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NAZIS, CONFEDERATES, AND STUPID PILLS

By Bill Vallante



Brent Staples of the New York Times writes: "Nazism and



the tradition of American white supremacy that is memorialized in monuments throughout the South are the fruit of the same poisonous tree. In this light, the Confederate flag can legitimately be seen as an alternate version of the Nazi emblem."

If you haven't heard the analogy at some point in the last few years, then you've probably been on an extended journey to another planet. I'm talking about the comparison of the Confederacy to Nazi Germany. It's almost as if they believe that something becomes true simply because they say it is true. I'm not sure how, why or when such thinking began to become commonplace but more and more, I grow convinced that for the last 20 or 30 years, someone has been putting stupid pills in the water supply.

If we drop the "stupid pills" theory for a moment and try to guess what their line of reasoning might be, the first guess might be that it has something to do with the "racial superiority" thing. This myopic view ignores the fact that racial prejudices are a part of human history, not just European or white or Southern history. It ignores the fact that not every people or polity that holds such a belief goes out and exterminates someone.

So how, then, is the Confederacy like Nazi Germany? Is there any other evidence which would support this analogy?

It is a documented fact that Nazi Germany sent its armies crashing over its neighbors' borders in an effort to dominate them. The South, by contrast, declared its independence and fought a four year long defensive struggle, mostly on its own territory, against armies sent to subjugate it. It seems to me that if you want to find a "Nazi analogy" in America's civil war that you'd have to look north of the Mason Dixon line, not south of it. It was the north that sent its armies across the border to attack its neighbor, not the reverse. This isn't conjecture – it's a matter of historical record. All one needs to do is to look where



nearly all the battles were fought – in the South.

"All we ask is to be left alone." Now, I know something about the history of WWII and for the life of me, I cannot remember any Nazi of any rank ever uttering those words between 1933 and 1945.

When I was growing up, the people of the Confederate States were viewed as Americans who made a choice regarding their survival that they believed was correct and well within their purview. Those in the Northern States saw that choice as being wrong and sought to block it. The result was a bloody conflict, the likes of which America has yet to see again.

The only ones who can take us down are ourselves. And we appear to be doing just that right now. We seem to have reached the point where we as Americans no longer care to remember anything about our past.



**TEXAS DIV. SONS OF
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VETERANS**

As our country rolls over, it appears that we old moss-backs are being forced to lead by example in defending our 1st amendment rights. We worry that our younger compatriots will be forced to the sidelines or lose their jobs. We must defend our 1st Amendment rights and the honor of our Southern Ancestors for the sake of all patriots.

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THE GUARDIAN

Excerpts from: Rachel J. Trotter

How many of your great-grandparents can you name? Do you know a story for each? Discovering those stories can be somewhat of a miracle in our lives.

Everyone deserves to be remembered. Such a simple thought, but so profound. Remembering our family gives us purpose and helps us understand who we are.

We revere our ancestors because, against overwhelming odds, they fought on, often hungry, cold, sick, wounded, or shoeless to protect their homeland from an often cruel invader.

The Texas Division has instituted a special program to honor the memory of our Confederate Ancestors and to help ensure the preservation of their final resting places.

Consider being involved in honoring our Ancestors and take part in the SCV Guardian Program.

Contact Program Chairman Phil Davis for information at: pdavis37@etex.net

UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian Status</u>	<u>Number of Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	29
Kim Duffey	Full	3
Jamie Eitson	Full/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	46
T. Mitchell/G. Linton	Full	5
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	40
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



If you are interested in perpetuating the ideals that motivated your Confederate ancestor, the SCV needs you.

The memory and reputation of the Confederate soldier, as well as the motives for his suffering and sacrifice, are being consciously distorted by some in an attempt to alter history. Unless the descendants of Southern soldiers resist those efforts, a unique part of our nation's cultural heritage will cease to exist.

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate Veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendant of a Confederate Veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.

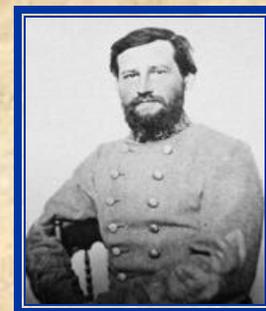


CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

“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.”

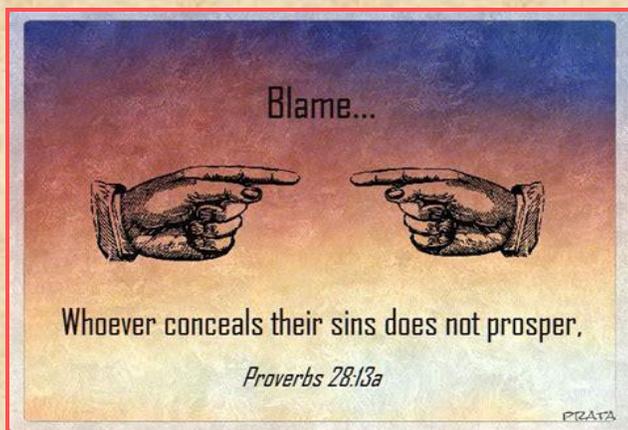


“Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”



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

“The SCV’s Best Hope for Success is Knowledge of the Truth”



THE BLAME GAME

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“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” - Matthew 7:3-5

A manager of a minor league baseball team was so disgusted with his center fielder’s performance that he ordered him to the dugout and assumed the position himself. The first ball that came into center field took a bad hop and hit the manager in the mouth. The next one was a high fly ball, which he lost in the glare of the sun.

The third was a hard line drive that flew between his hands and smacked his eye. Furious, he ran back to the dugout, grabbed the center fielder by the uniform, and shouted, “You’ve got center field so messed up that even I can’t do a thing with it!”

It’s easy for some people to blame others when things aren’t going their way, isn’t it? They try and try to figure out just what someone else did wrong to put them in

their predicament, all the while the real blame should be put on themselves.

In the Christian life, God wants you to take responsibility for your own actions. It’s easy to look at others and find faults with them. But remember that every time you point a finger, you have three more pointing right back at you. So examine yourself before you blame others. Be quick to confess when you might be in the wrong. A humble heart is the key to maintaining good, godly relationships with others.

Blame is an act of defense, and if you’re constantly defending yourself, you’re not opening yourself up to anything that other people have to offer you that could help you grow and learn.



Remembering Mr. Buford Williamson, 87 of Latch, Texas who passed away on Saturday, December 26. He graduated from Harmony High School and Stephen F. Austin State University and proudly served our country in the United States Army. He retired from Texas Eastman as an Operator in 1989. Mr. Williamson was a past member of the Upshur County Patriots.



Our January program was given by Compatriot Andrew Yauch. Andrew spoke on weapons of the Civil War and displayed an 1861 Sharps Rifle.

COVID-19 in East Texas

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Upshur County

As of January 24, 2021

(747 active cases, 43 deaths, 1,915 recoveries)

HISTORICAL DATES IN FEBRUARY



February 1, 1861...Texas

declares it has seceded from the Union, joining a chorus of southern states in defiance of the north.

February 8, 1861...State troops of Arkansas take the official state arsenal.

February 9, 1861...The seceded southern states form the Confederation appointing former Federal army officer Jefferson Davis of Kentucky as their President.

February 18, 1861...The Confederate States of America reveal their national anthem, "Dixie".

February 6, 1862...Fort Henry, along the Tennessee River in Tennessee, falls to Union forces under the combine efforts of land and naval forces under the direction of General Grant. He then turns his attention eastward towards enemy-held Fort Donelson along the Cumberland River.

February 10, 1862...Confederate forces of the "Mosquito Fleet" fall to elements of the Union Navy near Elizabeth City, North Carolina as part of the Battle of Elizabeth City.

February 13, 1862...Forces under the command of Union General Ulysses S. Grant begin their attack to take Fort Donelson along the Tennessee River.

February 14, 1862...Under heavy and accurate fire, Union Flag Officer Foote's gunboat flotilla are repelled by the guns of Fort Donelson.

February 20, 1862...Union Captain David Farragut arrives outside of New Orleans, Louisiana with his naval forces in tow. He takes up position at Ship Island near Biloxi, Mississippi. This is part of the campaign to retake the strategically important port city.

February 20, 1862...President Lincoln and wife Mary Todd Lincoln suffer the death of their 11 year old son Willie.

February 20, 1862...The Battle of Val Verde begins pitting 3,000 Union troops against 2,590 confederates in New Mexico Territory supported by Texas cavalry as well as land militia forces.

February 28, 1862...The Battle of Island Number Ten (New Madrid, Missouri) begins. Union forces are led by John Pope and Andrew Footer against Confederate foes headed by John McCown and William Mackall.

February 24, 1863...The USS Indianola is grounded by Confederate warships and taken over. The action takes place near Warrenton in Mississippi.

February 2, 1864...The USS Underwriter is claimed and destroyed by Confederate warships in the Neuse River (North Carolina).

February 3, 1864...Union General Sherman begins the Meridian Campaign, the taking of Meridian, Mississippi.

February 9, 1864...From the period of February 9th through the 14th, Union forces continue their march through Florida.

February 14, 1864...General Sherman's force takes Meridian, Mississippi and destroys much of its infrastructure.

February 17, 1864...The CSS Hunley becomes the world's first submarine to sink a surface vessel. The target becomes USS Housatonic in Charleston Harbor. However, CSS Hunley is lost in the action.

February 20, 1864...The Battle of Olustee, Florida. 5,500 Union troops face 5,000 Confederates. The battle is a Confederate victory with 1,861 Union wounded to the South's 946. Commanding officers are Truman Seymour (Union) and Joseph Finnegan (Confederate).

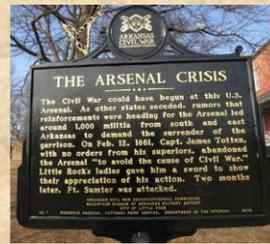
February 22, 1864...The Battle of Okolona takes place in Chickasaw County, Mississippi. Confederate forces, numbering 2,500 under the leadership of General Forrest, is victorious against a larger Union contingent of 7,000 under the direction of William Sooy Smith.



February 11, 1865...The Battle of Wilmington (North Carolina) begins between 12,000 Union and 6,000 Confederate troops.

February 15, 1865...Sherman turns his army north to destroy the Carolinas, burning Columbia, S. Carolina to the ground.

February 21, 1865...The Battle of Douglas Landing takes place in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. It is a Confederate victory.



SEIZURE OF THE LITTLE ROCK ARSENAL

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The seizure of the Little Rock Arsenal was an event during the secession crisis of 1861. The people of Arkansas were contemplating leaving the Union, and armed volunteer companies from around the state took control of the Federal arsenal from soldiers of the U.S. Army.

The crisis began in November 1860, when Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the United States. During this time of heated debates, the previously unmanned Little Rock Arsenal was garrisoned in November 1860 by sixty-five Federal troops under the command of Captain James Totten. Pro-secessionists in Helena (Phillips County) urged Gov. Henry Rector to seize the arsenal and the weapons it held before more Federal troops could arrive from the Indian Territory. On January 28, Rector informed Totten that neither reinforcements nor the removal or destruction of weapons at the arsenal would be permitted. Totten replied that he took his orders from the federal government and not the state of Arkansas. At the same time, the first volunteers from the state began to appear in the city to help seize the arsenal.

On February 6, the governor wrote to Totten and explained that, while he was not in command of the volunteers, he did ask for the garrison to surrender to prevent

possible bloodshed. Totten, who had not received any instructions from his commanders, agreed to the surrender and turned the entire arsenal over to the Capital Guards. On February 8, the militia unit escorted the Federal troops out of the arsenal and to the Arkansas River, where they boarded a steamer bound for St. Louis, Missouri,



THE BATTLE OF VALVERDE

By: Kennedy Hickman

The Battle of Valverde was fought on February 21, 1862, during the American Civil War. On December 20, 1861, Brigadier General Henry H. Sibley issued a proclamation claiming New Mexico for the Confederacy. To support his words, he advanced north from Fort Thorn in February 1862. Following the Rio Grande, he intended to take Fort Craig, the capital at Santa Fe, and Fort Union. Marching with 2,590 ill-equipped men, Sibley neared Fort Craig on February 13. Within the fort's walls were around 3,800 Union soldiers led by Colonel Edward Canby. Unsure of the size of the approaching Confederate force, Canby employed the use of wooden "Quaker guns," to make the fort look stronger.

Judging Fort Craig to be too strong to be taken by direct assault, Sibley remained south of the fort and deployed his men with the goal of enticing Canby to attack. Canby departed Fort Craig with the bulk of his command only leaving a force of militia to guard the post.



Sibley sent reinforcements in the form of Colonel Tom Green's 5th Texas Mounted Rifles and elements of the 7th Texas Mounted Rifles. Green authorized an attack by a company of lancers from the 5th Texas Rifles. Seeing the Union assault forming, Green ordered Major Henry Raguet to lead an attack against the Union's right to buy time.

Canby sent "Kit" Carson's untested 1st New Mexico Volunteers across the river; he advanced them, along with Captain Alexander McRae's artillery battery, to a forward position. Surging forward in three waves, Scurry's men struck near McRae's battery. In fierce fighting, they succeeded in taking the guns and shattering the Union line. His position suddenly collapsing, Canby was forced to order a retreat back across the river though many of his men had already begun to flee the field. Surging forward in three waves, Scurry's men struck near McRae's battery.





THE CSS HUNLEY

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The *CSS Hunley*, was a submarine of the Confederate States of America that played a part in the American Civil War. *Hunley* demonstrated the advantages and the dangers of undersea warfare. She was the first combat submarine to sink a warship (USS *Housatonic*)

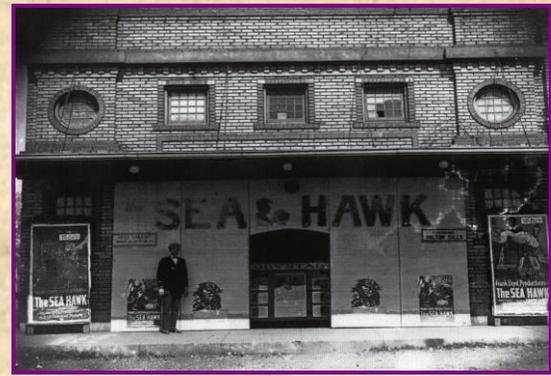
On 17 February 1864, The *Hunley* attacked and sank the 1,240-displacement ton United States Navy screw sloop-of-war *Housatonic*, which had been on Union blockade-duty in Charleston's outer harbor. *Hunley* did not survive the attack and also sank, taking with her all eight members of her third crew, and was lost.

Finally located in 1995, *Hunley* was raised in 2000, and is on display in North Charleston, South Carolina, at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center on the Cooper River.

The CSS Hunley is now located at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center (on the old Charleston Navy Base) North Charleston, South Carolina.



Graves of the Hunley Crew



The Crystal Theatre was opened on January 1, 1925 at 220 W. Tyler Street, Gilmer, Tx. by Rosa Croley launching with the film "The Mask of Lopez" starring Fred Thomson. Not long after, Cranfill H. Cox bought the theatre operating it for the next 40 years. The downtown theatre proved flexible moving from silent film to sound initially with the DeForrest Phonofilm system to talkies to 3D films to widescreen presentations.

On July 23, 1965, just months after celebrating its 40th anniversary, the theatre burned down hours after the final showings of Disney's "Savage Sam" and "Monkey's Uncle". The remaining wall of the Crystal Theatre was torn down.

Groundhog Day



Groundhog Day, which is celebrated on February 2nd, came about because of a German superstition. It was thought that if a hibernating animal cast a shadow on February 2nd, winter would last for another six weeks. If there was no shadow, spring would come early.



CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA

by Caren Besner

Censorship in America is not a modern phenomenon. During the early days of the American Civil War, Abraham Lincoln shut down all pro-secession newspapers in the state of Maryland and even had known pro-Southern state legislators thrown in prison. Had Lincoln not acted as he did, Maryland would have joined the Confederacy and the position of the nation's capital at Washington DC would have become untenable. The history of the US would have been very different.

Make no mistake; censorship of thought, ideas, and speech are the hallmarks of a totalitarian state and will inevitably lead to tyranny and oppression. Given the growing power of mainstream media and especially big tech, our ability to access accurate information, our freedoms and ultimately our democratic institutions, are all in peril.

Thomas Jefferson warned the American people: "When government fears the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny." As of this writing, more and more Americans are beginning to fear their own government.

"Without Freedom of Thought, there can be no such thing as Wisdom; and no such thing as public liberty, without Freedom of Speech."...Benjamin Franklin



OUR 2ND AMENDMENT

By Andrew Pollack

Democrats now have single-party control of the federal government and we should expect some sort of major crackdown against the Second Amendment. We've already seen what private tech companies are willing to do to curtail First Amendment freedoms, and we'll soon find out what Capitol Hill wants to do to eviscerate the Second Amendment.

President Biden wants to ban the sale of "high capacity magazines" and "assault weapons" altogether. The old argument "why would anyone need a high capacity magazine" should have been effectively answered by scenes from this summer's riots, as business owners faced off against huge mobs intent on burning down their business and ending their livelihood.

As for the old question "what exactly is an assault weapon?" You can bet that there will be an attempt to define it as expansive as possible, to try to ban as many physical varieties of guns as they can.

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are of such a nature that they disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants" ...Thomas Jefferson



Upcoming Events may be found on the Calendar at:

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In honor and in loving memory of our Confederate Ancestors who sacrificed and gave their all to protect home, our beloved Southland, and a way of life.

May the heroic deeds of these men be studied and understood, never to be lost or forgotten. Protecting and defending their memory to future generations. We are proud descendants of these brave and valiant soldiers for those who chose Upshur County, Texas as their home and final resting place - we will forever remember.

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We are proud to be associated with the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

