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CANCEL CULTURE IS ERASING HISTORY AND AMERICA

By Brent Smith



Now they're canceling cartoons. They're cartoons, people!

It began with Woodrow Wilson's desire to rewrite the Constitution. His reasoning was that it was a fine document for its time, but was no longer applicable to the concerns of the day. You could say he was the father of modern-day cancel culture.

It used to be that we on the right were afraid that the left wanted to spin or change history – for example, that it wasn't the Democrats who were the party of slavery, Jim Crow and` the Klan that they've always advocated for people of color. It was a win for them for sure, but the truth may eventually come out because the history is still there for anyone to find if they are so inclined.

However, it appears that the Cancel Culture has learned this lesson. It appears they've figured out that it's more effective and a lot

quicker to just cancel history, erase it, wipe it away. The statue of Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville, Virginia, was torn down in 2017, less than four years ago. Tearing down statues and monuments, canceling the Confederacy; this was a logical beginning of the cancel culture movement. Cancel everything from the consequential to the trivial. It's on to Dr. Seuss and children's movies. To them, it's critical to indoctrinate the children, to get them while they are young, impressionable and have no sense of historical context; wipe it away like it never existed.

If this cancel culture trend continues, within a generation, the children of today will barely know of Dr. Seuss, or the majority of classic Disney movies like "Peter Pan," "Dumbo," "The Aristocats" and "Swiss Family Robinson" and, I'm sure, many more to come.

If we don't stand up against it, we will lose what it means to be an American. We will lose our unique and rich American history.

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THE GUARDIAN



Confederate soldiers could not be buried in national cemeteries, nor were they afforded any benefits from the United States Government for many decades after the end of the

Civil War. Private organizations specifically women's organizations established in former Confederate states after the war, assumed responsibility for Confederate reburials.

The Federal Government first became involved in permanently marking Confederate graves in 1906. That year, Congress authorized the furnishing of headstones for Confederate soldiers who died in Federal prisons and military hospitals in the North, and were buried near their places of confinement. The act also established the Commission for Marking Graves of Confederate Dead, whose job it was to ensure that the graves of Confederate soldiers in the North received markers.

Today, three Federal agencies manage 157 national cemeteries.

The SCV Guardian Program is in place to honor our Confederate Ancestors. Consider taking part in this worthwhile 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”*



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Good Friday Falls on Friday, April 2, 2021

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24

Good Friday kicks off the most momentous historical weekend of the year; Good Friday is the reason we have a resurrection Easter celebration. Ever since the historical Friday that Jesus died on the cross for our sins as an innocent man, a perfect substitution and payment for `the price of sin, Christians have proclaimed His resurrection far and wide. Good Friday was the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the suffering servant who would be the Messiah, the one true King who would bring lasting peace.

Easter this year will be on Sunday, April 4, 2021

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be

persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin.

Most people are surprised that the resurrection has anything to do with the present, but the Bible tells us that because Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He now gives us the same power that was used to bring Him back from the dead so that we can` live our lives every day in resurrection power. Over and over again, we read that Jesus Christ has given us the power to live a special life.

We have the same power available to us to live the Christian life that God used to bring Jesus Christ out of the grave. We struggle when we try to live the Christian life in our own power, in our own strength. But if we will depend on the power of God for help, He will give us the strength and power.



National Museum of American History

Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee sat in these chairs to negotiate the terms of surrender to end the Civil War on April 9, 1865, at Wilmer McLean's home in Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

COVID-19 in East Texas

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Upshur County

As of March 29, 2021 429 active cases, 68 deaths, 2,696 recoveries. The state reported one death on March 29.

HISTORICAL DATES IN APRIL



1836

April 21 - The Battle of San Jacinto, Texas. Led by General Samuel Houston, the Texan Army engaged and defeated General Antonio López de Santa Anna's Mexican army in a fight that lasted just 18 minutes.

1861

April 11 – Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard calls for Fort Sumter to surrender. Union Major Robert Anderson refuses his demand.

April 12 - At 4:30AM, a gun from Fort Johnson fires a star shell that detonates above Fort Sumter signaling the surrounding gun batteries to begin shelling the Union-held fort.

April 16 - President Lincoln calls on all states in the Union to cease doing business with those southern states that have moved to secede.

1862

April 4 - The Peninsular Campaign begins under the leadership of Union General George McClellan (Army of the Potomac).

April 6 - The Battle of Shiloh begins in Hardin County, Tennessee. Union generals Ulysses S. Grant and Don Buell lead a force of some 63,000 against 40,335 Confederates led by generals Beauregard and Albert Johnston.

April 24 – The CSS Stonewall Jackson, launched in January of 1862, is driven ashore and burned by Union Navy elements.

1863

April 5 - It is revealed that thousands of Confederate prisoners have died in captivity at Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois.

April 17 - General Benjamin Grierson of the Union Army undertakes a series of cavalry raids against Confederate positions beginning at LaGrange, Tennessee.

April 27 - Confederate forces are successful in driving back a Union navy attack at Grand Gulf, Mississippi.

April 30 - The Battle of Chancellorsville begins in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Union forces are directed by General Hooker while the Confederates are led by general's Lee and Jackson.

1864

April 2 - Cavalry units, under the leadership of Union General James H. Wilson, capture Selma, Alabama.

April 8 - Confederate forces at Sabine Crossroads along the Red River stop, and drive back, a Union advance.

April 9 - Pleasant Hill, Louisiana is the site of a Union victory over Confederate elements as the Red River Campaign advances. Union General Nathaniel Banks directs the victors.

April 12 - Fort Pillow, Tennessee, is the site of a Confederate victory by General Nathan Bedford.

April 19 – The USS Southfield falls victim to an attack by The CSS Albemarle near Plymouth, North Carolina. The Southfield is sunk in the act.

April 25 - Marks's Mills, Arkansas is the site of a Confederate capture of over 200 Union supply wagons.

1865

April 1 - The Battle of Five Forks is fought between forces of General Sheridan and General Pickett near Petersburg, Virginia.

April 2 - The Battle of Fort Blakely begins in Baldwin County, Alabama.

April 6 - The Battle of Sailor's Creek (or Saylor's) takes place between Union General Philip Sheridan and his 26,000-strong army against Generals Richard Ewell and John Gordon of the Confederacy.

April 9 - The Battle of Appomattox Court House takes place marking one of the final engagements of the American Civil War. The battle is a decisive Union victory and sees General Lee surrender his Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant.

April 14 - On this date (Good Friday), President Lincoln is shot by actor John Wilkes Booth during the play "Our American Cousin" at the Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C.

GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE

From Wikipedia



The Great Locomotive Chase (also known as the Andrews' Raid or Mitchel Raid) was a military raid that occurred April 12, 1862, in

northern Georgia during the American Civil War. Volunteers from the Union Army, led by civilian scout, James J. Andrews, commandeered a train, *The General*, and took it northward toward Chattanooga, Tennessee, doing as much damage as possible to the vital Western and Atlantic Railroad` line from Atlanta to Chattanooga as they went. They were pursued by

Confederate forces at first on foot, and later on a succession of locomotives, including *The Texas*, for 87 miles (140 km).

Because the Union men had cut the telegraph wires, the Confederates could not send warnings ahead to forces along the railway. Confederates eventually captured the raiders and quickly executed some as spies, including Andrews;

"The Constitution shall never be construed...to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." – Alexander Hamilton



BATTLE OF MANSFIELD

wikia.org

The Battle of Mansfield, also known as the Battle of Sabine Crossroads, occurred on April 8, 1864, in De Soto Parish, Louisiana. Confederate forces commanded by Major General Richard Taylor attacked Union forces commanded by Major General Nathaniel P. Banks a few miles outside the town of Mansfield, near Sabine Crossroads. The Union forces held their positions for a short time before being overwhelmed by Confederate attacks and driven from the field. The battle was a decisive Confederate

victory which stopped the advance of the Union army's Red River Campaign during the American Civil War.

The Union forces had suffered 113 killed, 581 wounded and 1,541 captured as well as the loss of 20 cannon, 156 wagons, and a thousand horses and mules killed or captured.

Confederate loss was "about 1,000 killed and wounded" at Mansfield, but precise details of Confederate losses were not recorded. Those who died of wounds there were interred without markers in the historic Minden Cemetery. They were finally recognized with markers erected on March 25, 2008.



TIME TO RESTORE OUR FREEDOM

By Chip Roy



Our economy remains hamstrung and kids are still locked out of their classrooms. By now, it should be obvious that this isn't about science and safety, but compliance and control, and it won't stop unless "we the people" make it stop.

Despite positive trends, power-hungry policies continue. School unions and teachers have argued against the need to reopen schools, regardless of students' well-being. Local officials are still hamstringing businesses, forcing them to

operate at reduced` capacity. The CDC has issued more confusing guidance, saying fully vaccinated people can gather without social distancing or wearing masks in some settings, but not in public or while with certain households. We hear politicians and bureaucrats talk about the prospect of “vaccine passports” to restrict our travel and questions of whether we will be allowed to celebrate Independence Day together. The sheer absurdity of these ideas against the backdrop of the data above makes it even more obvious: This is really about power, and it won’t stop unless we make it stop.

One year later Americans have had enough. It is time for the American people to demand the return of their lives, their livelihoods, and their liberties, and start saying no to those who wish to maintain control. And that begins by turning away from fear, planting our feet, and giving a firm and unflinching “no.”

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” Benjamin Franklin

Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us. - William O. Douglas, Supreme Court Justice



THE SAN JACINTO MONUMENT



The monument, constructed between 1936 and 1939 and dedicated on April 21, 1939, is the world's tallest masonry column and is part of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. The San Jacinto Monument is 567.31-feet-high and is topped with a 220-ton star that commemorates the site of the Battle of San Jacinto, the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution.



On this field on April 21, 1836 the Army of Texas commanded by General Sam Houston, and accompanied by the Secretary of War, Thomas J. Rusk, defeated the larger invading army of Mexicans under General Santa Anna.



The San Jacinto Museum of History is located inside the base of the monument.



Twin Sisters of San Jacinto



OPERATION LONE STAR

By Jason Pena

The southern border continues to worsen as the Biden administration's immigration policies allow for scores of illegal aliens to enter the United States. As the pressure builds on states and localities bearing the brunt of President Joe Biden's immigration agenda, local leaders are stepping up to prioritize their constituents' safety.

On March 6, Texas Governor Greg Abbott (R) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) set in motion Operation Lone Star to curb the smuggling of illegal aliens and drugs into the state. The enforcement initiative combines DPS and the Texas National Guard. Utilizing air, ground, marine and tactical border security to monitor vulnerable areas and prevent Mexican cartels and other criminals from transporting illicit narcotics and smuggling migrants.

Governor Abbott explained the impetus for the operation, saying, "The crisis at our southern border continues to escalate because of Biden Administration policies that refuse to secure the border and invite illegal immigration." He continued, "Texas supports legal immigration but will not be an accomplice to the open border policies that cause, rather than prevent, a humanitarian crisis in our state and endanger the lives of Texans. We will surge the resources and law enforcement personnel needed to confront this crisis."

The Confederate flag is the last flag to represent the concept of local control of ones' life in America. In a larger sense it represents the same values and principles as the original U.S. Betsy Ross Flag: Limited Constitutional Federal Government, States Rights, Resistance to Tyranny, and Christian Principles and Values. Thus it represents "government of the people, by the people, and for the people with the consent of the governed".

IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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It has now been a year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has claimed millions of lives and changed the ways in which each of us relates to and navigates the world. Local and international restrictions meant to curb the spread of COVID-19, have included stay at home orders, travel bans, restrictions on meeting people from other households, and the closure of nonessential stores, as well as gyms, cinemas, museums, art galleries, and even places of worship.

Research has shown that economic insecurity has a "substantial" negative effect on mental health and that worries about future finances seem to have the greatest effect. These concerns seem to hit men particularly hard, as they may be more inclined to feel that they have to fulfill the role of the "breadwinner" for their families.

In the U.S., the National Home Education Research Institute offers a “conservative estimate” of a “10% growth in the absolute number of homeschool students during [the] 2020–2021 school years.” A concern is that the longer children remain out of school, the less likely they are to return.

In a perspective piece published in *World Psychiatry* in January 2021, Prof. Julianne Holt-Lunstad, a psychologist at Brigham Young University, in Provo, Utah, argues that social isolation has become a pandemic in its own right, posing health threats that should not be ignored by policymakers or national authorities.

Social isolation and loneliness can result in both short and long-term health effects that cannot be ignored. The lethal effects of social isolation and loneliness may be more immediate, in the case of suicide or domestic violence, or more long-term, in the case of disease-related deaths. Perceived social isolation is having a significant negative effect on the well-being of adults of all ages.

With the advent of COVID-19 vaccines there is renewed hope that the world will open up in due course.

“A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and sickness if only he can be near his master's side. When other friends desert, he remains. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.”



TODAY IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE

By: Gregory M. Lousignont, Ph.D.

Today, when I awoke, I suddenly realized that this is the best day of my life, ever! There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today; but I did! And because I did I'm going to celebrate!

Today, I'm going to celebrate the life I have had so far: the accomplishments, the many blessings, and, yes, even the hardships because they have served to make me stronger. I will go through this day with my head held high, and a happy heart.

I will marvel at nature's seemingly simple gifts: the morning dew, the sun, the clouds, the trees, the` flowers, the birds. Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice. Today, I will share my excitement for life with other people. I'll make someone smile. I'll go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know.

Today is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given me.

Tonight, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to the heavens. Then I will lay my head down on my pillow; I will thank the Almighty for the best day of my life and I will sleep the sleep of a contented child, excited with expectation because I know tomorrow is going to be the best day of my life, ever!



Upcoming Events may be found on the Calendar at:

www.upshurpatriots.org



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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