate Forces in Virginia. 5/10/1863 Lt. General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson dies of wounds from the Battle of Chancellorsville, VA. 5/11/1864 Battle of Yellow Tavern, VA. 5/12/1864 General J.E.B. Stuart dies from wounds received at the Battle of Yellow Tavern, VA. 5/12-13/1865 Battle of Palmetto Ranch, TX, (last battle of the war) 5/13/1861 CSA Major Douglas H. Cooper, of the Choctaw Nation is authorized to raise a mounted regiment of Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians. 5/13-15/1864 Battle of Resaca, GA. 5/16/1861 Tennessee officially admitted to the Confederacy. 5/19/1865 CSS Stonewall lowers Confederate banner in Cuba. 5/20/1861 Confederate States capital moved from Montgomery, AL to Richmond, VA. 5/22/1865 President Davis is imprisoned at Fort Monroe, VA. 5/24/1861 Yankee troops occupy Alexandria, VA. 5/25/1864 Battle of New Hope Church, GA. 5/27/1864 Battle of Pickett's Mill, GA. 5/28/1864 Battle of Dallas, GA. 5/31-6/1/1862 Battle of Seven Pines, VA.

**This Month in White County Confederate History:** 5/9/1888 General Dibrell, dies at his home in Sparta, TN 5/13/1864 8<sup>th</sup> TN CAV and the remnants of the 16<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 35<sup>th</sup> TN Infantry Regiments were in the Battle of Resaca GA. 5/19/1861 Co. G of The 16<sup>th</sup> TN INF, under the Command of Capt. Shields, first left White County. 5/28/1862 The 16<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> TN Infantry participated in the Battle of Corinth MS.

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*Deo Vindice!*

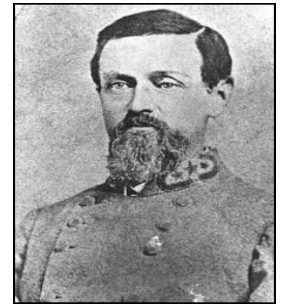
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**Camp Events:** 5/5-Camp meeting, 7pm@White County Public Library, 5/23 Will be Liberty Square Day, we will need some help setting up and manning the Booth. 6/3 IS CONFEDERTAE MEMORIAL DAY IN TENNESSEE!!!

**Other Regional Events:** 5/1-3, Battle of Bulls Gap, TN Re-Enactment.5/15-17 Battle of Resaca, GA Re-Enactment. April is Confederate History Month, 4/3-5 Tennessee Division Reunion will be held by the Sam Davis Camp in Brentwood TN. The SCV NATIONAL REUNION will be held July 22-27, in Hot Springs AR. 2009 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED THE YEAR OF DIXIE, COMMERATING 150 YEARS of the Anthem of the South!!

Contact Commander Joey Savage for information on any events or to post any upcoming events.

**Camp Meeting News:** At our April meeting we had 11 Members, 1 Associate Member and 3 guest. Commander Joey Savage called the meeting to order at 7:05. Chaplin Manuel England led the Invocation. Commander Savage then led the Pledge to the American Flag and Salute to the Confederate Flag. 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Ron Fry Sr. then held Roll Call. Commander Savage then swore in our new Adjutant Dr. Don Musin. We then talked about Liberty Square Day and Lester Flat Day being held together this year on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We talked about the Memorial/Dedication Service being held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. at 3:00, Watson Cemetery, Cookeville, Tennessee for Pvt. John Saul Watson: Co. L, 1<sup>st</sup>. (Fields) and 27<sup>th</sup>. Consolidated Infantry and Pvt. Benjamin Watson: Co. K, 16<sup>th</sup>. Infantry. Commander Savage spoke about the SCV Tennessee Division Reunion that was held on April 3-5. Commander Savage spoke about the SCV License Plate money that was being used to restore about 10 Confederate Flags; 4 Flags done already. Mr. Bill Hurteau from the White County Museum and Commander Savage spoke to us about Tennessee's Civil War Heritage Trail and it being in White County and the Civil War Markers that will be set at Doug Hill and Merit's Mill. Mr. Bill Hurteau spoke about signs being put up for the upcoming Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence and asking our camp if we would be interested in sponsoring the signs. The Camps responsibility would be to pay a fee of \$100.00 to \$200.00 yearly for insurance on the signs. This insurance would cover the maintenance of the signs and our camp name would be put on the signs. Our Camp voted on it and the outcome was 12 yes and 0 no. Commander Savage announced that Mr. Ed Butler, former Commander of the Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans would be our guest speaker at our Annual Spring Bean Super. We discussed who would bring what to the bean supper. Mr. Bill Hurteau spoke about Gen. George Gibbs Dibrell's pistol and showed us some pictures of a pistol that might be the General's pistol. Bill is looking for any history of this pistol. Mr. Gordon Roberts displayed and spoke of his collection of White County Civil War Artifacts that he has found; The Website is [civilwars.com](http://civilwars.com). At 8:15, Chaplin England then led the benediction.

After a round of Dixie, we were dismissed. See y' all next meeting.

**SCV Gen. George Gibbs Dibrell Camp #875 needs your help!** We need every member to make a commitment to attend all meetings possible. We also need every member to do his part in recruiting new members (word of mouth, brochures, etc.) Remember, this is **YOUR** camp and it is **YOUR** Southern heritage! Do your part to ensure its protection and future.



*This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> selling specialty plate in the state. I've got mine...do you have yours?*

**Support the SCV!**

### SCV Membership

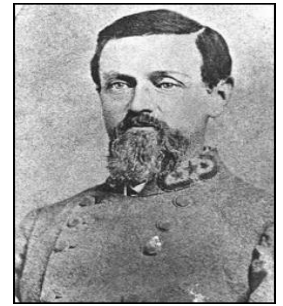
The SCV currently has 29,004 members including 45 Real Sons and 3410 Life Members plus an additional 335 cadet members 86 Friends of the SCV. Please vigorously recruit new members and encourage current members to make the commitment to be long term members. An easy way to strengthen the SCV is to persuade former members of your camp to reinstate.

**Camp project: the War Between the States in Sparta & White County.** Here are some of the places/events that we've come up with so far. We need as much information about these (and any others) we can find. Simply write down what you know and bring to the next meeting or contact Commander Savage.  
Gen. Dibrell's homes, and Gen. Dibrell grave  
Wamon Dibrell home and battlefield  
Champ Ferguson's home area and cemetery and revenge Skirmish at Young's/Simpson's Mill (1<sup>st</sup> in Sparta)  
Battle at Meredith's Mill (Wildcat Creek)  
Black Confederate officer Corporal Churchwell Randalls  
US Capt. Burgess attends church at Cherry Creek (Champ)  
Battle of Dug Hill (Champ v/s Stokes)  
Battle at Bear Cove (Dibrell, Champ v/s Burgess)  
Joe Mosley hanging (3 times) Gum Springs Mountain.  
Bon Air Springs Hotel and Resort  
Slave home and well Old KY Rd. north of Walling  
Bone Cave and upper Blue Springs saltpeter mines  
Rock House presidential stays (Jackson, Polk)  
Army Of Tennessee's march thru Sparta,  
Bud Carter, Confederate Guerrilla  
US Gen. Alger in White Cty. W/ 4000 troops  
*If you know of any other people, places, or events concerning the War in Sparta/White County, please let us know. The more information we have the better project we will have.*



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## Black group seeks end of 'Old South' days at 'Bama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) - Members of a black sorority are asking the University of Alabama to end the annual "Old South" celebration staged by a white fraternity.

In a petition sent to President Robert Witt, alumni members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority said the "Old South" festivities put on by the Kappa Alpha Order are offensive.

The school hasn't responded. But a national executive of the Kappa Alpha fraternity said officials are investigating what happened during last weekend's "Old South" event in Tuscaloosa.

Members of the black group say white students dressed in Confederate uniforms and carrying rebel flags held an annual parade that stopped in front of the black sorority's house.

The timing was coincidental, but the sorority members say they were taken aback by the display.

## The new designation is designed to boost tourism at the state's Civil War battle sites

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue has signed a bill designating April as Confederate Heritage and History Month in Georgia.

The new designation is designed to boost tourism at the state's Civil War battle sites. Governments, schools, businesses and Georgia residents would be encouraged to participate in programs throughout the month celebrating the Confederate States of America.

Perdue signed the bill into law Wednesday at the state Capitol.

## Heritage Not Hate

One defense of the Confederate flag, made below, is that people who fly the flag and wear it on their tee-shirts aren't necessarily, themselves, racist. This is a rather low hurdle to clear. The harder test doesn't question your where your heart, but your sword.

From this perspective, the question isn't "Do you hate black people?" It isn't "Would you invite a black person to your barbecue?" It's "Are you more offended by black people who recoil in horror at the Confederate flag, than you are by the flag's history?"

It may well be true that Alabama's desire to fly the Confederate flag at the state capitol, or the desire of many Alabamans to use it themselves as they see fit, has nothing to do with the fact that the state was the last to drop its (unenforceable) prohibition against interracial marriage (in 2000!). It may be a mere coincidence that the only people to oppose the Alabama repeal were leaders of the states' "Confederate heritage group." But if the flag's defenders aren't racist (which I can accept) the necessary conclusion, while banal and common, isn't anymore comforting--a shocking ignorance of one's own history.

Well here's the thing: Historically racist often don't declare themselves. And when they do, they often claim to be acting in the interest of blacks and whites. Indeed the "not a racist" argument has been upheld, in varying forms, since the end of Reconstruction.

In terms of the confederate flag, the people claiming "not a racist" are the same people who name their parks, roads, and squares after generals who served in an army of white supremacy. Or they are the same people who remain willfully ignorant that this is being done in their name. One enduring fact of black life is that the willfully ignorant are as dangerous, or more, than the knowledged racist. Lynch mobs were led by the latter, but comprised of the former.

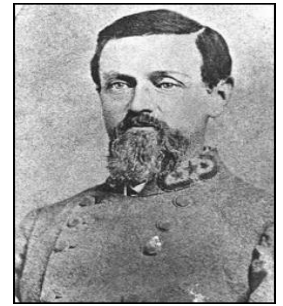
Perhaps this generation is different. Perhaps they are owed the benefit of the doubt. Indeed, perhaps this has always been so--maybe Fort Pillow really wasn't a massacre. But, were I them, I would not ask for that benefit, nor would I be shocked and appalled were I to see it withheld.





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## Memorial for 3 Confederates on June 7

There will be a memorial held for three (3) Confederate Soldiers in Algood, TN (just outside of Cookeville) on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. This will be at the conclusion of a three (3) day celebration, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the settlement of "White Plains". See link <http://wpquarles2009.info> for additional details. The Confederates to be honored are:

Stephen Decatur Quarles                      Co. H,  
13th Cav-Gore's

William Braxton Quarles                      Co. H,  
13th Cav-Gore's

Benjamin Franklin Burton                      Co. A,  
7th TN Cav

I would encourage all that can to attend this event. Period clothing and those who would like to serve in the Honor Guard are more than welcome. The TN Highland Brigade and UDC Chapter Captain Sally Tompkins 2123 will be participating.

Bill Speck  
Commander, Myers-Zollicoffer Camp No.  
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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Governor, if I had foreseen the use those people designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in my right hand.

ROBERT E. LEE

## SLRC: City should demand resignation of councilman Who took Confederate flags

**BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC** – The Southern Legal Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that advocates for civil rights in cases involving Southern heritage and culture, today called upon the city of Auburn, AL, to oust a city councilman who removed several small Confederate flags from gravesites at a local cemetery.

Councilman Arthur L. Dowdell snatched the flags from the graves of several Confederate soldiers in Pine Hill Cemetery last week. The flags had been placed by the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in honor of Confederate Memorial Day, an Alabama state holiday.

Dowdell called the flags reminders of racism and, according to one news source, said, "If I had my way I would have broke them all up and stomped on them and burned them."

In a letter to Auburn Mayor Bill Ham, Jr., SLRC Executive Director Roger McCredie said that the ill-will caused by Dowdell's actions "has been further exacerbated by [his] arrogant and defiant reaction" to those who have criticized his behavior. "Mr Dowdell has a right to his opinion. He does not have the right to express that opinion through trespass, theft and destruction of property," McCredie said. He added that "justice and ordinary decency would be served" by the City's demanding Dowdell's resignation.

The SLRC, founded in 1995, has been described as "the Southern cultural equivalent of the ACLU." It is presently involved in a lawsuit against the town of Ringgold, Georgia, which removed a Confederate battle flag from a memorial display at historic Ringgold Depot and replaced it with a different flag.

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## Councilman removes Confederate flags from graves

KATIE STALLCUP  
STAFF WRITER

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Mary Norman was shocked Thursday afternoon when Auburn Councilman Arthur L. Dowdell pulled up a Confederate flag placed on her great-grandfather's grave and snapped it in half, she said.

Dowdell, who denies snapping the flag, said Thursday he was picking up his daughter from Auburn Junior High School near the cemetery when several people told him they "had a problem" with the flags. He drove to the cemetery and started pulling up flags, he said. It's offensive to me," he said. "To me, it represents the Ku Klux Klan and racism."

The United Daughters of the Confederacy placed the flags earlier this week, as they have done for 50 years, in preparation for a celebration Sunday of Confederate Memorial Day, Norman said. Confederate Memorial Day will be celebrated as a state holiday in Alabama Monday.

"I really didn't know exactly how to respond to him," she said. "I happen to be a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. I was very surprised, especially (as he is) a city councilman. I was amazed." Norman was not personally involved in placing the flags.

"I'm a historian," she said. "We're not about hate, we're not about anything like that. We just want to honor our state's rights, and I've got Confederate ancestors, and I feel we should have the ability to do that." Norman and a friend were taking inventory of graves at Pine Hill Cemetery in Auburn when Dowdell drove up and asked who put up the flags, she said.

"One of the flags had been placed on my great-grandfather's grave, who was a Confederate soldier," Norman said. "He just got very upset, and he went over to my great-grandfather's grave, picked up the flag and broke it in two." She said Dowdell did not know the plot she stood on was her family's. The flags were placed on soldiers' graves as a mark of respect, she said.

He pulled up Confederate flags from other soldiers' graves, too, she said. Dowdell said in his years as councilman, he had never seen so many Confederate flags in one place. "I'm going on the record that this will never happen again," Dowdell said. "This will never happen again as long as I'm on the city council."

Dowdell denied intentionally snapping the flag. "It might have snapped itself," he said. "If it did, so what? If I had my way, I would have broke them all up and stomped on them and burned them. That flag represents another country, another nation."

Auburn Mayor Bill Ham said he was unaware of any incidents at the cemetery but said he talked with Dowdell Thursday afternoon. Ham said his understanding was that all city cemeteries have covenants governing how and what types of decorations can be placed on graves, except for Pine Hill because it is so old. Ham said he believed Dowdell asked an assistant city manager to look into making policies equal for cemeteries across the city.

"The bottom line is those grave plots are deeded property," Ham said. "We sell those. So they are sold to the family of the individuals, and I think (plot owners) have a right to do exactly what they did, according to the city attorney." Ham said in his conversation with Dowdell, the councilman suggested the flags be placed on the graves for a shorter period of time, perhaps for 24 hours before the event.

For now, the remaining flags will stay on the graves because of the lack of covenant governing Pine Hill, Ham said. But that could change in coming years. "I certainly think we need to be consistent in all the cemeteries with whatever the policy is, not only with this, but with everything," Ham said. "The council has got to make that decision."



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## **TERRIBLE ODDS THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER FOUGHT AGAINST**

The following, although written by a Union officer, ought to be in every school history of the South, so that the children of the men who fought the South's battles should know the odds they contended against. In an article which appeared first in the Century Magazine and afterwards in the third volume of "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," Union General Buell said: "It required a naval fleet and 15,000 troops to advance against a weak fort, manned by less than 100 men, at Fort Henry; 35,000, with naval cooperation, to overcome 12,000 at Donelson; 60,000 to secure a victory over 40,000 at Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh); 120,000 to enforce the retreat of 65,000 intrenched, after a month's fighting and maneuvering at Corinth; 100,000 repelled by 80,000 in the first Peninsular campaign against Richmond; 70,000, with a powerful naval force, to inspire the campaign which lasted nine months, against 40,000 at Vicksburg; 90,000 to barely withstand the assault of 70,000 at Gettysburg; 115,000 sustaining a frightful repulse from 60,000 at Fredericksburg; 100,000 attacked and defeated by 50,000 at Chancellorsville; 85,000 held in check two days by 40,000 at Antietam; 43,000 retaining the field uncertainly against 38,000 at Stone River (Murfreesboro); 70,000 defeated at Chickamauga, and beleaguered by 70,000 at Chattanooga; 80,000 merely to break the investing line of 45,000 at Chattanooga, and 100,000 to press back 50,000 increased at last to 70,000 from Chattanooga to Atlanta, a distance of 120 miles, and then let go an operation which is commemorated at festive reunions by the standing toast of "One hundred days under fire;" 50,000 to defeat the investing line of 30,000 at Nashville; and, finally, 120,000 to overcome 60,000 with exhaustion after a struggle of a year in Virginia.

In some of the battles thus enumerated by General Buell, the odds were even greater than he states them. To illustrate the implicit confidence with which the Southern soldiers followed their leaders, he draws the following comparison: "At Cold Harbor the Northern troops, who had proven their indomitable qualities by losses nearly equal to the whole of their opponent, when ordered to another sacrifice, even under such a soldier as Hancock, answered the demand as one man---a silent and solid inertia. At Gettysburg Pickett, when waiting for the signal which Longstreet dreaded to repeat, for the hopeless but immortal charge against Cemetery Hill, saluted and said, as he turned to his ready column: "shall move forward, sir."

General Buell then speaks of another influence which nerved the hearts of the Confederate soldiers to valorous deeds: "Nor must we give slight importance to the influence of the Southern women, who in agony of heart girded the sword upon their loved ones and bade them go. It was to be expected that these various influences would give a confidence to leadership that would lead to bold adventure and leave its mark upon the contest."

The writer of these words, which do so much honest justice to the soldiers of the South, was Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell, the man whose timely arrival at Shiloh saved General Grant's army from utter annihilation and capture of what remained.

Grant's Army, was crouched under the banks of the Tennessee River, would have all been captured or killed had not Buell arrived as soon as he did. He is about the only Northern General who has the honesty to tell the real truth in regard to the numbers engaged during the War Between the States.



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