



Barksdale's Mississippian's

"If thy sons in the coming times shall learn the lesson of the heroism their lives inspired and their deeds declared, then not one drop of blood was shed in vain."



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Confederate Birthdays for August

- Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee - 22 Sept. 1833 - Charleston, S.C.
- Lt. General Joseph Wheeler - 10 Sept. 1836 - Augusta, Ga.
- Maj. General Earl Van Dorn - 17 Sept. 1820 - Port Gibson, Miss.



War Between the States Trivia

What is the only Walt Disney film set in the Confederacy?
(answer on last page of this newsletter)



Our September meeting of the Barksdale Camp will be Thursday 25 September at 6:30 P.M. at Buffet City on Hwy 45 in Columbus, MS!

See You There!



Editor's Comment

I would like to take this opportunity to comment about a gentleman that has always been on the side of the South that we will miss hearing from on a regular basis. I have been an avid reader of Mr. Charley Reese for many years and I was taken by surprise recently when he announced that he was writing his last column. Although I can say that I did not always agree 100% with every column that he wrote, his commentary on the world events were very informative and his defense of the South was evident in many of his columns. I consider myself lucky to have had the chance to meet and talk with him personally on three separate occasions. The most memorable was the time he came to speak at our Decoration Day ceremony and to an overflow crowd that same evening at what was then known as the Landmark Inn here in Columbus. The other times were at the Southern Heritage Conference in Laurel, MS.

I would like to wish Charley a wonderful retirement, but I will miss his wit and wisdom each week in our local paper.





Vintage Charley Reese

The Second Revolution

by Charley Reese

April is Confederate History month. Before the pall of political correctness descended on the country and drained politicians of what little courage they had, Southern governors routinely proclaimed the month. These days, I suspect few will.

Nevertheless, there are only two really important events in American history. One is the American Revolution, and the other is the War Between the States and Reconstruction. The latter has been called America's second revolution and, by some, America's French Revolution.

Sad to say, the America we live in today comes from that second revolution, not the first. Contrary to the politically correct version of history, Confederates saw themselves as defenders of the first revolution, not as defenders of slavery – though, to be sure, slavery played a part in the conflict. It came to symbolize all the other differences.

It was not a civil war because the South never aspired to overthrow the government of the United States. The Southern states simply withdrew peacefully from what they believed, and in earlier years all Americans believed, was a voluntary union. The U.S. remained, and the government in Washington remained. No Confederate official or military officer was ever tried for treason because no treason had been committed.

The war, which the North started (we Southerners refer to it as the War of Northern Aggression), was a conflict between nationalism and federalism. Regardless of which side you agree with, the events are so important to understanding America today that you owe it to yourself to get up to speed on what really happened, as opposed to the Hollywood version.

I've chosen four short books that will help. The best short overall history of the politics and the war is *North Against South*, by Ludwell H. Johnson, published by the Foundation for American Education. A more recent book, *The Real Lincoln*, by Thomas J.

DiLorenzo, published by Prima Publishing, is a devastating critique of the man who literally destroyed constitutional government in America and foreshadowed the modern Machiavellian politicians.

When in the Course of Human Events, by Charles Adams, a Northern historian, will disavow you of the notion that the war was about freeing slaves and preserving the union. It was about money and control of territory and resources. The publisher is Rowman and Littlefield.

Finally, Eric Foner's *A Short History of Reconstruction* will show you how the modern world and many of its problems were created. The publisher is Harper Perennial, and the author is no friend of the South, but he is honest and keeps to the facts, no matter how unflattering to any side of the issue.

Naturally, there are tons of books on the war and Reconstruction, but I deliberately chose well-written short histories. If you wish to read Shelby Foote's novelized history in three volumes, you will need a long summer. You would need another long summer to read Volume I and Volume II of *The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government*, by Jefferson Davis. I think you will like these shorter volumes better.

I would also recommend that you consider, if your ancestors fought in either army, two fine organizations, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Both are full of people interested in history and genealogy, and I find such people to be mighty good company. Real veterans of the two armies founded both organizations.

Through these organizations you can find re-enactors, who are people who replicate the equipment and uniforms of the two armies and replay the battles. The Web addresses are SUVCW.org and SCV.org.

I would hope all Americans would develop an interest in our country's history. The more you know about America, warts and all, the more you will love it. *April 1, 2006*

Charley Reese has been a journalist for 49 years.

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Upcoming Events

September 27th at 2 P.M.

Memorial and Dedication Service for Private Solomon Tallent will be hosted by the Calhoun Avengers of Calhoun County September 27th at 2 P.M. at the Old Taylor Cemetery on County Road 109. Div. Commander Larry McCluney will be the keynote speaker and the 15th Miss, Inf, Regt. will be the Honor Guard. Anyone wanting to participate in the Honor Guard please contact James Taylor at 1662-983-7246 1662-983-8301. Private Tallent's body lay in an unmarked grave for 112 years until a joint effort by his family and the Calhoun Avengers resulted in a marker placed on his grave. All SCV members that can attend are encouraged to come and support this Memorial Service. Thanks

Camp Commander, Div. Chaplain James Taylor

November 1, 2008

The Jefferson Davis SCV Camp of Newton is sponsoring a historical marker and headstone dedication for the honored Confederate veteran, John N. Munn, company C of the 36th MS Inf. This solemn occasion will take place at the Hickory Cemetery at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 1st. The honorable rev. James Taylor, MS Division Chaplin will be the speaker. All available Sons, show your Southern Patriotism and honor a Confederate warrior by participating in this historical occasion. Any questions you can contract Louis P. Foley at 601-683-3266 or 601-604-4825 or e-mailing: diximagnolia@bellsouth.net or lpfoley@csa.ms Deo Vindince, Louis P. Foley



SCV Telegraph

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SCV members

UPDATE ON CONCORD WYNDHAM-WINGATE HERITAGE DEFENSE

The events in Concord at the Wingate hotel is of high interest to many Compatriots, therefore here is an interim report on the above subject.

We believe some positive developments have occurred which indicate the direction we are taking has been effective thus far.

This report concerns the latest developments relative to the blatant actions by the owner-franchisee of the Concord, NC, Wyndham-Wingate Hotel during the recent SCV reunion there.

A short summary of the incident is hotel management objected to Bazz Childress, Lt. Commander of the Kentucky Division, for displaying a Confederate battle flag in the window of his hotel room.

Hotel management ordered Compatriot Childress to remove the flag. When he courteously refused, the hotel owner called the police, made charges against Compatriot Childress, and evicted him.

We immediately complained by certified letter to the CEO of Wyndham-Wingate parent corporation. After some delay we received a response from their legal department which apologized for the incident and informed us the parent franchisor has notified the owner-franchisee that he is on his own, in effect, to expect no help or support from the parent organization. They also informed us that they had forwarded the complaint to the local franchisee and "expressed their concern" over the situation.

Commander Childress has counsel that is pursuing the complaint in Concord. It would appear likely that the original court date will be postponed. We also have legal guidance that has developed our strategy which we intend to pursue until this matter comes to a final conclusion.

We will keep you informed as the case progresses.

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Answer to Trivia Question

The Great Locomotive Chase (1956), starring the former Davy Crockett (and later Daniel Boone), Mr. Fess Parker.

(The Complete Book of Confederate Trivia by J. Stephen Lang copyright 1996)



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