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THE PANDEMIC IS NOW EFFECTIVELY OVER

By John Ziegler May 17, 2021

In much of the United States, the pandemic is now, regardless of what you are being told by those with self-interest for this “new normal” to maintained, effectively over. Now that about half of adults have been vaccinated and many more have immunity from getting the virus itself while vulnerable people should obviously still be careful, there is little reason for life not to be essentially normal in the U.S. right now. While there were times that the hospital system was severely tested to the limits, general hospitalizations in the country as a whole are now at perfectly normal levels.

In this bizarre “limbo” period we are now entering much of American life has not come close to returning to where it was in early 2020. People who have been at least partially vaccinated are far LESS “comfortable” engaging in “normal” undertakings than those who have NOT yet been vaccinated (Vaccination is and should be a personal choice). In other words, those who are the least vulnerable to the virus are

still currently the most incapacitated by fear of it.

The politics of the party of “science” however, is now rejecting the science in favor of the politics of fear. Consequently, those of us who don't live in Florida, Texas, Georgia, or South Dakota, may be caught in a vicious political cycle where we are forced to pretend the pandemic is not really over, one from which there is no easy escape. This leaves us in a strange tug of war when it comes to getting back to normal. The science is telling us that the coast is clear.

GETTING OUR FREEDOMS BACK

By Lee Duigon

I want to think our elected officials are simply doing their best in a difficult situation for which no one was prepared. In a dreadful haste our civil liberties got put on ice. Free exercise of religion, freedom of assembly was severely limited. Where does it say our rights get put on hold whenever there's a crisis?

We want our rights back.

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THE GUARDIAN



ARE YOU PROUD
OF YOUR
CONFEDERATE
ANCESTORS?

By Joe Rich

Yes, I am very proud of them, just like I am proud of my ancestors that fought in the Revolution, War of 1812, the Indian Wars under General Jackson, WW 1, WW2, and the Korean War.

The Confederate ancestors knew hardships that we cannot appreciate. For this, they stand out for their fighting abilities without all the things we take for granted today. They knew hunger. Supply lines were nowhere near as good as the Unions. They knew cold as only a soldier with the wrong clothes, in very cold winter can know it.

These were Americans that felt they had to fight for their homes and families just like all the other American soldiers that went before and after them. They were the best that America ever put in the field. Not the best dressed. Not the best fed. Not the best trained, not the best supported, but the best of America. This is why I am proud of my ancestors.

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

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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”*



WHEN THEY TRESPASS AGAINST US

By Steve Goodier

We've all had people trespass against us in one way or another. And we have each done our share of trespassing. The dictionary defines trespassing as “any offense, transgression or error against others.” Trespassing covers a huge territory. Though it is not always intentionally, I know I’ve trespassed plenty over the years and more people than I can remember have trespassed against me.

In his book *Lee: The Last Years*, author Charles Flood reports that after the American Civil War, Confederate General Robert E. Lee visited a Kentucky lady who took him to the remains of a grand old tree in front of her house. There she bitterly cried that its limbs and trunk had been destroyed by Union artillery fire. She looked to Lee for a word condemning the North or at least sympathizing with her loss.

After a brief silence, the general said, "Cut it down, my dear Madam, and forget it." He seemed to know that as long as she continued to recount her losses, she'd never get over them. She had to release the North from her debt in order to find anything like happiness again.

People will always trespass against us. But there comes a time to cut the tree down and forget it. For in the end, I've discovered that only when I fully release others from my debt am I able to build the happy and productive life I want. And though cutting that tree down is rarely my first impulse, it is my best final response to those who trespass against me.



HISTORICAL DATES IN JUNE



1861

June 2-The CSS Savannah beats the Union blockade of Charleston Harbor and escape to open water.

June 3-Battle of Philippi, (West) Virginia.

June 10-Battle of Big Bethel, Virginia.

1862

June 26-Beaver Dam Creek, Virginia.

June 27-Gaines Mill, Virginia.

June 28, The Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

June 29-Savage Station and Allen's Farm, Virginia.

June 30-White Oak Swamp, Virginia.

June 30-Glendale, Virginia.

1863

June 7-The Battle of Milliken's Bend occurs. Confederate General Richard Taylor attacks a Union base at Madison Parrish, Louisiana.

June 12-Confederate navy elements begin a period of raids against Union shipping along the American East Coast.

June 25-Despite an attempt by Union engineers to destroy the Vicksburg defenses

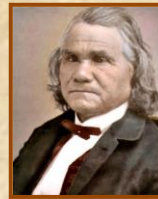
from below, Vicksburg remains under Confederate control.

June 30-West Virginia officially becomes a supporter of the Union cause in the Civil War and commits its resources to the conflict.

1864

June 15-18-The Battle of Petersburg, Virginia.

June 23, 1865 - The last formal surrender of



Confederate troops occurred as Cherokee leader and Confederate Brigadier General Watie surrendered his battalion comprised of

American Indians in the Oklahoma Territory.

JUNE 6, 1944-D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France.



THE BATTLE OF BEAVER DAM CREEK

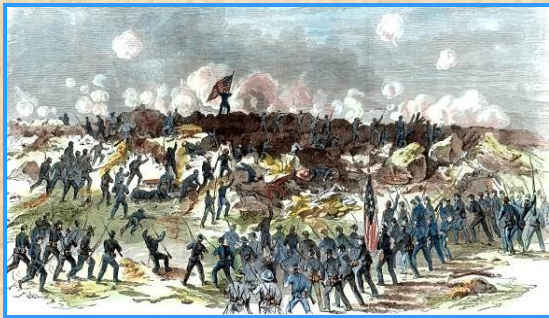
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Known in the South as the Battle of Mechanicsville, or the Battle of Ellerson's Mill, the June 26 battle is recognized today for its connection with the rise of Robert E. Lee and the Confederate army in Virginia.

Beaver Dam Creek was, and still is, a fairly swampy body of water in a steeply

shouldered valley. Earlier in June soldiers had felled trees as obstructions. Beaver Dam Creek had only one significant flaw as a defensive position: it was vulnerable to being turned, or flanked, at its northern end.

The Confederate battle plan called for a decisive maneuver by Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson’s command, which had arrived north of Richmond directly from the Shenandoah Valley. Lee expected Jackson’s force to effect a turning movement, getting above and behind the Union army, threatening its supply route. Jackson’s presence would produce two beneficial results for Lee’s army. It would force the Union soldiers out of Mechanicsville, and it would clear the way for Lee to move much of his army to the northern side of the river, creating a numerical advantage that would allow Lee to launch attacks.



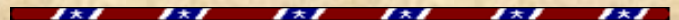
THE BATTLE OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

battlefields.org

Ulysses S. Grant’s assault on Robert E. Lee’s armies at Petersburg failed to capture the Confederacy’s vital supply center and resulted in the longest siege in American warfare.

General Ulysses S. Grant’s inability to capture Richmond or destroy the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia during the Overland Campaign (May 4–June 12, 1864) caused him to cast his glance toward the critical southern city of Petersburg. His strategic goals shifted from the defeat of Robert E. Lee’s army in the field to eliminating the supply and communication routes to the Confederate capital at Richmond.

From June 15–18, 1864, Confederate general Beauregard and his troops, though outnumbered by the Federals, saved Petersburg from Union capture. The late appearance of Lee’s men ended the Federals’ hopes of taking the city by storm and ensured a lengthy siege. For the next nine months, Grant focused on severing Petersburg’s many wagon and rail connections to the south and west. He eventually attacked and crippled Lee’s forces, forcing the South to surrender at Appomattox on April 9, 1865.



Compatriot Kim Duffey gave our May program on Manassas from the James Longstreet book *From Manassas to Appomattox*





D - DAY JUNE 6, 1944

history.com

Code named Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history.

The Normandy invasion began to turn the tide against the Nazis. A significant psychological blow, it also prevented Hitler from sending troops from France to build up his Eastern Front against the advancing Soviets. According to some estimates, more than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives in the D-Day invasion, with thousands more wounded or missing.

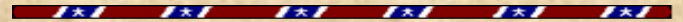
"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Benjamin Franklin



BORN IN JUNE

Jefferson Finis Davis was born June 3, 1808 in Fairview Kentucky. David was a West Point Graduate and served in the Mexican-American War. Davis served in the U.S. Senate and as Secretary of War. Anticipating a call for his services since Mississippi had seceded, Davis sent a telegraph message to Governor John J. Pettus saying, "Judge what Mississippi requires of me and place me accordingly." On January 23, 1861, Pettus made Davis a major general of the Army of Mississippi. Davis was inaugurated Confederate President on February 18, 1861



FLAG OFFICERS 4 AMERICA

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Over 120 retired military flag officers warned in a letter Monday that the country is in "deep peril" and under "tremendous assault" from those believing in socialism and Marxism, and encouraged Americans to get more politically involved to act against it. "Our Nation is in deep peril. We are in a fight for our survival as a Constitutional Republic like no other time since our founding in 1776. The conflict is between supporters of Socialism and Marxism vs. supporters of Constitutional freedom and liberty," the retired officers wrote. "We must support and hold accountable politicians who will act to counter Socialism,

Marxism and Progressivism, support our Constitutional Republic, and insist on fiscally responsible governing while focusing on all Americans, especially the middle class, not special interest or extremist groups which are used to divide us into warring factions."

They also blasted "anarchy" in certain cities and called on Americans to support law enforcement personnel and insist that district attorneys, courts, and the Justice Department enforce the law equally, fairly, and consistently toward all. They argued that the military should not be used as "political pawns" to protect the Capitol against a "non-existent threat," and should not be forced to accept politically correct policies or critical race theory into the military at the expense of war fighting. "We must support our Military and Vets; focus on war fighting, eliminate the corrosive infusion of Political Correctness into our military which damages morale and war fighting cohesion,"



TEXAS SPEAK

By Mike Cox

It takes a while, but sooner or later you begin to notice that some of the familiar turns of phrase you grew up hearing are no longer in the popular vernacular. Texas speak relies heavily on colorful similes and metaphors, but it also includes non-comparative expressions or word usages that seem peculiar today.

When I was a teenager, newly licensed to drive, Granddad warned me against "jack rabbit starts." That, I learned, meant the rapid acceleration of a vehicle with the intent to burn rubber.

Granddad had an interesting way of using the word "directly." You would think that someone saying they would get to something "directly" meant "right away." But not in Texas speak, at least not as Granddad spoke Texan. "Directly" for him meant "after a while" or even "eventually."

Granddad was a gracious man. The way I learned what the word "obliged" means was hearing him always tell people who helped him, from gas station attendants to bank tellers, "Much obliged." In Texas speak, that meant "thank you."

"I'll be Johnny Brown!" Grandmother would exclaim if surprised. "Johnny Brown" referred to the fiery abolitionist John Brown, who raided the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry and hoped to start a rebellion.

"For crying out loud" was another expression both grandparents used to convey surprise or frustration. That, I've since learned, was a more delicate way of exclaiming, "For Christ's sake!" instead of using harsher language.

Sometimes, Texas speak was just a clever way of saying something. Once, when Grandmother was driving me somewhere in her 1952 Plymouth, she got lost. "I don't know where we are," she laughed, "but we're making good time."

17 TEXAS COUNTIES DECLARE EMERGENCIES

By Bryan Preston May 25, 2021

Four more Texas counties have declared emergencies due to the border chaos bringing the total to 17. The additional counties that have or are set to declare emergencies are Davis, Medina, Terrell, Val Verde, and Live Oak. The land area these counties cover includes regions well away from the border and is larger than many whole states. The Border Patrol continues doing what it can, with no policy help from Washington, to stem the tide of human trafficking that has exploded across the border. Data just released by Customs and Border shows the number of encounters along our southern border continues to rise and reached a level not seen since the year 2000.

Ranchers and residents continue to report bailouts and finding abandoned backpacks full of clothing and other items on their property daily. Nearly 25,000 migrant children were in the custody of the government, apart from their families, in early May. The Biden administration is holding more than five times the number of unaccompanied children the Trump administration held when it was accused of having a "humanitarian crisis" with "concentration camps" on the border.

Texas lawmakers from Gov. Greg Abbott to Attorney General Ken Paxton to local leaders, continue pressuring the federal government to find a solution and reimburse the state for money spent on helping secure the border.

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

Author Unknown

You know... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast?

Age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. Don't put things off too long, life goes by quickly. Do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life.

So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember... and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!! "Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.



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 thank Bill Starnes And the Starnes Family for providing a meeting



Place for the Upshur Co. Patriots



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