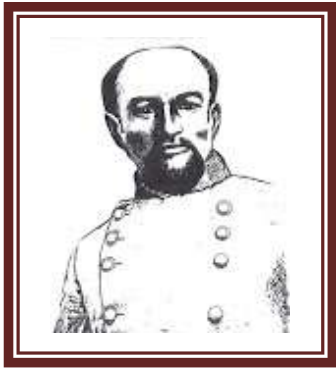


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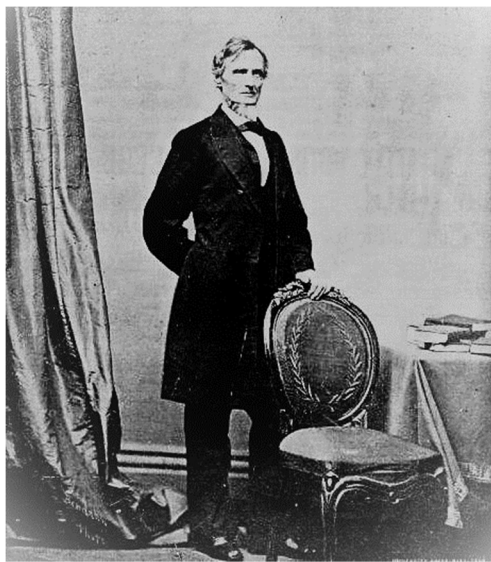
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Captain James W. Bryan

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Capt. J.W. Bryan Camp 1390 will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Joseph's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant, 1601 Ruth St. in Sulphur, La. Our speaker will be Archdeacon James G. Monroe, Anglican Diocese of New Orleans. A resident of Kingwood, Texas, he is a clergyman and educator and member of A.S. Johnston Camp 67, SCV, in Houston, Texas. His topic will be "The First Arkansas Cavalry." Y'all come for great food and fellowship!



The New Orleans Cultural Marxists now want the name of Jefferson Davis Parish changed. Let's make sure that never happens. God Bless President Davis's memory and name!



SCV NEWS

By Mike Jones,
Camp editor/historian

PURGING HISTORY, NEW ORLEANS STYLE

Masked men wearing military style helmets and body armor, in the dark of night early Monday, April 24, literally tore down a 126-year-old historic monument which commemorated the Reconstruction Era Battle of Liberty Place in 1874. This monument, called the Liberty Place Monument, was erected by the Democratic Party run New Orleans city government of 1891, which at that time was proudly "white supremacist." Sharpshooters stood on buildings overseeing the monuments demolition by the masked men.

It was the easiest target for the current Democratic Party run city government of New Orleans of today, which has also targeted for immediate destruction three other historic monuments, including the General Robert E. Lee Monument and General P.G.T. Beauregard Equestrian Monument, which are both on the National Register of Historic Places, and the President Jefferson Davis Monument, which has reportedly been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

It is patently unfair to lump those three monuments with the Liberty Place Monument and smacks of calculated political trickery. Those other three, honor three men who were both U.S., as well as Confederate, veterans and all graduates of West Point Military Academy. They also all had long and distinguished service to the U.S. government before secession, which they all opposed, but felt morally obligated to defend their native states in the great War for Southern Independence.

New Orleans city officials purportedly took this negative action to promote peace, reconciliation, unity and show the world how diverse it is. But is tearing down National Register Historic Monuments really the way to promote peace, reconciliation and unity? The foremost historical monument preservation and restoration organization in New Orleans disagrees.

"The Monumental Task Committee has opposed moving and removing monuments throughout its 29 years. This removal completely lacks basic government transparency. The (Continued on Page 2, Col.1)

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whole process has been flawed since the beginning, and this secretive removal under the cloak of darkness, outside of the public bid, masked contractors, and using unidentified money wreaks of atrocious government. People across Louisiana should be concerned over what will disappear next,” said Pierre McGraw, MTC president.

The Monumental Task Committee isn't the only organization opposed to tearing down monuments that are considered by many to be great works of art, as well as national historic treasures. Public opinion polling has shown that about 60 percent of residents of the New Orleans area oppose the monument wrecking policy, and a whopping 73 percent of Louisianians in general are against purging history through tearing down monuments. “MTC has always encouraged tolerance and respect for all monuments, adding contextualization to existing historic artworks, and building new monuments to further tell Louisiana’s stories,” said McGraw.

Unfortunately, the New Orleans city government didn't listen to the reasonable and fair solutions suggested by MTC. Now the purging process has been unleashed and it won't stop with Confederate monuments. The current city politicians are next targeting the iconic Andrew Jackson Equestrian Monument in Jackson Square and the World War I Memorial, among many others, including changing street names in these radically politically correct times.

There are bills in Louisiana Legislator that could give protection to Louisiana's treasured historic monuments from such political purges. But there are also powerful forces opposing them, including Governor John Bell Edwards.

It is hard to see how purging Louisiana and American history and heritage will promote peace, reconciliation and unity. In fact, it will probably have the exact opposite result. Conservative estimates are that there are around 80 million living descendants of Confederate veterans, including millions in Louisiana.

The way the historic monument was torn down Monday was a public-relations nightmare for both New Orleans and Louisiana. The city politicians there should reconsider their plan. Is masked men tearing down historic monuments under the cowardly cloak of darkness really the image of their city they want to project to the world? If local politicians won't reconsider, the Louisiana Legislature needs to act.

Mike Jones, Editor/Historian, Camp 1390

MOVEMENT TO ERASE HISTORY SCARY

Pierre McGraw, Monumental Task Committee, Inc.

NEW ORLEANS—The divisive monument controversy in New Orleans has statewide ramifications. Against popular opinion in the city and state, Mayor Landrieu is working tirelessly to remove historic monuments in New Orleans. Landrieu and the City Council applied a 1993, never before used city ordinance to declare the four inanimate objects a public nuisance.

And while it may be comforting to think “maybe it won’t happen here,” Louisiana has two other active efforts to sandblast our history in different parts of the state. In Lafayette, there is a push to take down a monument to Opelousas native General Alfred Mouton, a West Point graduate who was the Commander of the 18th Infantry Regiment at the outbreak of the Civil War. In Shreveport, a group wants to remove a 111-yearold monument outside of the Caddo Parish Courthouse. In Lake Charles, a Police Jury member advocated for the removal of the South’s Defenders monument in front of the Old Parish Courthouse. This is true even though it is well-documented that the monument was erected in the spirit of reconciliation. Monuments depicting our state’s history will be toppled from public view in the name of cultural cleansing, as if Louisiana is no different than a volatile middle eastern country overrun by jihadists. A new Take ‘Em Down list reveals several parishes and cities throughout Louisiana targeted for renaming. While Take ‘Em Down’s actions and logic seem extreme to most in Louisiana, their demands have been appeased by the political establishment in New Orleans — and that sets a dangerous precedent. This movement lacks tolerance, respect, and most importantly, a true understanding and respect for history.

Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, and Virginia have Historic Preservation Acts that protect the entire state. Alabama, South Carolina, and Texas are considering such bills right now.

Louisiana has an opportunity to end this cultural cannibalism right now. Beginning April 10th, the state Legislature will consider three bills aimed at protecting Louisiana’s rich history.

SB 198, by Sen. Beth Mizell, would prevent the removal of (among other things) any monument which has been in existence over 25 years without the approval of the state Legislature.

HB 71, by Rep. Thomas Carmody, would protect monuments located on public property which commemorates U.S. wars (and by logical extension, its veterans).

HB 292, by Rep. Phillip DeVillier, is an amendment to the state constitution which prohibits Louisiana public entities from destroying, dismantling, removing, moving, storing, eliminating, or hiding various monuments, memorials, and artifacts.

It is the Louisiana Legislature and not the New Orleans Legislature. Lawmakers should not allow the New Orleans establishment to control a statewide issue. The historical and cultural landscape of Louisiana should never be subjected to the whims of politically motivated politicians. If we do not pass a Historic Preservation Act to guarantee the diversity of our state’s history, then everything is on the table for removal, e.g., statues, monuments, street names, park names, plaques and historical markers, and even the names of Parishes like Washington!

Pierre McGraw, Monumental Task Committee, president

LOUISIANA DIVISION SCV REUNION

The annual Louisiana Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Convention will be held May 19-20, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2015 Old Minden Road, Bossier City, LA 71111; Phone (318) 759-1950. The registration fee is \$20 each, for members only; and \$30 each for the Saturday night banquet. Deadline for the banquet is May 10. It is being hosted by Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor Camp.

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 19th

7 p.m. – Division Executive Council Meeting

Saturday, May 20th

9 a.m.—Business Session

1 p.m.—Break for Lunch

2 p.m.—Business Session II (if needed)

6 p.m.—Awards Banquet—Speaker; Past Louisiana

Division Commander Ron Kennedy, co-author of *The South Was Right*

Registration fees should be sent to Richard Taylor SCV, P.O. Box 8428, Shreveport, LA 71148-8428.

If you are planning on reserving a room at the host hotel, please do so by **May 5th** to get the SCV rate of \$139. The hotel numbers are 318-759-1950 or 318-562-2406. Group code is SCV.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mansfield State Historic Site

5/7/2017 to 5/12/2017 • Mansfield State Historic Site, Mansfield - National Tourism Week Battlefield Tours, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. In recognition of National Tourism Week, the site will offer special battlefield tours and rifle firing demos on Sunday, and Wednesday - Friday. Battlefield tours will occur at 11 a.m., rifle firing demonstrations at 2 p.m.; there also will be a living history camp open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. For more information call 888.677.6267 toll free or 318.872.1474 locally.

5/13/2017 • Mansfield State Historic Site, Mansfield - Bus Tour - Pleasant Hill Battlefield, 10:30 a.m. As part of National Tourism Week and in cooperation with the De Soto Parish Tourist Commission, the site will offer a special tour of the Pleasant Hill Battlefield. Meet at the museum for an orientation, then ride in a charter bus to and from Pleasant Hill where park staff will lead a walking tour of the battlefield. There is a \$30 fee for this special program, which includes the cost of the bus and a bag lunch. For more information call 888.677.6267 toll free or 318.872.1474 locally.

5/19/2017 to 5/21/2017 • Mansfield State Historic Site, Mansfield - Polignac's Brigade - Living History, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fri/Sun; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. Over the weekend, the site will host a series of living history programs on the original ground where General Polignac's charge hit the Union center during the 1864 battle of Mansfield. visit for firing demonstrations, and school groups can register to see the Living History encampment. For more information call 888.677.6267 toll free or 318.872.1474 locally.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER-IN- CHIEF

The recent events in New Orleans have been heartbreaking and, honestly, completely insane. The current mayor, Mitch Landrieu, and the City Council have completely derailed and are destroying the history of the very city they were elected to protect. Ironically, in the early morning hours on Monday Mr. Landrieu, according to reports, had local firemen dismantle one of four monuments that he and other elected officials (not the citizens) alleged to be offensive to the citizens of New Orleans. The irony here is that Landrieu himself narrowly escaped house arrest for owing the firefighters pension fund over \$70 million dollars; yes, \$70 million dollars.

In 2015 word was received that the Mayor and his council started laying the groundwork for their plan, much like ISIS, to destroy monuments of our ancestors. With this information, the local Camp and Louisiana Division entered into litigation to stop this insanity. The National SCV entered into the litigation at a later date in an attempt to block the removal of historical monuments placed in the city. Thus far, after over thirty thousand dollars and countless hours of discussion and litigation, the fine men of Louisiana have basically been railroaded by Landrieu and his cronies over the years. What I personally find to be so ironic in all of this insanity is that for thirty two years the City was run by people of color who respected historical monuments, but now Mr. Landrieu chooses to create division among the people for some perceived political gain or notoriety. It is reported that Landrieu now has a list over one hundred streets and school names he wishes to change.

After much consultation with the Division Commander of Louisiana and members of my staff I am calling for a BOYCOTT of the City of New Orleans by the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and all right-minded people. Please visit Confederate Memorial Hall in this once fine Southern city but do not spend any of your hard earned dollars otherwise in the City. We must stand strong and let the historical terrorists and haters know who we are and what we stand for!

New Orleans is no different than any other large town in the Southeast, and tourism dollars are what they thrive upon. New Orleans' busiest time of the year is Mardi Gras, and the money raised every year is used to promote the Mayor and City Council's agenda. While I encourage you to visit Louisiana and the countless towns and communities that host Mardi Gras festivals, please avoid New Orleans. Let our voices and dollars be heard!!!

Therefore, I call for a BOYCOTT of New Orleans, LA and highly encourage each of you to spread the word to friends and family. We need to show Mr. Landrieu and his cronies that we will not stand for his ISIS tactics and the absolute destruction of OUR history under the cloak of darkness with snipers on rooftops. We must collectively let the powers that be know that we will not allow OUR HISTORY and the world's history to be destroyed or re-written by a few despicable people in power!
Deo Vindice, *Thos. V. Strain Jr.*, 75th C-in-C, SCV

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mansfield State Historic Site

5/27/2017 • Mansfield State Historic Site, Mansfield - Our Buried Past: City Cemetery Walking Tour, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. In honor of Memorial Day, this walking tour will focus on the section of the cemetery known as the "Confederate Rest," as well as what happened to the Union soldiers buried here. Also included in the tour will be the stories of a few notable persons in Mansfield's and Louisiana's history. Meet at Mansfield SHS at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 888.677.6267 toll free or 318.872.1474 locally.

Address:

15149 Highway 175
Mansfield, LA 71052

Directions:

The site is located in DeSoto Parish, four miles south of the town of Mansfield on LA 175. Exit I-49 to the town of Mansfield and follow LA 175 south.
Coordinates: 32.010924, -93.664949.



Book analyses Robert E. Lee's walk with God

Review by Mike Jones

Although I've read many biographies on the life of the great General Robert E. Lee, they understandably dealt mostly with Lee's military career. When I first saw the "The Religious Life of Robert E. Lee" by R. David Cox was coming out, I immediately wanted to get it.

Now that I have read it, I must say I was not disappointed. The author was very complete in his analysis of Lee's religious beliefs, but also the major theological and familial influences on his spiritual formation. It also goes into how his faith became stronger and stronger throughout his life. While I don't necessarily agree with all of Cox's opinions and interpretations, I think he was very fair and balanced in his evaluation.

Starting out with Lee's family ancestry and the religious world into which he was born, the author goes into quite a bit of detail about Anglicism and how it evolved in to a more evangelical form in Virginia. Cox notes the great influence Lee's mother (Ann Hill Carter Lee) had on his spiritual formation. She was a devout Protestant Evangelical Episcopalian. Lee formed a life long practice of church attendance, daily prayer and Bible reading no matter where he was.

This obviously was a powerful influence in shaping his character and the way he conducted himself in all aspects of life. He married into a likewise Protestant Evangelical Episcopalian family when he married Mary Custis, the step-great-granddaughter of George Washington. While his wife was at first worried that Lee was not religious enough, he steadily increased in the power of his faith until he matched or exceeded her own evangelical fervor.

Robert and Mary were blessed with seven healthy children, three boys and four girls, that formed into a truly ideal Christian family unit. The Lee family was very strong in its daily prayer life. Lee was also active in the various churches he attended and was a member of during his long and varied military career.

During the War for Southern Independence, Lee was supportive of military chaplains of all faiths and encouraged and supported their spiritual guidance of the Confederate soldiers under his command. Lee was also a paragon of virtue and courage in the personal example he always presented to those who served under him, as well as to his whole family.

After the war, as president of Washington College in Lexington, Va., Lee considered the Christian formation of each student to be the most important part of their education. Besides having the historic chapel at Washington & Lee University built, he encouraged daily student chapel attendance for an ecumenical service, for which he himself set the example. Lee also encouraged the students to attend the church of their choice in the community.

The book, published by Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. (www.eerdmans.com), has 336 pages, photographs, endnotes, bibliography, index, photographs. \$26.00, trade paperback.

