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RADIO FREE DIXIE RETURNS

Compatriot Don Gordon of the General Wade Hampton Camp in Columbia addressed our camp at the July meeting to let everyone know that he is bringing back a radio program called Radio Free Dixie. Many members will recall that several years ago Don and some other Compatriots from Columbia were involved in a radio show by the same name. Don and his guest addressed issues involving Southern Heritage primarily within the Palmetto state. The program was produced in Columbia and broadcast mainly in the Columbia area but was sometimes carried by other stations around the state. The program lasted about a year and, due largely to funding problems, was discontinued. Don announced that he has put together a plan for bringing back this Southern Heritage program and that he plans to start broadcasting July 21st. For now the program will only be aired in the Columbia area but there are plans to expand to other parts of the state as soon as possible. Currently the show will be heard on WIS radio at 1320 AM on Saturdays from 11 AM till 12 noon. For those who can't get that channel it can also be heard live at wisradio.com and at 10AM and 7 PM on the internet at dixiebroadcasting.com. Also to help fund the program and to make it accessible to more people Don is selling subscriptions for CDs of the show for \$28.00 a month. Those who purchase subscriptions will receive a CD of the latest show in the mail each week. You can then listen to the show on your home or car stereo and then pass the CD along to a friend so that even more people can hear the show. This is a great opportunity for everyone to help get our message out by buying a subscription and helping fund this program. For more information or to order your subscription call Compatriot Don Gordon at 803-454-9896 today. This our chance to get the truth about our ancestors out there and we all need to pitch in and help make Radio Free Dixie a success.

*The Charge
To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought: to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.*

*Lt. General Stephen D. Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans,
1906*



MOBILE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The SCV National Convention was held in Mobile, AL, July 25th through July 28th. Several members of Secession Camp made the trip to Alabama to attend this years reunion. Of course Division Commander and Secession Camp Compatriot **Randy Burbage** was there and with Randy, representing Secession Camp were Compatriots **David Rentz**, Compatriot **Ed Moon**, and bringing his Hunley submarine exhibit was Compatriot **John Dangerfield**. Associate member Compatriot **Gene Hogan** also attended the convention. Unfortunately for Secession Camp this years convention was not as successful as last years. Secession Camp was in the running for several awards but came away empty handed. Secession Camp along with Moultrie Camp was also trying to get the 2010 National Convention here in Charleston but again we came up empty handed. The 2010 convention was awarded to a new camp in Anderson, SC. We had hoped that the selection committee would agree that Charleston, where the war started, would be the best choice for the convention that will kick off the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States, but it seems the decision as to where to hold that convention came down to which city would allow the Battle Flag to be flown in front of the convention location. The Anderson delegation was able to get permission to fly the flag but our delegation was not able to get permission from the city of North Charleston to fly the flag for four days. It is a shame that the convention that will kick off the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the WBTS will not take place where it all started but we still owe a big thanks to Compatriot David Rentz and Compatriot Howard Chalmers of Moultrie Camp for the many hours of work and planning they put into this effort. Thanks men, you did a great job.

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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1820 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT 7:00 PM.

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Compatriots,

I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits and in good health. We have a few events coming up in the near future that I hope to see you all at. The first one is the Confederate Heritage Ride; we need your help and support for this Camp fundraiser. The next one is the Highway cleanup and the Confederate Ghost walk, which more information will be upcoming for anyone, that has questions about it and how they can participate.

We are currently looking at new items that we can sell in our Quartermaster store to also help generate some money for the camp. If you have any ideas on what items we can sell let us know. **David Rentz** and I have been putting our heads together and we have a few new items that may do well. Let us know what you think.

Your Obedient Servant
Bill Baber, Commander
 Secession Camp # 4, SC SCV



CORRECTION

The editor would like to apologize to Compatriot **Sy Mabie** for misspelling his name in the July issue. As often as Sy's name has appeared in this newsletter it shouldn't have been misspelled. Sorry Sy. It was also reported that Commander **Bill Baber** would be handling the Mickey Davis Fund until a new chairman is named however that has been changed and Treasurer **Woody Weatherford** will be handling the account for now.

Just for the fun of it!

Two Yankees are riding Amtrak between Boston and New York, when a good ol' boy from Georgia comes along and sits in the isle seat beside them. He kicks off his shoes and proceeds to settle in for the ride.

One Yankee looks at the other in disgust and says, "I think I'm gonna need a beer if I have to sit next to a redneck." The Georgia boy says he would be happy to go get it for him, and as he goes for the beer, one of the Yankees picks up the Georgia boy's shoe and spits in it. When he returns with the beer, the other Yankee says he's gonna need a beer too. The Georgia boy proceeds after the 2nd beer, and while he's away, the other Yankee spits in the other shoe.

Later, as the train begins pulling into the station, the Georgia boy slips his shoes on, and knows immediately what's happened.

He looks at the two Yankees, and asks them how long, must this hatred between north and south go on; the mindless prejudice; the petty bickering; the spitting in shoes; the spitting in beers?

THIRD ANNUAL HERITAGE RIDE

As most of you already know the time for the Third Annual Heritage Ride is rapidly approaching. Committee Chairman **George Nauman** is calling for volunteers to help with the event. There will be another meeting after the August camp meeting to discuss the details. George is asking that everyone try to find items that can be given away as door prizes at the ride. Please check at work, with friends, or business's you patronize and ask for anything that might make a good door prize that can be given away at the event. We only have a couple of months left so we need everyone to pitch in and help with this. Remember this event raises money to support our Southern Heritage.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the last camp meeting. The camp meetings as well as the worship services each Sunday are a very important part of my life. Each provides an opportunity to share with others who have like interests and values.



I am reminded that worship was an important part of the life of General Robert E. Lee. Colonel Walter Taylor a member of Lee's staff recorded the following after the tragic losses experienced at Gettysburg and while he was following the movements of General Meade and newly appointed General Grant just prior to the Battle of the Wilderness. Taylor described Lee's Sunday ride near Mine Run. "On Sunday as we were riding down the lines attended by General Hill and his staff and others, we came upon a collection of men engaged in divine worship. We had been riding at a pretty fair gait, but the general at once halted, and listened to the singing of the men, He heard the entire hymn, and as the benediction was pronounced, reverently raised his hat from his head, received the blessings and then continued to ride along the fortifications." (Gray Fox, Davis pg. 268). It is my prayer that we always maintain the relationship between God and the ancestors we honor.

Compatriot **Fred Tetor** reports Trish's recovery is going exceptionally well after liver replacement surgery. Fred would like to thank everyone for their cards, telephone calls and prayers. Please include **Tom Gelwicks Sr.**, and Claire in your prayers as they search for the source of Claire's pain. I continue to ask for your continued prayers for Connie and myself during this difficult time. Compatriot **Gary Stone** is recovering from abdominal surgery. Continue prayers for Compatriots **Jimmy Dickinson** and **Willy Heidtmann**.

Please let me know if there are others who are sick or afflicted. Please do not keep your needs a secret. There is power in prayer. I am always available at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail, smabie@hotmail.com.

Sy Mabie, Chaplain

CAMP SUPPER

Those delicious burgers and fix'ins we enjoyed at the July meeting were prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Compatriots **Walter Canady**, **Bob Dandridge**, **Don Petty**, **Perry Patrick**, and **Dan Pinson**. As usual these men came in long before the meeting to cook for us and we owe them our thanks for another fine meal. Remember without volunteers like these we would not be able to enjoy a good supper together at camp meeting so let them know we appreciate it.

At the August meeting Don and the crew will be serving fried fish, hush puppies, coleslaw, iced tea, and desert. This sounds like great supper that you'll not want to miss.

CAMP QUARTERMASTER

The Camp's Quartermaster store provides additional funds to operate our camp but since the passing of Compatriot Robert Moorer we have been without a Quartermaster. Compatriot **John Blackwell** has agreed to help with the job but he is requesting that we have at least two men share the duties. Please consider helping the Camp by volunteering to serve as Quartermaster. For information call Compatriot **David Rentz** at 530-1766.

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GLENN McCONNELL PARKWAY CLEAN-UP

On Saturday July 28th Compatriots of Secession Camp once again came out and volunteered to help Highway Clean-up Chairman Jimmy Wheeler clean the Glenn McConnell Parkway in West Ashley. Pictured below at the clean-up are (from left to right) Compatriots **Windell Bunton, Bob Gissell, Benny Slay, Will Joyner, Bill Norris, Ben Pittman, Jimmy Wheeler, Joey Dixon,** (front row) **Dan Pinson** and son Lucas, **Bobby Compton, Andy Langdale, and Michael Dixon.** Not pictured but also on hand to help out were Compatriots **Walter Carr** and **Elmore Marlow,** thanks go to Penny Dixon for coming out as usual. It should be noted that Compatriot Langdale drove in on Saturday morning from his home in Dorchester. That's about a 45 mile drive! Thanks to all these folks for getting up early and giving of their time on Saturday morning to help the camp.



AUGUST SPEAKER

The speaker at our August meeting will be Compatriot Donald Livingston of the John B. Gordon Camp in Atlanta, GA. Compatriot Gordon is a Prof. of philosophy at Emory University, a national endowment for the humanities fellow and a fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh. Prof. Livingston has published four books and over a hundred articles in the areas of political philosophy and American constitutionalism. He is currently writing a book on the relevance of secession today. He is president of the Abbeville Institute an organization in higher education devoted to teaching college and graduate students what is true and valuable in the Southern tradition. Prof. Livingston will speak on the Confederate Constitution and the lessons it has for us today. We are indeed fortunate to be able to get Prof. Livingston to speak to the camp and this is one you don't want to miss.



At the July meeting Compatriot **Rick Hatcher** spoke to the camp on the siege of Charleston. Rick gave a very informative and enjoyable presentation using period photos and maps of the Charleston area.

The following historically based story, by Compatriot **Gene Kizer**, will be continued in this newsletter each month until completed. Although it is fiction, it is filled with many historical facts and good pro Southern arguments..

A More Perfect Fifty-dollar Bill

by Gene Kizer

"If I thought this war was to abolish slavery,
I would resign my commission and offer my sword
to the other side."

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant

The campaign was dismissed, at first, as "those Charleston Crazy's, at it again," but it grew legs and took off and now was the talk of the country. It appeared Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's days on the fifty-dollar bill were, indeed, numbered.

It was Saturday, April 7th, 2007, and Marion Square was jam packed with TV cameras and reporters as the debate was about to begin. A huge stage was set up on the north side of Marion Square close to Embassy Suites. A huge TV screen was set up on the south side at the back of John C. Calhoun's statue.

The Cooper River Bridge Run, with 75,000 runners, now the largest 10K in the world across the longest cable-stayed bridge in North America, had ended on Marion Square the weekend before. The place had been swarming with people, but this crowd was twice, maybe three times as large, and was getting loud and boisterous.

"May I have your attention please," blared out a deep male voice that sounded like Trace Adkins. "Welcome to democracy and freedom of speech in ACTION!"

At that, the crowd erupted and everybody cheered loudly interspersed with shrill whistling and Rebel Yells.

"I'm John G. Gailliard of the Political Science Department of Charleston College, your moderator, and we are sponsoring this nationally broadcast event!"

There was another round of hooting, hollering, whistling and clapping as Fox New Network, CNN and others panned the crowd.

"As most of you know, negotiators for the three parties debating today have hammered out the rules, and the Congressional Delegations of every Southern state have agreed to introduce legislation in Congress supporting the position of the winner of this debate . . ." he paused then yelled right into the microphone, "and it's WINNER TAKE ALL!"

The crowd erupted again!

Earlier, the *Post and Courier* had published an entire section on the debate spelling out the positions of each of the three sides.

First, there was the genealogical group that had started the whole thing, the Sons and Daughters of the Confederate South, who were descended from Confederate soldiers. They were demanding that Ulysses S. Grant's picture be removed from the fifty-dollar bill and replaced with Gen. Robert E. Lee's, since Grant was a slaveowner throughout the War Between the States, and Lee was not. Lee had freed his slaves before the war and did not believe in slavery, unlike Grant, who just about had to have his slaves forcibly removed after the war.

At first, the public was skeptical about claims that the greatest Confederate general was not a slaveowner during the war, while the Yankee general, supposedly fighting to free the slaves, had sworn he'd join the Confederacy before he'd let his slaves go. Did Ulysses S. Grant actually own slaves during the War Between the States? It just didn't make sense to a lot of people, especially those who rely on public education and CNN for their information.

The second position was taken by Yankees who have felt so good about themselves for supposedly ending slavery that they were willing to overlook the fact that Grant was definitely a slaveowner, that Sherman had no problem with slavery, that five slave states fought for the North, and that Lincoln himself, before the fighting, supported the first 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which would have protected slavery forever, and placed it even beyond the reach of Congress.

This second group called itself, Brothers United to Limit Lee, or B.U.L.L. They were feeling so God-awful good, they never even thought about the million people who died in the War Between the States out of a total population of 33 million. They did not care that old Honest Abe Lincoln was a bigger racist than the average Ku Klux Klansman, nor did they care that Lincoln, his whole life, favored sending blacks back to Africa. This second group just didn't care about any of this stuff because they won and could walk around feeling good about themselves. They knew how to feel good, because they had been doing it for 141 years.

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MINUTES FROM THE JULY 17TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Siege of Charleston
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Rick Hatcher
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		

Remarks: 72 members and 9 guest for a total of 81 in attendance

- SCV Charge was given by Commander **Bill Baber**.
- Invocation given by Past Commander, **Randy Burbage**.
- Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. **Gene Patrick**.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Head chef **Don Pace** was assisted by **Perry Patrick, Danny Pinson, Walter Canady, Robert Dandridge, and Don Petty**.
- Introduction of guest.
- Don Gordon, from the Wade Hampton Camp in Columbia, talked about the radio show, Radio Free Dixie, which is to be broadcast on Saturdays.
- The speaker, Rick Hatcher, Historian at Fort Sumter and camp member, gave his new and improved slide presentation of the Siege of Charleston.
- Treasurers Report - **Woody Weatherford** reported a beginning balance of \$2,567.76 with deposits of \$880.00 and 10 cents interest. Expenses were \$90.00 for S. C. Division dues, \$270.00 for National dues, \$133.02 for the printing newsletter, \$16.40 for postage, \$40.28 for flowers, \$38.23 for adjutant supplies, \$22.88 notice in Post-Courier for deceased compatriots, \$158.95 was collected (pass the hat) for The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Total expenses were \$769.76, which left a balance of \$2,678.10.
- Committee Reports: **Sy Mabie** was unable to attend due to his wife being ill. He will also have to give up chairmanship of the Mickey Davis Fund, which Bill Baber will manage until a replacement is found. Sy asked to keep **William Heidtman, Gary Stone, and Jim Dickin-son** in your prayers. Also **Pappy Gelwicks** wife and **Fred Tetor's** wife.
- New Business: Two candidates were voted and approved for membership, they were Fred Polston, and Norman Berry. Three candidates were sworn in as members of Secession Camp. **Raymond Toler, Fred Polston, and Norman Berry**. Mr. Berry lives in Elberton, Georgia but his great-great grandfather, Isaac Nelson Kirby, of the 1st. S. C. Artillery, is buried at Magnolia Cemetery. Mr. Berry made the trip to Charleston so that he could be a member of Secession Camp.
- **Walter Carr** was presented his Division Lifetime Certificate by Commander Baber.
- Bill Baber announced that an \$8.00 increase in National SCV dues will be proposed at the National Convention in Mobile. The members in attendance voted for our delegates to approve the proposal. Three other by-law changes were read and voted on by the members.
- **George Naumann**, President of the Confederate Heritage Trust, announced that the CHT is selling copies for \$25.00 of Richard Kirklands book, Dark Hours. This book list the names of Confederate prisoners and which Federal prisons they were in. The proceeds will go towards a monument to the first crew of the H. L. Hunley.
- Commander, Bill Baber announced that the Lee-Jackson Banquet will be held on January 19,2008 at the Washington Light Infantry Armory, at 287 Meeting Street, and will be catered by the College of Charleston Services. A drawing will take place at the Banquet, for a replica of Colonel Mosby's cavalry sword and tickets are being sold at the meetings.
- Hannah Burbage, daughter of Past Commander Randy Burbage, attended the meeting and she gave a report on the Southern Heritage Club at Clemson University. There were 34 males and 4 females in attendance at their first meeting.
- A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Randy Burbage followed by the singing of Dixie.

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 8-7 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 8-21 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

September

- 9-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-18 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-22 Heritage Ride preregistration
- 9-29 3rd Annual Secession Camp Heritage Ride

October

- 10-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 10-4 Confederate Heritage Trust Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 10-6 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
- 10-12 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
- 10-13 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
- 10-16 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

November

- 11-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 11-10 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation
- 11-11 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation
- 11-20 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

December

- 12-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 12-18 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party, 6:30 PM *
- 12-20 Secession Day

* Dates not confirmed

Meeting Dates for Camps of the 6th Brigade

Secession Camp # 4, Charleston	3rd Tuesday of the Month
Moultrie Camp # 27, Mt. Pleasant	3rd Thursday of the Month
Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38, N. Charleston	2nd Thursday of the Month
Wee Nee Volunteers Camp # 58, Kingstree	1st Monday of the Month
Linchfield Camp # 132, Conway	3rd Tuesday of the Month
H. L. Hunley Camp # 143, Summerville	4th Thursday of the Month
Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, Moncks Corner	3rd Thursday of the Month
Star of the West Camp # 1253, The Citadel	(irregular)
Ft. Sumter Camp # 1269, Charleston	2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)
Battery White Camp # 1568, Georgetown	2nd Tuesday of the Month



NEW MEMBERS

Secession Camp was proud to induct three new members into the fold at the July meeting. Shown taking the oath below are new Compatriots **Norman Berry**, **Raymond Toler**, and **Fred Polston**. As always we are glad to have these men in our camp and the SCV. Bringing new men into our organization is good for the camp and good for the SCV but one of the things we need to work on in this area is retaining the these new compatriots. Of course we like to have new men but we need to keep them interested in the organization and to do that we need to make these new men feel welcome. Don't forget to speak to these men and say hello the next time you see them. Welcome to the camp men and please don't be shy about getting involved in camp actives and projects. We need all the help we can get.



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Confederate Ancestors*

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Co. G 4th SC Cavalry

Private Robert O. Jaques
Co. G 4th SC Cavalry

Capitan George W. Way
11th SC Infantry

Corporal Beverly Rodgers
Co. F 1st Local Troops, GA (Augusta)

Deo Vindice
Clyde W. Rogers

FRIDAY LUNCH

For those Compatriots not aware Seccession Camp members have been meeting for lunch on Fridays for the past several years. Most recently at a Chinese buffet on Rivers Ave. in North Charleston. Lately lunch attendance has been declining so a decision has been made to move the Friday lunch to a new location. The new restaurant is the Golden Rivers located at 6258 Rivers Ave. in North Charleston. It's also a Chinese buffet but has a larger menu including other types of food. If you know where the old restaurant was, the Golden River is across the street about one block further north on Rivers. Everyone is invited to join your fellow Compatriots for lunch on every Friday at about 12 noon.

HERITAGE WATCH

Delegates attending the SC United Methodists Conference in Florence, June 2007, passed a resolution calling for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from Statehouse grounds. The resolution is similar in nature to the views and rhetoric of other organizations against the battle flag and anything Confederate. According to a Post and Courier article dated June, 10, 2007, the conference recommends our Southern Cross be placed only in museums or "other appropriate historical context". The article also states that the resolution was approved by a "clear majority" and that the debate was not as "contentious" as in the past. However, a recent letter to the Editor of the Post and Courier states that it was a narrow decision voted on by a show of hands. Either way, they decided to vote against a symbol of our heritage. This volley toward our heritage seems to have stirred up certain members of the NAACP, namely Lonnie Randolph, President of the NAACP state conference. According to the same Post and Courier article, Mr. Randolph compares our heritage to "bigotry, white supremacy and hatred". He even goes as far as stating, "The Confederacy depended on a form of terrorism" and a "violence of intimidation used to obtain a political end". It appears that the only organization trying to "intimidate" is his own, not the SCV or other South Carolinians that support the flying of the flag our ancestors fought and died for.

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The third position, put forth by Scholars for Justice, had come about in sort of a logical way. These folks reasoned that Grant was not the only slaveowner on American money. Washington, Jefferson, all of them had been white men who owned slaves, so what we really needed to do was put a black man who owned slaves on the fifty-dollar bill. That would make things fair. Then we wouldn't have to disturb any of the other slaveowning presidents on our money, which would happen if we put the non-slaveowning Robert E. Lee on the fifty-dollar bill. With a black slaveowning man on American money, everybody would be represented except Hispanics, but they were not significant players in the War Between the States, and the Indians were all Confederates, thus they'd be covered by Gen. Lee.

William Ellison, the famous cotton gin maker from Sumter, immediately came up because he was one of the largest slaveowners in South Carolina, and he was black. The Sons and Daughters of the Confederate South supported this position on a secondary basis because it only seemed fair. BULL was flat-out against it.

The concept that blacks willingly fought for the Confederacy -- because to Southern blacks, the South was home -- is another concept that people who rely on public education and CNN have a hard time believing, though these same people will sometimes believe that blacks fought in the American Revolution for America, and back then every American colony was slaveholding. The reason they believe blacks fought in the Revolution for America is because they know stories like Crispus Attucks, a black man and great American patriot, who was the first man killed by the British in the Boston Massacre in 1770, God rest his soul.

The night before, a fight had broken out in the courtyard of the Blind Tiger on Broad Street between one of the Sons and Daughters, and a member of BULL. There was a table full of members of the Sons and Daughters of the Confederate South drinking and talking and having a good time in their gray Confederate coats, next to a table full of BULL drinking and talking and having a good time in their blue Yankee coats, next to a table full of Scholars for Justice drinking and talking and having a good time in their stylish black coats that looked sort of like tuxedo coats but had brown elbow pads on the sleeves.

Things started out with civility and fun, but the War Between the States was only 145 years ago, and that might as well have been yesterday, so it's understandable that emotions are always high.

"Why would you people glorify the side that wanted to destroy America?" said a member of BULL in jest, his chest poking out proudly.

"We don't. We just wanted to be left alone to govern ourselves, like the Colonies in 1776 wanted Great Britain to leave them alone so they could govern themselves," said a Confederate Son.

"That's hardly the same thing," said the BULL member.

"Oh yea, your Horace Greeley said it was exactly the same thing. If it was OK in 1776 for three million colonists to secede from Great Britain, it was certainly OK in 1861 for nine million Southrons to secede from the federal Union. That's what your Greeley himself wrote in his New York Tribune before the war."

"But that was treason. They had no right," said the member of BULL.

"Au contraire, they most certainly had the right. The right of secession was never questioned by the Founding Fathers. In the beginning, even Yankees didn't question it. You ever hear of the Hartford Convention of New England?"

"Yea, but they didn't actually secede."

"True, but they sure as hell wanted to. They voted to secede and sent a delegate to Washington to announce that they had seceded, but the War of 1812 ended before he got there."

The member of BULL had picked the wrong Son to argue with, but he grabbed his mug of beer and continued on. "Don't you think we are a great nation today? Why would you people want to destroy that?"

"We would have been two great nations, even greater. A million people didn't have to die to prove it. We would have been friends, North and South, and all fought Hitler together and traded together and things would have been fine."

"Including your black slaves, huh."

"Well, you Yankees brought them all here and made huge fortunes in the process. You built the entire infrastructure of the Northeast on profits from the slave trade."

"Yea, but if there had not been a market for slaves in the South, we never would have done that."

"True, but there were slaves in the North until massive white immigration from Europe made it cheaper to hire a white man than buy a black. Only then did Northern states phase out slavery."

"At least we did phase it out."

"Let me ask you this. Every Northern state used gradual, compensated emancipation. There were still slaves in the North when the war started. Many Northerners waited until just before a slave was due to be emancipated, like just before his 21st birthday, then sold him back into slavery in the South. Not a pretty record."

"I don't know if I believe all that."

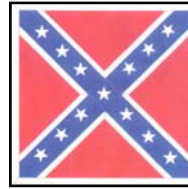
"It's absolutely true, but here's my question. If the North really wanted to end Southern slavery, why didn't you suggest doing it in the South the same way you had done it in the North, with gradual, compensated emancipation?"

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