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Officer's Call

Idiocracy of the New South

By Scott Barker

"We have met the enemy and he is us." The famous words of Pogo the Opossum, a character from Walt Kelly's famous comic strip *Pogo*(1), are very much apropos today as we see Southern legislatures, and local government leaders bending and buckling to the forces of political correctness. Indeed, the great transmogrification of Southern culture and history is rapidly advancing into areas that once would have been unimaginable. That this is so, is evidenced by the now frequent reports of new assaults on the history and culture of the South, especially that of the former Confederate States of America.

The numerous efforts now underway to obliterate, alter, or remove the symbols and history of the former Confederacy have increased in magnitude, and serve as confirmation of the importance of our responsibility to ensure the way forward in fulfilling our obligation of preserving the history and legacy of the Confederate soldier. Our resolve to reverse the gains achieved by our detractors must be stiffened; likewise, we must stand firm against ongoing efforts to lock away any outward display of our history, and there should be no compromise to demands that abridge our right to freedom of expression. In these instances, as the descendants of these gallant men, we suffer as the aggrieved victims of the many slanderous attacks being issued by our detractors, just as our Confederate forebearers had been the victims of vicious Northern aggression and savage cruelty.(2)

A distinct pattern of recriminations against the virtues and honor of the Confederate soldier, and the cause for which he fought, has now crystalized in the form of political correctness. That many of these recrim-

inations come from Southerners themselves speaks to the new South's acceptance of the concept of political correctness.(3) Political correctness pattern seeks to rewrite America history, and to turn our country into a politically correct idiocracy - a government run by idiots.(4) To acquiesce to their worldview would be to fundamentally alter the perspective of subsequent generations of Americans as to the development and formation of our republic. In this regard, our country would become an iconoclastic nation that is intent upon destroying all representations of our past that do not comport themselves to the standards of the twenty-first century. Likewise, it places our nation's traditions, culture, and history at the whims of ad hoc censors whose purpose it is to ensure the maintenance of political correctness protocols.

Our detractors have chosen to defame us by alleging that we are supporters of "racism," and equate the symbols of the fallen Confederacy as being representative of our nation's slave holding past. This line of thinking not only reflects a total lack of understanding of the historical events of our nation, but it also projects a false narrative of the historical records of both the United States and the Confederate States. The term "racism," according to social commentator Roger Kimball, when applied as a measure to ensure political correctness, has the meaning that, "*the primary effect is . . . to intimidate, ostracize, and silence* [emphasis added]." (5) Sidney Hook, a most profoundly learned twentieth century political philosopher, when discussing racism famously said, "As morally offensive as is the expression of racism wherever it is found, a false

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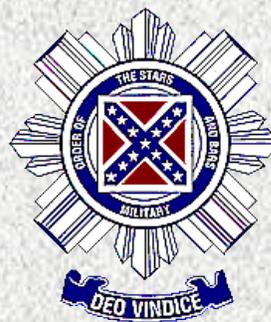
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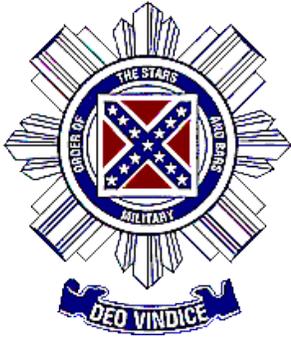
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Commander General's Message

Compatriots,

It is not too early to start planning to attend the 2017 Military Order of the Stars and Bars National Convention. The National Convention will be hosted by the North Carolina Society in historic Wilmington, North

Carolina, the last major seaport of the Confederate States of America, on July 6 to 8, 2017. The National Convention will begin with the General Executive Council (GEC) Meeting on Thursday afternoon and conclude with the Commander General's Banquet on Saturday evening at the historic Cape Fear Club, the oldest gentlemen's club in the South in continuous existence, founded by Confederate Veterans in 1866.

The headquarters hotel will be the Best Western Coastline Inn and Conference Center. The hotel is located on the historic Cape Fear River waterfront. All 53 rooms are waterfront with views of the river. The hotel information is listed below. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

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Wednesday and Thursday (July 5th & 6th) Rate: \$109.00 + taxes

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North Carolina Aquarium

Moore's Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield

Oakdale Cemetery

Please join us in this historic Confederate Seaport to learn about and celebrate our heritage. Thanks to the North Carolina for planning and hosting this excellent 2017 National Convention of the MOS&B.

Deo Vindice!

Harold F. Davis, JJJ

Commander General



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charge of racism enables the authentic racist to conceal his racism by exploiting the loose way the term is used to cover up his actions."(6) This quote goes precisely to the purpose of our detractors.

Our detractors condemn the Confederacy for having supported slavery. An anachronistic view of slavery shows that it was to the credit of our British forefathers that slavery was to endure in the United States; indeed, it was the British under whom it had been established and was to proliferate. Subsequent to American independence the "peculiar institution,"(7) as it was later known, continued on in the former American colonies, and it was the constitutional protections given to slavery that sustained it, and was to also prove problematic in securing its abolition.(8) Thus, to condemn the institution of slavery, and slaveholders, is to also castigate the actions of many of our founders, and some members of the framers of our Constitution. In this sense, and in retrospect, it would appear that many of our forefathers viewed themselves to be of superior human stock. Accordingly, when the actions of our revered founders are considered in view of the contemporary standards of our detractors, the banner of our great nation becomes a besmirched and tainted symbol of slavery and oppression. Therefore, in consideration of this jaundiced view of our history, should we protest against and demand the removal of the iconic symbols, monuments, and memorials associated with the founding of the

United States, as is now occurring within the States of the former Confederacy?

To be sure, it was under the governance of the United States that slavery had been endorsed and perpetuated. Moreover, and most importantly, the United States did not go to war with the States of the Southern Confederacy for the purpose of emancipating constitutionally held slaves. Although the scenario of fighting to free an enslaved people puts good spin on the cause of the North, it is just that, "spin." To be clear on the cause of the war, there exists ample evidence in support of an invasion of the peaceable agrarian society of their Southern neighbor by the United States for the sole purpose of restoring them to the Federal Union.(9) So, in view of the foregoing, if my Confederate ancestors are to be condemned for defending their homes against a marauding army of Northern invaders, then should my American patriot ancestors, after having fought in the War for Independence to establish a subsequent slave holding nation, be tarred by the brush of racism, and be likewise condemned?

Unfortunately, our detractors have now seized the initiative in launching a campaign of disparagement on the American flag and our national anthem. The impetus for this offensive conduct has undoubtedly been an outgrowth of their success in affecting government policies regarding Confederate symbols. That this is so, is reflected in recent conduct by some professional athletes

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toward the flag and anthem of our nation. Moreover, the contagion of hatred being spread by the vitriolic bacillus of our detractors has resulted in a contaminated debate on racism that seeks to degrade our national esteem.

Perhaps Marcus Garvey, Jr., publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, and black nationalist, said it best, when he opined, "A people without the knowledge of their past, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." If we persist with the unwarranted and unnecessary censorship of the events from our Nation's past, then it is likely that future generations of Americans will become a rootless society with little understanding or appreciation for events from our history, albeit a history with some rough edges, but one that has nonetheless molded us into the great nation that we are today.

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From the Chaplain General

Dr. John H. Killian, Sr.

JEB Stuart: Powerful Cavalry Rider and Believing Christian

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The readers of Officers Call are familiar with the daring raids of Jeb Stuart. We well remember Stuart's flamboyance and flashy personality. But we should remember that Stuart was known as The Bible Class Man. Stuart was an avid student of Scripture and desired that his soldiers would know Christ.

When Stuart made an appeal for Chaplains, Stuart wanted men who were able to handle the rigors of military life. But Stuart also wanted men who really preached the Gospel of Christ. General Stuart wanted real Christians and strong preaching.

Stuart was an active layman in an Episcopal Church, but Stuart was not just a civil churchman. Stuart knew Christ and was able to face death. Mortally wounded in the Battle of Yellow Tavern, Stuart fought bravely, calling out to the 1st Virginia Cavalry "Go back Boys, I'd rather die than be whipped."

As Stuart lay dying he expressed confidence in Christ. When he was asked how he felt, he said, "Easy, but willing to die, if God and my country think I have done my duty." His last words were: "I am going fast now; I am resigned. God's will be done."

In this Chaplain's article, we have considered the role of Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians in spreading the Gospel and supporting the Confederacy. I pray that today's denominations will again respect the heritage of the Confederacy.

Membership Dues

Once again, we are at the time of year in which annual dues need to be submitted to the *Military Order of the Stars and Bars*. Annual National dues remain \$35.00. For those who are members of local chapters, annual National dues are usually submitted along with chapter and society dues through their chapter. Members of the National At-Large Chapter should submit annual dues to the address shown on the front page. Remember also to submit applicable State Society and Chapter dues.

MOS&B Scholarship Announcement

To all MOS&B Chapters and Societies,

As you know, The Military Order of Stars and Bars has established a college scholarship program for genealogically proven: (1) descendants of Confederate Officers; (2) descendants of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government; and (3) descendants of members of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary, and executive branches of government. The MOS&B Scholarship Program annually awards the merit based scholarships to worthy individuals who meet eligibility requirements and have been judged on information submitted by the applicant.

It is time to start considering candidates for the 2017 awards. All Chapters and Societies are encouraged to submit applications of worthy individuals for these scholarships. There are certainly many possible candidates among our active membership, active membership's children, grandchildren and friends.

The General Executive Council has determined that each Department scholarship awarded will be in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The number of scholarships awarded each year will be determined by the GEC.

Please carefully read all the necessary information on the MOS&B national website. <http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/scholarship-program/>

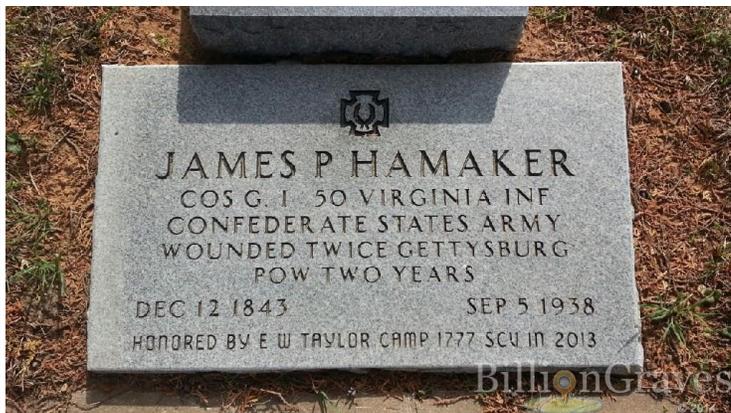
Five copies of all requested material should be packaged together and mailed to: MOS&B Scholarship Committee c/o Gary M. Loudermilk 2801 14th Street Brownwood Texas 76801.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1ST to be eligible.

If you have questions, please contact Committee Chairman Gary M. Loudermilk at the above address or email: gmlhdl@harrisbb.com

Gary M. Loudermilk

Scholarship Chairman



Gettysburg's Last Casualty

James Hamaker, Aledo Texas

In 1938, Veterans of the Civil War gathered in Pennsylvania to acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Some 200,000 people witnessed the event, from June 29 to July 6, including two dozen veterans of the battle itself and 1,845 veterans of the Civil War in general (1,359 representing the Union and 486 representing the Confederacy). It was an amicable commemoration, characterized by goodwill and heartfelt handshakes.

Congress appropriated \$1.7 million for the reunion to cover transportation, lodging and meals, as well as the cost of one attendant or caretaker to accompany each veteran. The caretaker was necessary, in part, because the average age of the veterans was 94.

The attendees quarters in the fields north of Gettysburg College consisted of 3,800 tents connected by board-walks and wired for electricity.

On July 3, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt addressed the crowd at the unveiling and dedication of the Eternal Light Peace Memorial, which still sits on Oak Hill just northwest of Gettysburg. His comments were conciliatory. "All of them we honor," he said, "not asking under which flag they fought then - thankful that they stand together under one flag now."

James Hamaker, a 94-year-old resident of Aledo, attended the festivities. His wife, Bettie, had passed, and his children had all died. Hamaker's final wish was to revisit the tree under which he had been shot twice during the Battle of Gettysburg. Hamaker had served under Stonewall Jackson and then was part of the disastrous Pickett's Charge on July 3, 1863, during the Battle of Gettysburg. His wounds incapacitated him, and he was captured by Union troops and transported to a hospital.

Hamaker spent the final two years of the war as a Union prisoner and was freed June 20, 1865, two months

after the Civil War ended. He returned to his home state of Virginia. He married Bettie 20 years later and moved to the Aledo area in 1894, where he served as the foreman of the Higbee Ranch in East Parker County.

In late June of 1938, Hamaker began his long trip by train to Pennsylvania, looking forward to the gathering. Just before he reached Gettysburg, however, he suffered a mishap, falling from a train berth and breaking his shoulder.

When Hamaker arrived in Gettysburg, an attentive medical staff was on hand. He was sent to Walter Reed Hospital, built on the site of the hospital where he was treated in 1863. The locals did everything they could to make Hamaker comfortable and fulfill his last wish. "If I could get to that tree," he told them, "I could die happy."

Medical attendants, fellow veterans and current U.S. soldiers transported Hamaker around the battlefield in an attempt to locate the tree where he was shot, but the terrain had changed too much in the intervening three-quarters of a century, and they were not able to find it. In the end, Hamaker conceded defeat. "I guess I



better get home to my rocking chair," he said. His journey was delayed two weeks for treatment at Walter Reed.

After his return from Gettysburg,

Hamaker never fully recovered. In the days and weeks after his ill-fated trip, he made the most of his rocking chair, enjoying the early autumn breezes on the front porch of his home as he attempted to convalesce. On September 5, 1938, Hamaker's housekeeper checked on him and said that shortly after he got up from his rocking chair, walked to the bathroom and then returned, she found him motionless. He had survived being shot twice during Pickett's Charge, but it was his third Gettysburg wound, incurred as he traveled for a peaceful reunion that dealt the fatal blow, allowing him only a few final days until he died on his porch in Texas.

His passing was noted in newspapers around the state, and he was buried alongside Bettie in Aledo's Brown Cemetery.

Article from the Major John Loudermilk
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Donation Memorial to General Cooper

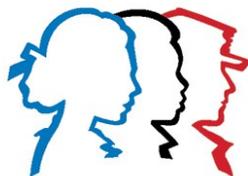
R.E. Lee Camp, Alexandria, VA BBQ October 15, 2016. Pictured are Conway Moncure, Commander Virginia Division presenting a \$500.00 donation to J. J. Smith, Commander of the General Samuel Cooper chapter for memorial to General Cooper. Included also in this picture are Gary Roseman, Adjutant Virginia Division. Moncure also awarded the Robert E. Lee Medal to Roseman and Smith for their service to the Virginia Division.



Shockoe Hill Cemetery Memorial

On October 7, 2016 a memorial at the Shockhoe Hill Cemetery was held for several Confederate soldiers. This cemetery is Richmond's oldest cemetery. In the pictures above are Conway Moncure, Commander Virginia Division, Martin Lane, Lt. Commander of the Gen. Longstreet SCV Camp # 115, and Jeffry Burden, Former Commander of MOLLUS; as well as, a Cemetery committee member.

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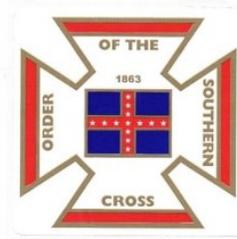
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The Order was re-established in 1979 and, since that time, the Order has allocated more than \$250,000 to the preservation of Confederate heritage.

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