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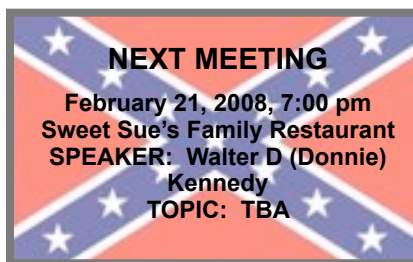
Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans:

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldiers' good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved, and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious, and which you also cherish."

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee,
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Commander's Message

Isn't it a blessing to be Southern? To be a descendent of one of those unique boys in gray who fought long and hard and gave so much of themselves and their families for Constitutional liberties and rights? To have a love for our history that we share with like-minded individuals? Captain James P. Douglas Camp #124 is such a group! Be sure and join us at the meeting on the 21st at Sweet Sue's!

I would like to wish all our lovely ladies a VERY Happy Valentine's Day. Alright guys! You still have time to get your special lady something special before the big day!

Also, it's only a few weeks until our Camp Ford Living History! Please contact Bob Davidson or Johnnie Holley about volunteering! We need as many camp members as possible to attend and help. It's really a lot of fun and the public response is phenomenal! And we get to wave our Battle Flag and no one gets mad!

Stay Faithful!
Muddy Waters
Commander

February Program

I hope everyone enjoyed the January program about General Lee. Secondly, I hope many of you were able to get out and enjoy some of the Confederate activities surrounding Robert E Lee & Stonewall Jackson's birthdays.

February also brought us many important events/dates in Confederate History; March 1, 1861 the Texas secession convention voted in favor of secession. One week later, February 8, 1861, The Provisional Constitution of the Confederate States is unanimously adopted in Montgomery, Alabama; Jefferson Davis is elected President and Alexander Stephens Vice President, one day later, February 9, 1861.

Our February meeting will be very eventful as well. Mr. Walter D (Donnie) Kennedy will be our guest speaker. Mr. Kennedy is a Confederate author/historian, originally from Mississippi, he now resides in Louisiana. Donnie is the past commander of the Louisiana

Division and has authored or co-authored six books on Southern heritage. These books have earned him numerous literary awards. In addition to his books, he has made several appearances in television interviews and talk shows regarding Southern heritage.

Be sure to mark your calendar for February 21st; you won't want to miss it! Show up early and bring a guest.

God Bless, and keep our troops in your prayers!

Brad Tindel
1st Lt. Commander

From the Adjunct

Editor - Ken will not be able to attend this month's meeting due to classes on Thursday night. However if you need him, please use the contact info on the front page to reach him. You'll be missed, Ken!

Brigade 8 News

Greetings Compatriots,

I hope all of you have remembered our great Confederate ancestors. Many groups have hosted Lee/Jackson dinners and events to honor these two

great men. Norma and I attended the memorial at the Longview



Courthouse.

The attendance was great and I was glad to see

so many of our friends from the Northeast Texas Brigade. We also attended the Marshall



UDC Lee/Jackson dinner along with Cooper and Mary June Goodson.

The Douglas Battery is having a Muster at the Gilbert Farm on March 7th and 8th. This will include training periods on Saturday with a social time Saturday night. Anyone interested in learning the cannon and horse drills please contact me or Randy Gilbert. The Battery will also be attending the Camp Ford Living History Weekend on March 28th thru 30th, the Chickamauga Re-enactment on September 19th thru 21st, and the Raid on Camp Ford on October 24th thru 26th. New members are always needed.

The Capt. James P. Douglas Camp had a number of members who did not renew their membership. Thanks to the work of Ken Reynolds and Mike Martin, we were able to get most of them to renew.

This year will be election year at the National SCV Reunion. A number of people are running for office. This will be discussed at a meeting before the reunion this summer.

Take care, be safe, and Long Live the South!

Johnnie L. Holley, Jr.
1st Lt., East Texas Brigade

MOS&B News Lee-Jackson Celebration

On February 1, 2008, the Colonel Richard B. Hubbard Chapter of the Military Order of Stars and Bars had their first (hopefully to be annual) Lee-Jackson Celebration at Joseph's

Catering on Broadway in Tyler. We had Compatriots from as far away as Baton Rouge, Louisiana attend

the event. Our speaker Rose-Mary Rumbley entertained us with little known facts and similarities of the two greatest Generals to ever wear a military uniform. We had a drawing for the two replica JEB Stuart swords and several door prizes. Representatives from the MOSB, SCV, DCV, OCR and UDC were in attendance. A special thank you to all who attended the event...As Paul Harvey says, Now the rest of the story. Those of you who did not attend are



probably thinking the invitation said the Woman's Building, not Joseph's Catering. Well, Wednesday afternoon, prior to our party, the 75 year old Woman's Building had a major water leak, putting the Grand Ol' Lady out of commission for days to weeks. The staff of the Woman's Building worked

diligently with Joseph's to make sure we were able to have our event with the same menu, format,



etc., as planned. As everyone knows we, as Sons and Daughters have a special bond with the Woman's Building. It was the location of the last meeting of the Tyler-Smith County United Confederate Veterans. We all hope the Woman's Building will be back in service soon as it has played an important role in Texas and Southern history over the past 75 years.

Dan Horton, Commander
Col. Richard B. Hubbard Chapter 261
Military Order of Stars and Bars

New Website

Captain James P. Douglas has a new website!! For the last several years, Charles Hayes has graciously provided the camp with a website. We appreciate all

Charles's efforts to keep us on the internet! But your Executive Board recently approved the purchase

of our very own domain name and website! We would like for all members to visit our new webpages. Just type in www.jamespdouglas.org or www.jamespdouglas.com. We hope to add new features as time passes. You can access the current and past months' Dispatch at the website. You can view photos of events attended by compatriots. You can contact your



camp officers via the website. We are linked to many other sites that might be of interest to the camp. You can share articles and photos by emailing them thru the link on the website or using the camp's email address of captjamespdouglas124@yahoo.com. We welcome all your input! We appreciate all your input! Our hope is that we reach prospective members. We have already had one contact from someone wishing to transfer to our camp.

Again, thanks, Charles Hayes for all your hard work keeping our previous website.

Visit www.jamespdouglas.org at your next opportunity and let us know what you think.

VERY IMPORTANT OCR Executive Committee Meeting

At 11:00 am, Saturday, March 8, the TSOOCR will be holding an Executive Committee Meeting at The Junction in Huntsville. Director Norma Holley is encouraging all chapter members and officers to attend. There will be several important topics discussed including changes to our by-laws and our 501(c)3 status. Since this is the last state-wide meeting before the Convention in June, it is imperative that as many as possible attend.

Confederate Heroes Day Memorial Longview TX

As Johnnie told you in his article, on January 19th several camp members attended and participated in the Confederate Heroes Day Memorial held at the Courthouse in Longview. Our compatriot Rev. Don Majors was the keynote speaker. He has graciously supplied us with his speech for those of you who were not there. Please continue to read about our very own

"The Twin Towers"

It is an honor and privilege to be here today in Longview, Texas, with all my compatriots and friends to honor a great and honorable man. We are also here to honor all of our great Confederate heroes.

A few years ago, we all sat helpless and stunned as we watched the morning news. With our own eyes, we saw our own airplanes being flown by our



enemies into the Twin Towers of New York City. It wasn't tangible. Surely this could

not be happening to us. We grieved for our fellow Americans who by the hundreds upon hundreds gave their lives. We angered inside thinking, "How dare they violate our nation!" But, violate they did! It became very evident that extremists in this world hate our nation, and they hate our way of life.

Since our great General Robert E. Lee's birthday is today and the great General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's birthday is literally around the corner, I center my thoughts on those two great Southern "Twin Towers," and Twin Towers they were. What a time! General Jackson lost his arm, but for certain, General Lee lost his "right arm." They are our Twin Towers!

Today, as fervently as they can, our enemies keep attacking our Twin Towers with their rhetoric and lies. They attack our Twin Towers with their symbolic airplanes, trying to destroy and tear away at our heritage and our Southern Culture. But, I have news for them, our Twin Towers a/k/a Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson will stand. Our heritage still stands, because we still stand, and we will continue to stand as long as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gives us breath to breathe.

We could spend all day on vast amounts of quotes today, but there are two I want to dwell upon, because I believe they succinctly describe the greatness of Robert E. Lee and all our Southern ancestors.

On Sunday, May 3, 1851, he wrote a letter to his son at West Point, and said, "Hold yourself above every mean action. Be strictly honorable in every act, and be not ashamed to do right. Acknowledge right to be your aim and strive to reach it."

On Thursday, December 25, 1862, he wrote a letter to his daughter at school and said, "You must study hard, gain

knowledge, and learn your duty to God and your neighbor that is the great object of life."

It is my belief and conviction that these two quotes - the words from these quotes depict ever so succinctly the great Southron, General Robert E. Lee. He was honorable. He was not ashamed to do right. He believed his duty to God and his neighbor, and he certainly believed it was the great object of life. I must also say that these two quotes not only depict General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson, but they also depict the Old South as well. The Judeo-Christian ethic was the dominant worldview of 19th Century, especially in the Southland. Most of the Old South were deeply dedicated people. Yes, it was reflected in Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Jeb Stuart, and it was reflected in their attitude and conduct, but it was also reflected in the people of the South.

Contrary to popular belief from a society that desires to demean and denigrate our heritage, and contrary to popular belief from a society that keeps trying to fly their "airplanes" of propaganda into our Twin Towers, and contrary to popular belief that tries to make the people of the Old South to appear evil and unkind, we know that they must



continue to be defended. The people of the South were concerned about education. They were generous,

they were wholesome, they were moral, and they certainly were stalwart in their adversity. I believe they were an exceptional body of Americans. They were our ancestors, and they were our Confederate Heroes. Their traditions were sacred, and those traditions should be held sacred today as well.

General Lee and his fellow Southrons endured a cataclysmic ordeal unmatched by any other region of this nation, and at no other time in our American history. What our ancestors stood up through as their land was being invaded was a true ordeal to this day that we truly can never really grasp. They were outnumbered, underfed, and poorly equipped. Yet, under the greatest American General to ever live, they withstood unbelievable odds. In

Dixie Land, "they took their stand." For them there was so retreat. Their DNA flows within our veins I submit to you, my dear compatriots, that we must also take our stand and never retreat from the cause. In the midst of hopelessness, they never bent from their resolve.

There are always those who search for a flaw in the fabric of a great man. They keep attacking those Twin Towers, and they stand. We all know that Robert E. Lee could have walked an easy path but he did not. That could be a topic within itself. He shunned offers to headquarter in nice homes. Rather he pitched his tent among his men. He said, "I cannot consent to be feasting while my poor soldiers are nearly starving." But, you also know, that was the mindset of all Southron Generals. The reason so many of our great Generals lost their lives was because they got right down in the midst of the fray with their privates and other soldiers.

No disaster ever crushed his spirit. No extremity of danger ever ruffled his bearing. In the agony of dissolution, he preserved.

On the rare occasion when the Confederate Army was on Northern territory, I have a story I want to pass along to you. Perhaps you have read this account. I must make this statement right here - we all know that General Lee had a code of ethics when in the enemy's territory, and this is one example. The rag-tag and worn army of General Lee was passing through the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside on their way to Gettysburg when they passed by a beautiful mansion. On the balcony four young beautifully dressed northern ladies watched waving Federal flags as the Confederate Army passed by. I must also say this - those young ladies can be thankful that the roles were not reversed, because if it would have been in the South, and General Sherman had been passing by their home, perhaps they would not have fared so well, but they were fortunate, it was not General Sherman, it was General Lee. The account states that no rebuke was returned by the men, but as they marched pass, General Lee looked up into the face of one of the young ladies with a kind-solemn glance that only General Lee could give. It reminded me of what it must have been for the man who was forced to carry the Savior's cross. What that man must have experienced as he looked into the piercing eyes of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Well, obviously the

General must have made quite the impression, because they say that she dropped her flag and exuberantly shouted, "Oh, I wish he was ours!"

To this young northern lady whom I'm sure was a very kind soul and good-hearted person, I'm sorry to tell her that, "He was not hers!" He was ours. They have stripped us and robbed us of everything they possible can. They are trying fervently to strip us of our Stainless Banner and our St. Andrew's Cross. They are trying to strip our history and our heritage by rewriting history, but you cannot take away history. You cannot strip from us our Twin Towers. General Lee was ours! General Jackson was ours! They remain ours, and forever will remain ours! The man of lasting influence was ours! The man of enduring legacy was ours! The man of national respect was ours!

Sunday, April 9, 1865, after capitulation, his men were waiting, grief stricken and dejected. With his men all around him, bareheaded and barefooted with tear-wet faces, thronging him, kissing his boots, kissing Traveler, and shouting his name, Robert E. Lee responded with tears flowing down his cheeks, "Men, we have fought through the war together; I have done my best for you; my heart is too full to say more."

General J.A. Early at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, January 19, 1872 - 136 years ago today - stated, "The sword of Robert E. Lee, without a blemish on it, was sheathed forever." I must ask you, "How many of our leaders today can it be said that their sword was sheathed without a blemish on it?"



Robert E. Lee stated, "I have fought against the people of the North because I believed they were seeking to wrest from the South dearest rights. But, I have never cherished toward them bitter or vindictive feelings, and I have never seen the day when I did not pray for them."

Even though he was a military genius, it's not the military mind that I want to honor as much as it is his Christian

character. He trusted and loved God. He loved his fellow man. He believed in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord, and he manifested a Christian spirit toward his enemies as well as his friends.

Despite the efforts of the revisionists, he remains the embodiment of all that was good and noble in the Old South. Concerning secession, General Lee said, "We could have pursued no other course without dishonor."

I am reminded of a movie I saw a few years ago. I'm not given to much movie seeing because most of it is a bunch of nonsense, but I must say this was a good movie. It was called *National Treasure*. The story line evolved around a group of men trying to steal the Declaration of Independence. The two good guys were doing their best to keep it from being stolen. In the movie, the main star is reading the Declaration of Independence through the glass cover, how - in my words - "any state or states see that their nation is going down the wrong path - they can choose to reform or secede to form a better union if they so desire." Well, I about came off the couch when I heard that stated. Of course, who's going to pick up almost subliminal messages like that except folks like us. I was yelling at Gloria, "Listen! Did you hear what he said?!!" I couldn't believe it. For once Hollywood almost got it right. It was downright scary! Well, I understand the second movie has recently come out - this *National Treasure*. I was already warned that I should not go unless I wanted a stroke and have my blood pressure raised. I guess someone must have got in trouble from movie number one. Oh, well, back to reality.

I must close. It's such a great honor to speak at this event - what an opportunity! I guess I'm relishing the moment.

As the poem "Confederate Heroes" by Abram Joseph Ryan goes - just a small portion.

"Do we weep for the heroes who died for us,
Who living were true and tried for us,
The martyr-band,
That hallowed our land
With the blood they shed in a tide for us?
Ah! Fearless on many a day for us,
They stood in front of the fray for us;
And tears should fall fore'er o'er all
Who fell while wearing the Gray for us."

Robert E. Lee's men of Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Pea Ridge, Chancellorsville, Cemetery Hill, Gettysburg, Mansfield, and as we know, Manassas, not Bull Run. If these men, if these Confederate heroes, if these Southern heroes, were here today, they would continue to defend the faith. They would continue to defend States' Rights. They would continue to defend chivalry and family. They would continue to tip their hat to ladies. They would continue to defend ethics and principles. They were Robert E. Lee's men, and they were our ancestors. They were our Confederate heroes.

Robert E. Lee said, "It will be difficult to get the world to appreciate the odds against which we fought." He was prophetic. The world does not appreciate these men and their efforts. But, we, their descendants, appreciate their efforts, because their DNA flows within our veins. We choose to remember and not to forget.

My ancestry is no different than yours. In fact, we all tell the same story. This is a public setting - an honor and an opportunity that I may never get again. I must say in closing that I honor my great-great Grandfather, Ephraim Majors, from Mt. Vernon, Texas. He and five of his brothers marched off to war. Can you imagine what that must of felt like to his mother as she watched six of her sons march off to a war in which the odds were so stacked against them? One son did not come home. One son was severely wounded, and the others were all listed on the indigent list as they lost all they had in this conflict. Your story is the same as mine. To forget them, to ignore them, to disregard them, because I'm embarrassed, or I'm concerned about what people think, discredits and brings reproach upon my ancestors, and I refuse to do that! It dishonors their memory.

The sweet young northern lady said, "Oh, I wish he were ours." But, as I close today, we collectively say, "We're glad he's ours!" He will always be ours!

I want to close with a scripture. In Hebrew 11:24-25, it says, "By faith Moses when he became of age, he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God...."

Not to regress from Scripture, but it reminded me of this great man. By faith

- and it was after all night in prayer - that Robert E. Lee made a decision. He was at the top of his military career. He was offered the head position over the military might of the Lincoln Army, but Robert E. Lee chose rather to suffer affliction and identify with his people of Virginia and the Southern people than to have the acclaim of man.

He is ours. He will always remain ours, provided Southern men with a Southern heart, provided Southern women with a Southern heart, do not forget that he is ours. He will always remain in our hearts, "Our General!" "Our Robert E. Lee!"

Thank you!

Don Majors

New Camp Officer Training

The 4th Brigade has scheduled New Camp Officer Training for March 8, 2008 at Macedonia Baptist Church, 2214 Franklin Dr, Mesquite, TX 75150. They have already secured the necessary training space at the church. They welcome any adjoining brigades to join them. I highly recommend the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th brigades join with them if at all possible. Please contact 4th Brigade 1st Lt Cmdr. Ron Shultz at mavmin@netportusa.com for more details.

Please notify me and Cmdr. Shultz by Nov. 1, 2007 if your brigade will be able to participate in the March 8 training. This would be an excellent opportunity for your camp and brigade officers to not only receive some needed training, but also to get acquainted with many of the other camp and brigade leaders in the North and East Texas areas. POC: Denne A. Sweeney / Past Commander-in-Chief - Sons of Confederate Veterans scvtex@sweeneyweb.net 972.842.5742 (home) 214.914.8923 (cell).

Fourth Annual Camp Ford Living History

The East Texas Brigades, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Smith County Historical Society invite you to come and join us for a Living History Event at Camp Ford Historic Park on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and

30, 2008 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, in conjunction with the Azalea Festival. Originally a training camp, Camp Ford became the largest Confederate Prisoner of War Camp west of the Mississippi River. The site is located northeast of Tyler on Highway 271, about one mile north of Loop 323.

Re-enactors from throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana will come together with the Captain James P. Douglas Camp and Douglas Battery of Tyler, to relive the history of Camp Ford. There will be overnight encampments Friday and Saturday nights.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 4:00, in addition to Cannon Firings, Infantry Drill, Musket Volleys, and Flag Presentations, there will be Skirmishes, Infantry Company Street, Weapons Demonstrations, Soldier Equipment and Haversack Contents, Shirt Sewing, and others.

Retirement of Confederate Flags ceremony will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday. Church Service will be held at 10:00 am on Sunday.

This should be an enjoyable and educational event for children and adults. There is no charge for admission, but we do appreciate donations.

For information contact Bob G. Davidson 903-581-7891.

Confederate Math Problems (from wartime school books)

If one Confederate soldier kills 90 Yankees, how many Yankees can ten Confederate soldiers kill?

Seven Confederate soldiers captured 21 Yankees and divided them equally between them. How many did each one have?

A Confederate soldier captured 8 Yankees each day for 9 successive days. How many Yankees did he capture in all?

If one Confederate soldier can whip 7 Yankees, how many Confederate soldiers can whip 49 Yankees?

Editor: Not very politically correct!! However, I think these would make excellent additions to the Math TEKS

test Texas students are required to take! Don't you?

You are Wanted!

To all members of the members of the North East Texas and the East Texas Brigade, I am looking to a start a Honor Guard and Color Guard to cover this area. Duties will be to cover grave dedications, parades and other SCV events in the area as needed. You will need a period uniform and a three band infield or Springfield musket, will consider other appropriate weapon (weapon for Honor Guard only). I would like to keep everything as period as possible. A drum corp if we can come up with one. Please no phone calls before 6 P.M. as I am a day sleeper.

Frank Smith – Commander : W.W. Heartsill Camp #2042 (Marshall, Texas) fsmith@shreve.net 903-938-4440

Texas Confederate History & Heritage Month Banquet

In connection with Texas Confederate History & Heritage Month, the Walter P. Lane SCV camp #1455, Longview, is pleased to announce a banquet will be held at the Pinecrest Country Club in Longview on Saturday, April 12th, 2008 at 7 PM. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Scott Bowden, co-author of the award winning book, *Last Chance for Victory; Robert E. Lee and the Gettysburg Campaign*. Final details regarding cost, etc., will be determined after the first of the year and notice sent for reservations. POC Mac Meredith meredithstwo@suddenlink.net 903-881-0537

Battle at Jones Meadow

Plans are well underway for Battle at Jones Meadow 2008!

Plans are being made to expand and improve all areas. If you missed 2007, don't let 2008 pass you by. Mark October 16-19 on your



calendar. Information about it can be accessed at the William H.L. Wells Camp #1588 website http://camp1588.org/tylertexas/cf_index.html.

That camp has produced a CD with over 1,000 photos from the October 2007 event.



They are working on a video and a notice will be inserted when it is available. For CD ordering information go to http://www.camp1588.org/tylertexas/cf_orderinformation.html or send a check for \$10 plus \$2 Postage and handling to Gene Kinsey Sons of Confederate Veterans 3116 Robin Road Plano TX 75075

Cross Dedication & Memorial Service

On Saturday, May 10th at 11AM, the Walter P. Lane camp is having a Southern Cross Dedication & Memorial service for Confederate soldier John D. Leland at the Gilmer City Cemetery (across street from Brookshire's on Hwy. 271).

Sandwiches, chips, drink's, etc., for participant's after the ceremony.

Leland is the g-grandfather of Mac Meredith.

POC is Mac Meredith meredithstwo@suddenlink.net or call 903-881-0537

"SPIRITS OF OAKWOOD"

The Mollie Moore Davis Chapter's The Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee, along with the Tyler Parks Department, will present the "Spirits of Oakwood" event on Saturday, March 29, 2008, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the historic Oakwood Cemetery, corner of Palace and Oakwood Streets.

The "Spirits of Oakwood" event is a historical walking tour through the cemetery where groups of 15 to 20

people led by a tour guide dressed in period attire will stop at the grave sites of ten prominent citizens of Tyler to hear their 'story'. There will be someone, historians or family members, at each grave site dressed as that person would have dressed in their lifetime telling his/her 'story'.

The cost is \$5.00 per person. The proceeds from this event are used to repair the many broken monuments in the cemetery. The first tour will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the tours last approximately 2 hours. Entrance is through the back gate of the Cemetery on Ellis Street - all other gates will be closed for the event.

The Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee is a City Committee, and we work with the Tyler Parks Department. The "Spirits of Oakwood" event has been approved by the City, and this is the fourth year for this event. The event is always held in conjunction with the Tyler Azalea and Spring Flower Trail.

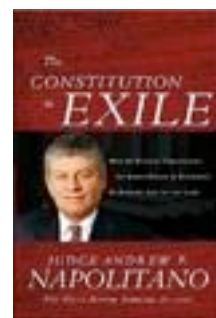
The "Spirits of Oakwood" event is entertaining as well as educational. Much of the history of Tyler and Smith County is in Oakwood Cemetery. The Committee welcomes volunteers, so if anyone would like to help with the event please call Maxine Herbst - 903-593-4642.

Judge Napolitano on Lincoln

by Thomas J. DiLorenzo

The recent discussions in the media about Ron Paul's comments regarding Lincoln and his political legacy got me to thinking, wouldn't it be great if Judge Andrew Napolitano, the Fox News Senior Judicial Analyst, would weigh in

on the subject. I had this thought because Judge Napolitano included a chapter entitled "Dishonest Abe" in his brilliant book, *The Constitution in Exile*. Judge Napolitano is a very busy man, hosting a radio show as well as



appearing on television, making speeches all around the country, writing books, and practicing law – in addition to (hopefully) having a private family life. Since I am a big fan of his writing I

thought I would try to pique our readers' interest in what the judge has to say on this subject.

The first two sentences of the "Dishonest Abe" chapter of *The Constitution in Exile* are hard hitting: "The Abraham Lincoln of legend is an honest man who freed the slaves and saved the Union. Few things could be more misleading." He then goes on to say exactly what Ron Paul told the *Washington Post*, and which seemed to mystify and confuse Tim Russert in his "Meet the Press" interview with Congressman Paul: "In order to increase his federalist vision of centralized power, 'Honest' Abe misled the nation into an unnecessary war. He claimed that the war was about emancipating slaves, but he could have simply paid slave owners to free their slaves The bloodiest war in American history could have been avoided." And, as Ron Paul would likely add, all the other countries of the world that ended slavery in the nineteenth century, including Britain, Spain, France, Denmark, the Dutch, did so without a war. This, by the way, included the Northern states in the U.S. There were no "civil wars" to free the slaves in Massachusetts, New York (where slavery existed for over 200 years), or Illinois.

Lincoln's "actions were unconstitutional and he knew it," writes Napolitano, for "the rights of the states to secede from the Union . . . [are] clearly implicit in the Constitution, since it was the *states* that ratified the Constitution . . ." Lincoln's view "was a far departure from the approach of Thomas Jefferson, who recognized states' rights above those of the Union." Judge Napolitano also reminds his readers that the issue of using force to keep a state in the union was in fact debated – *and rejected* – at the Constitutional Convention as part of the "Virginia Plan."

He also discusses Lincoln's Confiscation Act of 1862, under which "any slaves behind the Union lines were captives of war who were to be freed **and transported to countries in the tropics**. This was in keeping with Dishonest Abe's lifelong position (his "*White Dream*," according to *Ebony* magazine managing editor Lerone Bennett, Jr, author of *Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream*) of deporting all blacks from the U.S. "Colonization" was the euphemism that was used for this.

"The Confiscation Acts," writes Judge Napolitano, "show that Lincoln did not

have much concern for the slaves. He did not suggest to Congress that freed slaves should be granted civil rights or citizenship in Northern states. Once the freed slaves were transported out of the United States, they would no longer be Lincoln's problem." This is also why Lincoln tinkered with proposals for compensated emancipation in the border states while they were under U.S. military occupation during the war. These proposals included *immediate deportation* of any freed slaves. He saw the occupation of the border states during the war as an opportunity to begin ridding the country of "The Africans," as he referred to black people, as though they were from another planet. Judge Napolitano quotes Lincoln in one of his debates with Stephen Douglas as saying what he repeatedly said throughout his adult life: "I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races – that I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes." "Lincoln was more concerned about the failure of [the seceding] states to collect tariffs than he was about slavery," says Napolitano.

Unlike all those hopelessly miseducated neocon pundits who sneered at Ron Paul's statements regarding how Lincoln did tremendous damage to the principles of the American founders, Judge Napolitano is well schooled in constitutional history. He writes of Lincoln's complete trashing of the Constitution by "murdering civilians, declaring martial law, suspending habeas corpus, seizing . . . private property without compensation (including railroads and telegraphs), conducting a war without the consent of Congress, imprisoning nearly thirty thousand *Northern* citizens without trial, shutting down . . . newspapers, and even deporting a congressman (Clement L. Vallandigham from Ohio) because he objected to the imposition of an income tax."

"Saying that Lincoln abolished slavery and calling him the 'Great Emancipator' are grossly inadequate

mischaracterizations," writes the judge. "Lincoln was interested in promoting his political agenda of centralizing government power, and freeing the slaves was only a means of advancement of that end."

Lincoln destroyed the union of the founding fathers. He "replaced a voluntary association of states with a strong centralized government. The president and his party eagerly lifted the floodgates to *the modern thuggish style of ruling that the U.S. government now employs*" (emphasis added). This "opened the door to more unconstitutional acts by the government in the 1900s through to today."

The next time you see Lincoln's portrait on a five-dollar bill, the judge concludes, "remember how many civil liberties he took away from you."



From the Editor

Well, our third edition is finally in your hands! We were scheduled to have it in the mail by February 10th, but a computer snafu caused a major delay! But that is truly another story!

We have received several requests for small changes and additions so we are trying to incorporate them into the next edition. We have added your officers contact information. We have been asked to highlight the next meetings info so that it is easy to find at a glance. So, look for the battle flag on the front page. Each month's meeting date, topic and speaker will be on that flag! You can't miss it.

Each edition of the *Douglas Dispatch* will be posted on your new website. Go to www.jamespdouglas.org. Then click on "Read the Dispatch! Click here!" and select the edition you want to read. You can then print out a copy or read online. I hope this will be more convenient. If you would like to receive your copy online rather by snail mail, just reply back to the "Contact..." email address on the Home page or send an email to captjamespdouglas124@yahoo.com.

If you have other requests or suggestions, please let me know. We are striving to make the *Douglas Dispatch* what you want in a newsletter and the best camp newsletter in Texas!

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Captain James P. Douglas Camp #124 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Sweet Sue's Family Restaurant's Banquet Room (except December).

3350 S SW Loop 323, Tyler TX.

The Public is Invited!

Calendar of Events

Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm

Feb 21, 2008, Sweet Sue's Restaurant

TSOCR Executive Board Meeting – The Junction, Huntsville TX

Mar 8, 2008 POC Norma Holley

New Camp Officer Training POC Denne A. Sweeney

Mar 8, 2008 Mesquite TX (See Page 2)

OCR Meeting – Emma Sansom Chapter – Sunday – 1:00 pm

Mar 9, 2008, 1:00 pm Papacita's Restaurant, 6704 S. Broadway, Tyler

Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm

Mar 20, 2008, Sweet Sue's Restaurant

SPEAKER: Larry Mink TOPIC: Medicine during the WBTS

Camp Ford Living History and Reenactment – Saturday & Sunday

Mar 29-30, 2008 Camp Ford Historical Park (See Page 3)

Spirits of Oakwood - Saturday – 2:00 – 6:00 pm POC Maxine Herbst

Mar 29, 2008 Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler (See Page 4)

Texas Confederate History Month Banquet POC Mac Meredith

Apr 12, 2008, 7:00 pm Pinecrest CC, Longview (See Page 3)

Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm

Apr 17, 2008 Sweet Sue's Restaurant

SPEAKER: Reggie Anne Walker-Wyatt TOPIC: More about Jessie James

Cross Dedication & Memorial Service POC Mac Meredith

May 10, 2008 11:00 am Gilmer City Cemetery

Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm

May 15, 2008 Sweet Sue's Restaurant

SPEAKER: Rose Mary Rumbley TOPIC: Funny History

Jefferson Davis BBQ – Saturday – 11:00 am

May 31, 2008 Rose Garden Building POC Maxine Herbst

Texas Division SCV Reunion – Galveston -

June 6-7, 2008

Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm

June 19, 2008 Sweet Sue's Restaurant

SPEAKER: Three Majors TOPIC: Our WBTS Favorite Songs

OCR Meeting – Emma Sansom Chapter – Sunday – 1:00 pm

June 8, 2008 Papacita's Restaurant, 6704 S. Broadway, Tyler

Confederation SCV Reunion – Concord NC

July 16-19, 2008

Battle at Jones Meadow – Friday – Sunday

Oct 17-18, 2008 POC Rob Jones 903-520-3265

