



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 October

Lt. General William Joseph Hardee - 12 Oct. 1815 - Camden Co., Ga.

Maj. General Benjamin Franklin Cheatham - 20 Oct. 1820 - Nashville, Tenn.

Brig. General Samuel McGowan - 9 Oct. 1819 - Laurens Dist., S.C.



War Between the States Trivia

Who is the only character in *Gone with the Wind* who actually says the words "I'm a Confederate?"

(answer on last page of this newsletter)



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

See You There!



SLRC SUES MEMPHIS CLINIC FOR FIRING COUNSELOR OVER HIS CONFEDERATE FLAG LICENSE TAGS

The Southern Legal Resource Center, the nation's only organization devoted exclusively to advocating in Southern cultural and heritage cases,

will file suit in Shelby County Superior Court Tuesday on behalf of a marriage and family therapist who was fired from his job at a Memphis counseling center because his vehicle displayed Confederate flag license tags.

Paul McClaren, who resides in Olive Branch, MS, but who worked as a counselor for Compass Intervention Center in Memphis for a total of 10 years, was terminated last October after a running dialogue with Center officials over a decorative Confederate battle flag he displayed on the front of his vehicle and a state-issued Sons of Confederate Veterans Mississippi license tag on its rear.

McClaren says he had the tags on his vehicle for years without incident, but claims that in October of 2007, the clinic's recently hired CEO demanded that McClaren either stop using the company lot as long as the tags were in place or park far enough away and in such a manner as to conceal them. McClaren contends that he made every reasonable effort to comply with the clinic's request, but that he was discharged anyway, without notice and without severance benefits.

SLRC officials say the case will be filed under Tennessee retaliatory discharge. SLRC Chief Trial Counsel Kirk D. Lyons will represent the defendant along with Memphis attorney Tarry Beasley, who is acting as local co-counsel.

The suit will be filed at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Shelby County Courthouse, with a media conference to follow chaired by Black Confederate activist H.K. Edgerton.

The SLRC has gained international notoriety for bringing actions in Confederate symbols-related cases and presently is prosecuting similar cases in South Carolina, Texas and Georgia, as well as Anderson County, Tennessee.



JDL Dispatch: HK Edgerton Trial Report (Memphis)

October 12, 2008

For five long years, Paul has parked his car, entered the building of his employer that was filled to capacity with some of the most troubled inner city youth that this State has to offer. Counseling and trying to instill in these youth, the very same social values that make him Southern; Yes sir, yes mam, please, and the belief that they too could achieve social vertical mobility if they apply themselves, and importantly that he a Southern man who believes in our Father who art in Heaven, and would be there at Intervention fighting to help make it so for them.

Over a period of 11 days, Compass Intervention CEO Nashon McPherson directed Paul to play hide and seek with his vehicle, so that patients and patrons could not see the Confederate flag front tag, even after discovering that the vehicle also had the Mississippi State Flag that I have described.

Even though Paul is aware of no complaints from Compass patrons or patients, on October 8, 2007, Paul was terminated, even though he did his best to comply with McPherson's Alice in Wonderland requests.

Paul hopes to make a little law that will protect Confederate Southern Americans in the workplace.

1. That retaliatory discharge laws of Tennessee will protect Tennessee workers from being fired for inoffensive display of any State issued license plate. Most Southern states have state issued plates with the Sons of Confederate Veterans logo, including Tennessee- a favorable decision for Paul could affect how employers in TN. Treat their SCV employees with SCV tags.
2. That the public policy of Tennessee will prevent a worker from being fired for inoffensive display of a venerated object – such as the Confederate Battle Flag.
3. That the public policy of Tennessee will prevent a worker from being fired after being threatened with termination because of a bogus criminal charge of harassment.

Paul is represented by the Honorable Kirk D. Lyons, Chief trial Counsel for the Southern Legal Resource center, and local attorney the Honorable T. Tarry Beasley, II of Memphis. Both are active members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Southern Legal Resource Center is the preeminent law firm defending Confederate Heritage in the courtroom today, with current cases in South Carolina, Texas, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

I will be happy to answer any questions.

1. Mr. Edgerton, could Compass have handled this any differently? Yes. Had there been any complaints from their staff, they could have followed the lead of the Alcoa Plant in Badin, N.C. who several years back offered their employees Sensitivity training that led to a complete understanding of Southern Heritage and a knowledge that it was one to be shared.
2. Was Mr. McClaren distressed over losing his job? Yes of course he was, wouldn't you be if you loss the income that provided for you and your family. Furthermore, Paul was dedicated to the public that he served and was concerned about their well-being as well.
3. Do you think that the public who visited the Center was sensitive about Mr. McClaren's license plates. Many of the patrons who visited the Center had cars that had the very same kind of plates on their cars, and probably felt they too had the same right to first amendment protection to do so as did Paul. Furthermore, there was not to my knowledge one single complaint expressed by a patron or staff member other than Mr. McPherson.
4. What do you think was on the minds of those Black staff members of Intervention who had to look at the license plates every day? First of all, they knew the man Paul. Kind, considerate, hard working and dependable. For those who call themselves Southern, there should have been knowledge that it is not just Paul's flag. The Southern Cross belongs to any Black man of the South who wants to lay claim to it. Black folks earned a place of honor and dignity in service of this flag. It is theirs, it is what makes us Southern, no matter those who continue to try to separate us from it and our Southern White family.





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HISTORY RELIVED: Fall Muster back at Beauvoir

By KAT BERGERON

Three hundred Union and Confederate re-enactors will camp on the grounds of Beauvoir this weekend for Fall Muster.

Muster offers a rare opportunity for the public to watch infantry, artillery and medical demonstrations, a tintage photographer and antebellum camp life.

In a new addition to this 22-year-old event, those who visit on Friday will experience "living history," peeks into what life was like during the Civil War.

This year's Beauvoir Fall Muster is the first to be on the Biloxi museum estate of Jefferson Davis since Katrina destroyed all but the 1850s Beauvoir House.

Saturday and Sunday visitors can chat with re-enactors who stay in character for their roles, watch five cannons roar, eat "world-famous Confederate Polish sausage," listen to period music and watch an afternoon battle of the Blue and the Gray. This year's scenario is from the Battle of New Hope Church in Atlanta.

Also on tap are demonstrations, a grand review parade, sutlers selling wares and men, women and children, who often learn their roles from years of study.

Re-enactors will come from Virginia, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, and each with a specialty, including battlefield medicine.


"We're expecting a good crowd because many who come for Muster will also want to tour the reopened house," said Rick Forte Sr., chairman of the Beauvoir boards and acting director.

Beauvoir House, badly damaged in the storm, reopened in June for tours of the 1854 National Historic Landmark.



Answer to Trivia Question

Naughty lady Belle Watling, who makes the remark when contributing some cash to the Southern cause.
(The Complete Book of Confederate Trivia by J. Stephen Lang copyright 1996)



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New Clues About a Lost Confederate Submarine

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — It has long been a mystery why the H. L. Hunley never returned after becoming the first submarine to sink an enemy warship in 1864, but research announced Friday might lend credence to one of the theories.

Scientists have found that the eight-man crew of the hand-cranked Confederate submarine had not set the pump to remove water from the crew compartment, which might indicate it was not being flooded.

That could mean crew members suffocated as they used up air, perhaps while waiting for the tide to turn and the current to help take them back to land.

The new evidence disputes the notion that the Hunley was damaged and took on water after ramming a spar with a charge of black powder into the Union blockade ship Housatonic.

The submarine, found in 1995 and raised five years later, had a complex pumping system that could be switched to remove water or operate ballast tanks used to submerge and surface.



Submission Deadline for the November Newsletter is Monday, 11 November.

