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The Battle Flag Flies in Tampa

June 3, 2008 - Edited From an article by TampaBay.com

TAMPA -- The Sons of Confederate Veterans this morning erected a massive flag — 30 feet high and 50 feet long — atop a 139-foot pole. The group claims that this is the "world's largest" Confederate flag.

This morning was the second time that the flag -- clearly visible from Interstate 75 in both directions -- has been raised. It was put up briefly a few weeks ago when the group started fund-raising efforts for the flagpole and an accompanying Confederate memorial on a small plot of land west of Interstate 75 at U.S. 92. The flag was raised today in honor of the 200th birthday of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, organizers said.



The flag will be flown until sunset and will not reappear until the memorial is completed and dedicated, organizers said. No completion date has been set.

It took 20 minutes to raise the huge flag, said Eddie Gay, one of four men who took turns working a crank to hoist it.

"It felt good to see it flying. It's just history, that's all it is," Gay said.

Meanwhile, a five-man crew was busy spreading concrete at the site as part of the work on the memorial.

Plans for the flag and memorial started about four years ago, said John W. Adams, a Deltona resident who co-chairs the Confederate Veterans' Flags Across Florida project.

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Defending States' Rights

The Kentucky and Virginia resolutions, written by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, declared that the Constitution was a "compact." That is, it was an agreement among the states.

Resolved, That the several States composing the United States of America; are not united on the principle of unlimited submission to their General Government; but that, by a compact under the style and title of a Constitution for the United States, and of amendments thereto, they constituted a General Government for special purposes, -- delegated to that government certain definite powers, reserving, each State to itself, the residuary mass of right to their own self-government; and that whensoever the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthorized, void, and of no force: that to

this compact each State acceded as a State, and is an integral party, its co-States forming, as to itself, the other party: that the government created by this compact was not made the exclusive or final judge of the extent of the powers delegated to itself; since that would have made its discretion, and not the Constitution, the measure of its powers; but that, as in all other cases of compact among powers having no common judge, each party has an equal right to judge for itself, as well of infractions as of the mode and measure of redress.

So, when the Tariff of 1828, enacted on May 19, 1828, passed the U.S. Congress, it was labeled the "Tariff of Abominations" by Southerners because of the effects it had on the Southern economy.

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Battle Flag

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Flags Across Florida started after the Confederate flag was removed from the Capitol in Tallahassee about eight years ago. So far the group has two major flags erected: one in Suwannee County along Interstate 75 and one in Havana along U.S. 27.

Adams insists the flag isn't about racism or slavery. "It's about honoring our ancestors and about celebrating our heritage," he said. "It's a historical thing to us."

He hopes people who are offended by the flag will drive to the memorial and view the plaques honoring Confederate soldiers. They plan to have one dedicated to black Confederate veterans, he said.

Several nearby business owners don't mind. It's history, they say, and it's on private property. Tampa resident Marion Lambert owns the small triangular plot just west of Interstate 75 along U.S. 92 E. But when

Hillsborough County NAACP president Curtis Stokes heard about the plans to have the flag flying next year, he was shocked.

"I'm surprised that they would allow something like this to go on in Hillsborough County," he said.

The county has wrestled with sensitive Confederate issues in the past. In 1994, the Confederate flag was removed from the county seal. Last year, county commissioners recognized Confederate commander Robert E. Lee on the same day they honored a black civic leader. Commissioners later apologized and haven't since recognized Lee.

A Biblical Supplication

May God come to my help, may he let me gloat over my enemies. Slay them, O God, lest they seduce my people, upset them by thy power and lay them low, O Lord, my shield.

(Psalms 58:11-12)

Cmdr. John Adams Reports On Flag Raising

Tuesday, June 3, the 200th Anniversary of the birth of President Jefferson Davis, was a banner day for the Florida Division of the SCV. We raised our GIANT Battle-flag at 7 AM, and the press was on hand for the event. Major coverage on television is expected.

Monday, Cdr. Dawson and I were run ragged with press interviews. I know that Doug's interview was played on CNN, and that he was contacted by several newspapers.

I did an interview with the Tampa Tribune, ABC News New York, and was the feature in the 5PM drive home on the *Bud Hedding Show* (radio).

Here's what ABC News had to say in advance of the event:

Gigantic Confederate flag flies on 139-foot pole near Tampa, Fla.

"The i's are dotted, t's are crossed and a 139-foot flagpole is ready to fly the Stars and Bars over one of the busiest highway interchanges in Florida.

"The Sons of Confederate Veterans in Tampa plan soon to raise what they claim is the world's largest Confederate flag on a private triangle of land tucked near where Interstates 75 and 4 meet. The flag measures 50 feet by 30 feet.

"John Adams, commander of the organization's Florida division, has spearheaded the flag project, which includes plans for an accompanying memorial park. And he wants to make sure that the only objections the group faces are based on opinion, not the law.

"You're going to hear some complaints about it for sure," Adams said. "But it's a free country as far as I know."

"To some, particularly across many Southern states, the rebel flag represents a rich heritage that includes fighting and dying for the Confederate cause during the Civil War. To others, the flag represents dark memories attached to slavery and racial inequality.

"One of those people is Curtis Stokes, president of the NAACP in Hillsborough County, who hopes that a groundswell of opposition to raising the flag might convince the Sons of Confederate Veterans to reconsider.

"That's an unlikely scenario, according to Adams. Nearly a decade ago, the 220 members in the state's Sons of Confederate Veterans group launched a project called *Flags Across Florida* in response to a decision by state officials to remove the Confederate flag from a place of prominence near the state capitol in Tallahassee."

Also on Talk Radio

Commander Adams was a guest on the Atlanta based *Allen Hunt Radio Show* on Sunday, June 8 and skillfully defended our Cause.

Mr Hunt bills his show as "where real life and faith come together" and was against the project.

Callers appeared evenly divided on the meaning of this historic event, but those in our camp failed to sway the host from his negative attitude.

Happy Birthday, Mr President

Jefferson Finis Davis – President of the Confederate States of America

Jefferson Davis was born on June 3, 1808, in Christian County, Kentucky that would later become Todd County.

Davis' father, Samuel Emory Davis, served in the Revolutionary War and participated in the siege of Savannah. Three of Jeff's older brothers served in the War of 1812, two under General Andrew Jackson. His father was from Georgia and mother Jane Cook Davis, daughter of a noted Baptist Preacher, was from North Carolina.

Jefferson Davis, who would become the first and only President of the Confederate States of America, was a strong Unionist and a strong defender of the United States Constitution. Our founding Fathers believed in the sovereignty of the states and so did Jefferson Davis.

At the young age of 16, Jefferson Davis received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York by President Monroe. He graduated in 1828 with the commission of 2nd Lieutenant.

Jefferson Davis fought valiantly in the War with Mexico, served as the United States Senator from Mississippi, served

as Secretary of War under President Franklin Pierce and was the first to suggest the transcontinental railroad to link the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Jefferson Davis' marriage to Varina Howell is said to have been a good one, who gave her husband three sons and two daughters (Jefferson Joseph, Billy, Margaret and Winnie.) Joseph was killed in an accidental fall at the Confederate White House in Richmond, Virginia in 1864, and an abused black child named Jim Limber was adopted by the Davis family.



President Jefferson Davis

Jefferson Davis died in New Orleans, Louisiana in December 1889, and the New York Times ran a 2,000-word tribute to the funeral of Davis on December 12, 1889. The following is a small part of the news report from New Orleans, Louisiana:

"He suffered many and grievous wrongs. Suffered mostly for the sake of others, and those others will remember him and his unflinching fidelity with deep gratitude while the Potomac seeks the Chesapeake or the Mississippi sweeps by Briarfield on its way to the Mexican Sea."

We Call Them Southrons

Rev. James Henley Thornwell, *Our Danger and Our Duty* – Where are men like this today?

"The consequences of success on our part will be very different from the consequences of success on the part of the North. If they prevail, the whole character of the Government will be changed, and instead of a federal republic, the common agent of sovereign and independent States, we shall have a central despotism, with the notion of States forever abolished, deriving its powers from the will, and shaping its policy according to the wishes, of a numerical majority of the people; we shall have, in other words, a supreme, irresponsible democracy. The will of the North will stand for law.

The Government does not now recognize itself as an ordinance of God, and when all the checks and balances of the Constitution are gone, we may easily figure to ourselves the career and the destiny of this godless monster of democratic absolutism. The progress of regulated liberty on this continent will be arrested, anarchy will soon succeed, and the end will be a military despotism, which preserves order by the sacrifice of the last vestige of liberty."

They are now fighting the battle of despotism. They have put their Constitution under their feet; they have annulled its most sacred provisions; and in defiance of its solemn guaranties they are now engaged, in the halls of Congress, in discussing and maturing bills which make Northern notions of necessity the paramount laws of the land. The avowed end of the present war is, to make the Government a government of force."

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Historical Quiz

The date is February 21, 1871 and the Forty-First Congress is in session. Refer to the "Acts of the Forty-First Congress," Section 34, Session III, chapters 61 and 62. On this date in the history of our nation, Congress passed an Act known simply as the 'Act of 1871". What was the official title of this act?

This act caused a drastic change in the direction of the United States

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The first correct answer will win a free Florida State Flag, suitable for outdoor display of your patriotism.

Answer to last quiz:

Under what document did the original colonists state that the purpose for settlement in the New World was "for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian Faith"?

Answer: This statement was made in the *Mayflower Compact*.

Confederate Vet's Daughter Finds Father's Day

The inception of Father's Day took place in the mind of Sonora Smart Dodd when she happened to hear a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. When Sonora was 16, her mother had died during childbirth.

Sonora's father, a Confederate veteran by the name of William Jackson Smart was a member of The First Arkansas Light Artillery and fought in the 1862 battle of Pea Ridge during the War for Southern Independence. He raised six children including the newborn on his own. Eventually, the Smart family moved West and finally settled near Spokane, Washington

Sonora, at the age of 27, had begun to recognize the hardships her father must have gone through while bringing up his six children alone. She questioned that if there is a day to recognize mothers then why is not there a day to honor fathers?

Many people laughed and joked at Sonora's idea. But her will did not droop. She began a sincere campaign lobbying for the cause of Father's Day. Her hard work began to show signs of success when Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1910 with the support of Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).

To pay tribute to her affectionate father and Southern war hero, Sonora wished that Father's Day be celebrated on her father's birthday on June 5, but it so happened that there was not enough time for preparation and the day came to be celebrated on third Sunday in the month of June.

The idea of Father's Day became popular and embraced across the nation.

Sonora Smart Dodd was honored at the World's Fair in Spokane, Washington in 1974. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd died in 1978 at the age of ninety-six. She was buried in Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane Washington State

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States' Rights

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South Carolina, always a vocal proponent of the independent rights of our states, began to advocate that the state itself declare the tariff null and void within South Carolina.

By a vote of 136 to 26, the convention overwhelmingly adopted an ordinance of nullification drawn by Chancellor William Harper. It declared that the tariffs of both 1828 and 1832 were unconstitutional and unenforceable in South Carolina.

She said in part, "And we, the people of South Carolina, to the end that it may be fully understood by the Government of the United States, and the people of the co-States, that we are determined to maintain this, our Ordinance and Declaration, at every hazard, Do further Declare that we

will not submit to the application of force, on the part of the Federal Government, to reduce this State to obedience; but that we will consider the passage by Congress, of any act... to coerce the State, shut up her ports, destroy or harass her commerce, or to enforce the acts hereby declared null and void, otherwise than through the civil tribunals of the country, as inconsistent with the longer continuance of South Carolina in the Union: and that the people of this state will thenceforth hold themselves absolved from all further obligation to maintain or preserve their political connection with the people of the other States, and will forthwith proceed to organize a separate Government, and do all other acts and things which sovereign and independent States may of

right do."

So the error, as John C. Calhoun put it, "is in the assumption that the General Government is a party to the constitutional compact. The States formed the compact, acting as sovereign and independent communities.

The Constitution has admitted the jurisdiction of the United States within the limits of the several States only so far as the delegated powers authorize; beyond that they are intruders, and may rightfully be expelled...

If we do not defend ourselves none will defend us; if we yield we will be more and more pressed as we recede; and if we submit we will be trampled underfoot."

That was then, this is now. Have we traded freedom for fear & apathy?

Reliving Florida's Past

JUNE 1 1964 The U.S. Supreme Court reversed an earlier ruling by the Florida Supreme Court and ruled that school prayers and Bible readings in public schools were unconstitutional.

JUNE 7 1837 More than 700 Seminoles slipped away from the United States Army and made their way to the Everglades as the program to transport Seminoles to Oklahoma began.

JUNE 11 1964 Dr. Martin Luther King and seventeen companions were arrested today in St. Augustine (in violation of Florida's unwanted guest law) for their attempt to desegregate a well-known and popular restaurant in the city

JUNE 13 1861 Confederate President Jefferson Davis has designated today as a Confederate "Day of Thanksgiving," and has called for fasting and prayer for

the protection of the Confederate States of America.

JUNE 15 1822 The City of Jacksonville was founded today.

JUNE 16 1779 Spain joined



FLORIDA.

the fledgling union of the United States of America today by declaring war against England. Spain hoped to retrieve the colonies of East and West Florida lost to the English in 1763. Spain would regain the territory in 1783.

JUNE 17 1942 Four German saboteurs from a U-boat landed today on Ponte Vedra Beach. They were to link up with a second team of agents in New York. All were arrested within three days, following the defection of one of the members, Walter Dasch, and all of them, with the exception of Dasch, were subsequently executed.

JUNE 25 1564 The Fort Caroline colony, located on a bluff above the St. Johns River, was started today by Rene Laudonniere.

JUNE 25 1868 Florida was conditionally re-admitted to the United States today by the radical 39th U.S. Congress. Federal military occupation of the state, however, would not end until 1877.

JUNE 30 1778 British troops turned back attacking Americans in a skirmish at Alligator Creek, near Callahan.

On the Issue of Slavery in the South

How many Florida's do we need to get it right?

The South has long carried the stigma of racism and bigotry. The fact that slavery ended abruptly because the South lost the War serves to reinforce this common stereotype. For this reason, most Southerners take little pride in their nation's role in the War Between the States. The only thing they can boast about is how well they fought — but they are not allowed to defend the cause itself. They have been told that they cannot talk of principle or speak of righteousness. The institution of slavery has so blackened the Southern position that nothing about the South can be viewed as good or right. Slavery is considered to be such a wicked practice that it alone is sufficient to answer the question of which side was right in that unfortunate war. The fact that the South practiced slavery is enough to cause many moderns to feel they do not even have to listen to the various biblical and constitutional arguments that swirled around that controversy. Consequently, to have a closed mind on this issue is to be cloaked in virtue.

How could men have supported slavery? This question is especially difficult when we consider that these were men who lived in a pervasively Christian culture. We have all heard of the heartlessness, the brutalities, immoralities, and cruelties that were supposedly inherent in the system of slavery. We have heard how slave families were broken up, of the forcible rape of slave women, of the brutal beatings that were a commonplace, about the horrible living conditions, and of the unrelenting work schedule and backbreaking routine — all of which go together to form our impression of the crushing oppression, which was slavery in the South. The truthfulness of this description has seldom been challenged.

Although, Southern slavery may be open to criticism because it did not follow the biblical pattern at every point, this impression is largely false. An example might be some of the state laws regulating slavery at that time could not be defended biblically (the laws forbidding the teaching of reading and writing, for example). It is obvious that in a fallen world, an institution like slavery will be accompanied by many attendant evils. Such evils existed with ancient Hebrew slavery, ancient Roman slavery, and even with American slavery. The issue is not whether sinners will sin, but rather how Christians are *commanded* to respond to such abuses and evils. Moreover, nothing is clearer — the New Testament opposes anything like the abolitionism of the North prior to the War Between the States. The New Testament contains many instructions for *Christian* slave owners, and requires a respectful submissive demeanor for Christian slaves. See, for example, Ephesians 6:5–9, Colossians 3:22–4:1, and 1 Timothy 6:1–5. If those who hate the Word of God can succeed in getting Christians to be embarrassed by *any portion* of the Word of God, then that portion will continually be employed as a battering ram against the godly principles that are *currently* under attack. In our day,

three of the principle issues are abortion, feminism, and sodomy. If we respond to the “embarrassing parts” of Scripture by saying, “That was then, this is now,” we will quickly discover that liberals can play that game even more effectively than embarrassed conservatives. Paul prohibited eldership to women? *That was then, this is now.* Moses condemned sodomy? *That was then, this is now.* However, not only is the Bible *not* politically correct, it was not politically correct one hundred forty years ago.

In a certain sense, we are backing into an informed discussion of the War Between the States. You have been told many times that the war was over slavery, but in reality it was over the biblical meaning of constitutional government. The *inflammatory* issue is slavery, however, and so the real issue is obscured in the minds of many. Moreover, when the Bible is our only standard of right and wrong, problem texts disappear. This entire issue of slavery is a wonderful issue upon which to practice. Our humanistic and democratic culture regards slavery *in itself* as a monstrous evil, and it acts as though this were self-evidently true. The Bible permits

Christians to own slaves, provided they are treated well. You are a Christian. Whom do you believe?

The issue of slavery was used to provoke a revolution in 1861. That revolution has continued to this day, and slavery has *increased* in our land as a result

To say the least, it is strange that the thing the Bible condemns (slave-trading) brings very little contempt upon the North, yet that which the Bible allows (slave-ownership) has brought down all manner of condemnation upon Southerners and the South. Slavery as it existed in the South was not an adversarial

relationship with pervasive racial animosity. Because of its dominantly patriarchal character, it was a relationship based upon mutual affection and confidence. There has never been a multi-racial society that has existed with such mutual intimacy and harmony in the history of the world. The credit for this must go to the predominance of Christianity. The gospel enabled men who were culturally distinct in nearly every way, to live and work together, and often be friends. This happened to such an extent that moderns indoctrinated on “civil rights” propaganda would be thunderstruck to know the half of it.

Slavery gave an issue to radical revolutionaries by which they could provoke animosity against the South and, consequently, the “old order” which held sway in this nation prior to 1861. The War that resulted gave these radicals opportunity to increase the size and power of the federal government in this nation to undreamed-of proportions.

Our nation of free States, after 1865, was transformed into a distinctly different entity than it had been before. The nation established by the Founding Fathers, a limited, constitutional republic, a union of free States, was no more. And the modern, messianic State, which seeks to bring salvation by law, was firmly established.

Camp Calendar

Dates to Remember

- **June 16** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Program: To Be Announced
- **July 21** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Program: To Be Announced
- **August 18** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Program: To Be Announced

Reporters Wanted! Send in your stories about our Southern Fathers and our Cause.

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Confederate Heritage Tag

The 2008 legislative session has ended without passing a bill allowing for our Confederate Heritage Tag, so the fight continues. Please contact your State Representative and ask about his/her failure to support **HB 1159**.

More information and to locate your State Representative can be found on the Internet at www.heritageplate.org

The Truth of the Matter

"I understand a proposed amendment to the Constitution—which amendment, however, I have not seen—has passed Congress, to the effect that the Federal Government shall never interfere with the domestic institutions of the States, including that of persons held to service. To avoid misconstruction of what I have said, I depart from my purpose not to speak of particular amendments so far as to say that, holding such a provision to now be implied constitutional law, I have no objection to its being made express and irrevocable."

Abraham Lincoln - 1861

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Official U.S. Policy on Confederate POW's Preamble to H.R. 97, Passed by Both Houses of the U.S. Congress

"Rebel Prisoners in our hands are to be subjected to treatment finding it's parallels only in the conduct of savage tribes and resulting in the death of multitudes by the slow but designed process of starvation and by mortal diseases occasioned by insufficient and unhealthy food and wanton exposure of their persons to the inclemency of the weather."

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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 soldier’s 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. Are you ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself the greatness of soul?”

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General. United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

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