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(Brigade Commander Bill Graham at John's Island, SC (second from left))

Commander Graham attended the "Battle of John's Island" in Charleston, SC, where he commanded the First S.C. Regiment by day and enjoyed fantastic barbeque and seafood at night.

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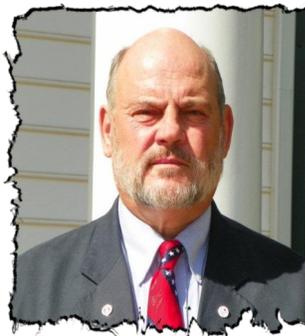
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Why the left hates Confederate symbols and flags

by Al Benson, Jr.

On several occasions I can remember my pastor at church saying that if you are not making someone mad then you aren't doing anything. He has a valid point. If you are at peace with "the world" and no one has any gripe with anything you do or say, then you are a friend of the world and, biblically speaking, that is an unenviable position to be in.

Christians make people mad because they have the temerity to tell people the truth and all people do not relish truth. Some would rather live with lies and giving them the truth ticks them off. So I reckon this article will tick some folks off.

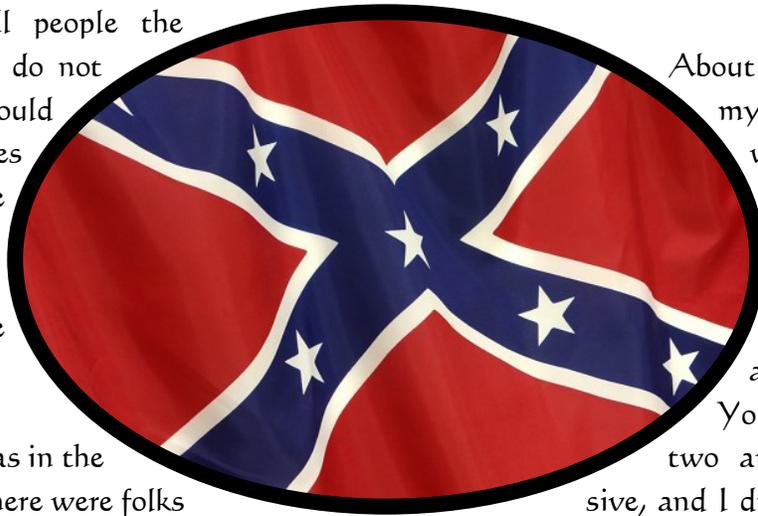
Years ago, when I was in the John Birch Society there were folks that said we had three enemies—liberalism, socialism, and communism. Or to put it more succinctly liberalism=socialism=communism. One is merely a progression to the next. The John Birch Society was anathema to the religious and political left. They detested it with unexcelled passion.

They still do. Why? It's because the JBS tells people the truth about them and they don't want the American public as a whole to know that truth—yet they can't dispute it, so what do they do? They smear the JBS with a lot of unfounded accusations which they hope will

take people's minds off the real truth and refocus them on the spurious accusations. This is an old Communist tactic—condemn others and elevate yourself. It often works, but not quite as much as it used to. Thanks to the Internet, lots of people have had the chance to see "other options" when it comes to news and commentary and they have picked up a certain amount of discernment regarding what I laughingly refer to as the "news" media.

About twenty years after my initial involvement with the JBS I started to become involved with the Southern Heritage and Confederate Movements. You may think the two are mutually exclusive, and I didn't make any real

connection until I found that those who hated the Southern Movement were, guess who? Liberals, socialists, and communists. So why did the religious and political left hate the Southern Movement? Same reason they hated the JBS. The Southern Movement told the truth about the real reasons for the War of Northern Aggression and about Abraham Lincoln, who was and is a major icon of the left. To find out why, read Lincoln's Marxists which is available on Amazon.com The truth about Lincoln and the War rattled the left's cage. The public has, for generations now, been "educated" to believe the War was all about slavery and sins



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of mankind, which others committed only because white folks forced them into it. And to absolve ourselves from these heinous sins we have only to cross their palms with silver—again and again and again.

So what are these horrible Confederate symbols that need to be taken down and relegated to the attic or trash heap? Well, there is the well-known Confederate battle flag, which is a Christian symbol, the Cross of St. Andrew. We have to get rid of that because the KKK has used it. If that's the case, then lets get rid of the United States flag also, because it is a known fact, for those that have done the homework, that the KKK used the United States flag extensively in parades and assemblies. So it would seem apparent that if one is "racist" because it is used by the KKK, then shouldn't the other be also? There are several other Confederate flags that must be "racist" simply because they are Confederate. There is Polk's Battle flag for the First Corps of the Army of Tennessee. It has a St. George's Cross on it—another Christian symbol. Then there is the battle flag for Confederate troops from Missouri, which is a blue flag, with a red border, with a white Christian Cross on it. Then the 3rd Kentucky (Confederate) Infantry flag has a Christian Cross with 13 stars in it, and Major General Dabney Maury's Headquarters Flag is yet another one with a Christian Cross on it. There are others I could mention, not as well known, but yet still containing Christian symbols. All these flags, supposedly "racist" reflect, to some extent, the worldview of the Confederate States.

I submit that this is really what the leftists want to get rid of—any Southern flag or sym-

bol that reflects the South's Christian heritage. That's what they really hate—any kind of Christian symbolism, especially Southern Christian symbolism. Anyone who has read anything about the liberal/socialist/communist cadre realizes that they regard Christianity as one of their main foes, to be either neutralized or gotten rid of any way possible. The left really has no problem with racial prejudice or bigotry. They practice it just as much as anyone else does, only they don't want to be perceived as being guilty of it so they point the accusing finger at others who may not even be as guilty of it as they are. After all, it was Karl Marx who, condescendingly referred to Jewish people as "Jewish Niggers." That was Marx's term, not mine and I have seen him quoted more than once using that term. No, the leftist's real problem isn't with racial prejudice—it's with Jesus Christ and the Christian faith, because they realize that even a sleeping Christian church nothing else. This has been the establishment line for decades now (and I include the establishment as part of the liberal/socialist coterie). To state that such a line is balderdash is only repeating myself.

The liberal/socialist/communist triad absolutely loathes the South, its real history and heritage. All you have to do to prove this is to check out the website of the Southern Poverty Law Center. This will give you a thumbnail sketch of where the left is really coming from in regard to the South and its history. The SPLC is big on hate groups—a "hate group" being anyone that disagrees with their leftist slant on anything. Their take on Southern history is strictly barf-bag material but you'd be surprised at how many "journalists" quote them as a "reliable" source on Southern bigotry or prejudice or

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whatever other sins the South happens to share with the rest of the country.

All these liberal/left groups use every opportunity to trash the South and its people and they absolutely detest Southern history and Confederate symbols. But if you look at where they are coming from, the reason becomes obvious. The South has been more Christian in its worldview than most of the rest of the country since well before the War of Northern Aggression and the left hates Christianity. They always have, and the reason is that they are in rebellion against God and His law, which they seek to replace with their own "god" (the state) and their "law" (Marx's "ten commandments" as found in the Communist Manifesto).

The leftists reserve some of the bitterest of their vehemence for Confederate symbols and flags. These, we are dutifully informed, are all symbols of "racism" (a Trotskyite term), prejudice, bigotry, and you name it. Southern whites, we are told, are responsible for every ill in the world from sunspots to the blind staggers. It's all "whitey's fault" (all the better to get reparations out of you, my dear) and Southern whites are supposed to feel guilty for, literally, all the has the potential of becoming their biggest ad-

versary should something awaken it in the future. And Southern Christians could end up being the biggest adversary of all because even with their faith having been tampered with and watered down, they are still the people in the part of the country where the Christian worldview remains the strongest.

You have to give the liberal/socialist/communist group credit. They at least recognize their Main Enemy. The question is—will the Church wake up and recognize one of hers?

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[Rockwall Cavalry Camp #2203](#)

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Virginia Division Commander



Compatriots,

I would like to start by giving the Division's sincere thanks to The Fin-castle Rifles Camp #1326, Commander Bar-bour and everyone who helped make this year's convention such a great event. The weather was beautiful, the camaraderie was excellent and good Southern views were shared. Thanks to all who were in attendance and I am sorry that others were unable to be there, you missed one of the best.

Quorum is defined as the minimum number of members of a body that uses parliamentary procedures necessary to conduct the business of that group. I am proud to be able to say that we have made quorum at each DEC meeting and at both conventions while I was Commander. This is a true testament to your involvement and support for how we will help present *our heritage* to our future generations.

Thirty-four (34) camps received the Outstanding Camp award. This program has increased with the number of camps receiving the award each year since the program's inception. I challenge each camp to win this honor next year. Each camp is doing great events and achievements, please give us the opportunity to highlight these and in kind show our recognition.

I have always believed that if we share ideas and can come together to work as a united

front, we will be better prepared to face the challenges that rise against our heritage.

I can speak for everyone in the Division when I say that we are *proud of our heritage* and will continue to forward 'The Charge.'

I saw this at every camp and event that I had the pleasure to attend over the past several years and I see this when compatriots get together in a variety of events. We always learn something and can share those experiences to help one another.

The new Division Officers will continue to lead us forward and I look forward to serving on the DEC for the next 4 years as Past Division Commander. I hope to also better represent Virginia and the ANV as the next Army of Northern Virginia Councilman.

I thank you for all that you have taught me as Adjutant and Commander and hope to continue representing you at the National level.

Once again, it has been my honor and pleasure to have been in service to you. Keep doing the good work that each of you are doing and continue to forward 'The Charge.'

May God Bless,

Mike



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Chaplain's



Corner



Compatriots,

This wasn't easy for him to admit, but evangelical Christian educator and author Charles "Chuck" Swindoll recently wrote that he had "messed around with spiritual things for years." His words.

Chuck wrote that he had "spent time with church folks, shot up a few panic prayers, and even took a Bible class." But he said that his life was his life. All his.

Chuck Swindoll states that he "was a Christian, but not a disciple."

Not until an older believer took him under his wing and Chuck decided that he'd had enough of playing games did he begin to change.

Disciple means "student." Assuredly, Jesus' disciples were students.

After multiplying the fish and loaves, Jesus sent His disciples onto the lake, where they faced a massive storm that terrified them, but Jesus spoke to

them..."Don't be afraid"...**"Take courage! I am here!"** and the storm stopped. (Mark 6:50-52)

They heard the teaching, but did they fully understand or grasp the significance of that miracle?

Getting serious with God always involves a risk. But it is certainly worth it!

I'm convinced that Jesus chose us to be His disciples, and in Him we can find the same world-changing power the first disciples found!

Jesus didn't just call us to be disciples, He called us to "make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). Will you join that mission? You are called to make disciples.

So, are you ready to start changing the world? Let's do it together!

In His Service,

Mike Virts

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Tommy Thomas III
Commanding

FIRST BRIGADE



March Report

On March 20, 2014, the Gen. John R. Chambliss, Jr. Camp #1779 held their monthly meeting at the Richardson Memorial Library in Emporia.

They discussed and finalized plans for their upcoming Living History Event at the Chambliss Home on April 26th and 27th.

On March 19, 2014, the camp lost Compatriot Samuel W. Adams III. Several members, along with 1st Brigade Commander Tommy Thomas III, attended visitation. Commander Fred Bare presented the family with a resolution. Several members also attended services and the burial.

On March 22, 2014 members of the Chambliss Camp #1779 set up a Living History Encampment along with the Old Brunswick Camp at Fort Clifton in Colonial Heights, Virginia. Those in attendance from the Chambliss Camp were, William Bradley, Jodie Williams, Milton Brickhouse, Kenny Griffin, and Cadet Bradley Hammond. They all had a great time showing how their ancestors lived and died during the War of Northern Aggression.

The James City Cavalry Camp #2095 met on March 26, 2014, at the Colonial Heritage Country Club. Mr. Robert Dunkerly of the National Park Service in Richmond was their speaker. His topic was "The Confederate Surrender at Greensboro---The Final Days of the Army of Tennessee." →

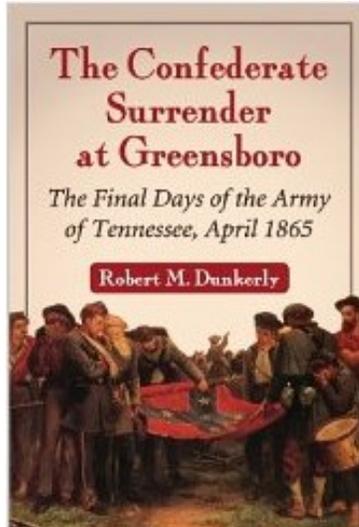
The camp has accomplished their spring clean-

up work at three of the local cemeteries.

At Fort Magruder, the UDC will be having a ceremony on Sunday, May 4, at 4:00 pm. Also, there will be a Memorial Day service on Friday, May 23, at James City Chapel at 5:00 pm. A picnic will follow on the Fred Boelt Farm at 6:00 pm.

The Gen. William Mahone Camp #1369 met on March 3, 2014. Commander John Sharrett of the Stonewall Camp was their guest speaker. He gave a great report on the Battle of Gettysburg 150th reenactment. He had many pictures of the people and the events and showed the monetary impact the event had on Gettysburg. He also reported on how bad the heat was. We can only imagine the effect the heat had on our soldiers.

The camp's sausage grinding fund raiser was a big success. They plan on doing it twice a year starting in September.



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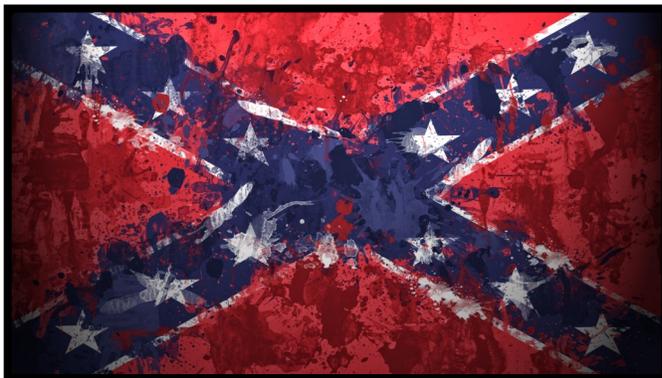
Commander Thomas spoke at the Tom Smith Camp, Stonewall Camp, and at the Lane-Armistead Camp meeting in Mathews Court House, Virginia.

Yours in the cause,

C. W. Thomas III
Commander, 1st Brigade



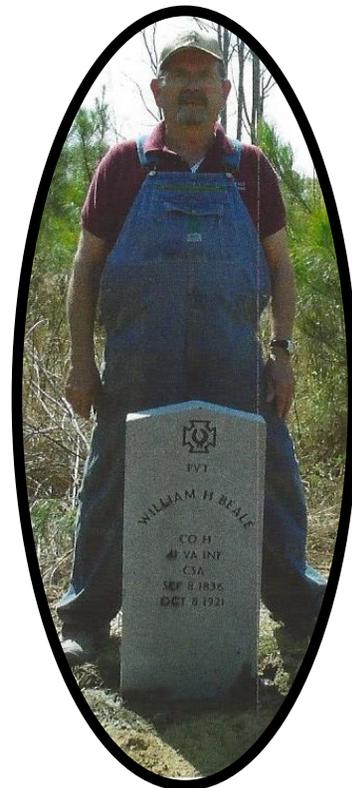
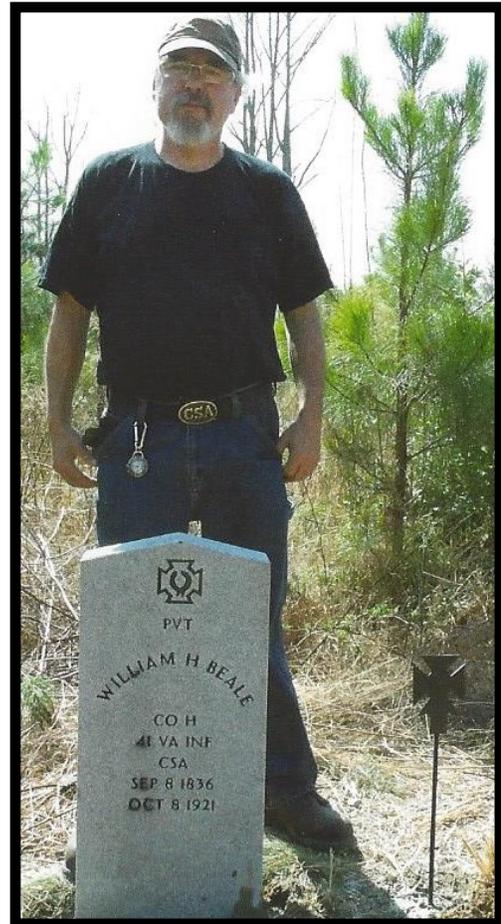
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Helping to Install Confederate Headstone

Top Right: Kenny Ray Griffin

Bottom Right: Billy Bradley



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Everette Ellis
Commanding

SECOND BRIGADE



No report for March 2014



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Mike Henderson, Commanding

THIRD BRIGADE



No report for March 2014



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Bill Graham III
Commanding

FOURTH BRIGADE

MONTHLY REPORT

Activities of the Brigade
Commander:



March 14: The commander and wife Nancy spent the day at Miles Jones Elementary School south of Richmond, presenting the life of the Confederate Soldier and the life of Southern civilians. The reception was very enthusiastic.

March 20-24: Commander Graham attended the "Battle of John's Island" in Charleston, SC, where he commanded the First S.C. Regiment by day and enjoyed fantastic barbeque and seafood at night.

The Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp #19. The monthly meeting was held March 18, at the Kemper Mansion in Madison. Nine members attended and the program was "War Between the States Trivia", presented by adjutant Don Echols. Plans were made for the upcoming Memorial Day Service, the 2014 Car Show, Kemper's Birthday Celebration, Taste of the Mountains, and the Sam Davis Youth Camp candidates.

Clinton Hatcher Camp #21



March 16: Held the annual Winter Luncheon at Loudoun Golf & Country Club in Purcellville. Forty-five members and guests attended. The speaker was Major Troy Marshall, Site Director of the Virginia Museum of the Civil War and New Market Battlefield. He gave an excellent presentation on the Battle of New Market and the role of the VMI Cadets. Compatriot Doug Smith, who recently received the camp's T. Clinton L. Hatcher Service Award, announced that he would direct the cash award toward the

preservation of the Ball's Bluff Battlefield.



Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp #19. March monthly meeting in the home of General/Governor James Lawson Kemper who was severely injured in the Battle of Gettysburg, but became Governor of Virginia after "The War."

Jefferson Davis Camp #305. The Jeff Davis Camp did not meet in March, but two SCV members transferred to Camp #305: James M. Hines and James William Hines, both from South Carolina and family members of past commander Richard T. Hines.

Summers-Koontz Camp #494.

March 20: Monthly meeting at the Luray Train Depot. Thirteen members attended and the program was "Confederate Debates," presented by Commander Keller. He put together a debate session for all members.

Other activities: Camp members met in Green Hill Cemetery for general cleanup and maintenance.



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R. E. Lee Camp #726.

March 3: Monthly meeting canceled due to ice and snow.

March 22: Commander Becker and his wife Carol attended the Frank Stringfellow Camp dinner with speaker Gregg Clemmer. Camp #726 has a very busy calendar during April-June.



R. E. Lee Camp #726. Commander Jim Becker and wife Carol at the Frank Stringfellow Camp dinner on March 22. Commander Becker is on the right.

Black Horse Camp #780.

March 4: Monthly meeting held at Walker Jones Attorneys in Warrenton. Sixteen members attended. This was a planning meeting for the upcoming Luminary and Confederate Memorial Day events. The camp plans to attend the National Gun Show and will share a table with the Clinton Hatcher Camp for recruiting purposes. Two new member applications were accepted by the camp: Richard Hudson and Charles Crum.

The Turner Ashby Camp #1567.

March 11: the camp held the monthly meeting at Henkle Hall on the Shenandoah University Campus. Nineteen members and guests attended. The speaker was Frank Surdu who spoke on the Ironclad Warships of both north and south.

Also during the meeting was a discussion of the

attempt by Memphis, TN to change the names of three Confederate parks: Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park. The camp is sending a total \$247 to the Parks Defense Fund after donations came from members.



Turner Ashby Camp #1567. Commander Jim Glymph presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Frank Surdu (left) for his presentation on Ironclad Warships at the March 11 meeting in Winchester.

The Strasburg Guards Camp #1587: held the March meeting at the Strasburg Community Center, with a guest speaker Commander Richard Kleese, who spoke on "Retreat From Gettysburg". Seventeen members attended.

The Brandy Rifles Camp #1918.

March 17: Monthly meeting at the new meeting site, The Burgandine House in Culpeper. Four members attended and the speaker was David Reeves who spoke on the history of The Burgandine House and its future. The camp has been busy planning the upcoming Remembrance Days in Culpeper on April 11-13.

Captain Jack Adams Camp #1951. Due to snow and ice, the regular monthly meeting was canceled. No other activities were reported.

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Ted Crockett
Commanding

FIFTH BRIGADE



No report for March 2014



SIXTH BRIGADE

Commander
at
Large

No report for March 2014



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SEVENTH BRIGADE

Ron Graves
Commanding



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Pittsylvania Vindicators

Camp #828

Commander: Frank
Harvey

Lt. Commander: Jock
Owings

Adjutant: Steve Shields

2nd Lt. Commander (Recruiting): Ed Clark

Camp Historian: Ed Chaney

Attendees: 9 Members and 6 Guests

Meeting Date: Feb. 10, 2014

Location: Frank's Pizza, Tightsqueeze, VA

Speaker: Frank Harvey

Topic: "Carry me back to Old Virginny," the song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," with words and music by James Allen Bland, was adopted as the official state song of Virginia by the General Assembly with House Joint Resolution No. 10 in 1940.

Even as it was adopted, some expressed concern



over the lyrics. In fact, the name of the song was changed from "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" to "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," either at the time of adoption or perhaps in 1950 or 1966.

During the meeting we amended our decision to

place an advertisement in the "Star Tribune" (local Chatham newspaper) the first and third week of April. The add will be ¼ page that not only recognizes April as our Confederate History month, but recognize our camp, the SCV Mechanized Cavalry and the Order Of Confederate Rose.

We also discussed our upcoming stew, planned for March 22nd at BB's Place in Gretna, VA.

Two of our camp members and a member's wife have been working in the Greenhill and Leemont Cemeteries in Danville.

On March 9th, the three repaired and replaced two damaged Confederate Iron Crosses for Pvt. W.H. Otey, (VA Artillery) in Greenhill and Frederick Baumhardt in Leemont. Monday, March 10th Ed and Ed met and replaced the Iron Cross on Lt. Colonel Elijah B. Withers grave. Ed



2ND Lt Commander
Ed Clark

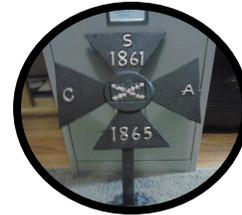


Camp Historian
Ed Chaney



Barbie Chaney

Chaney had painted the cross for his 3rd Great Uncle; Col. Withers (Company A, 13th Regiment, NC).



Special thanks for these dedicated men and women for their Great work in the Preservation of our Confederate ancestors!

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High Bridge Camp 1581



The High Bridge Camp 1581, Farmville, VA spent Saturday morning March 22nd picking up litter along Sayler's Creek Road. Visitors will travel this road to the 149th Anniversary Event of the Battles of Sayler's Creek on April 5th. Pictured from left to right are Lance Smith, Commander Gary Pridgen, Lee Wooten, Robert Harris, First Lieutenant Commander Moffatt Evans, Jr., Mark Fathbruckner, Jerry Drinkard, Jr., and Ty Drinkard.

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Compatriots,

Our Facebook association page which supports the Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, is very popular, capturing over 8,000 hits per week. Thanks to all who are posting pictures of their

camp's events.

If a camp commander, officer or delegate would like access to the division page, click the below link and click "Like." Access cannot be given until you do this one step.

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Book Review

Gentlemen,

It has been my pleasure to report on a new novel, *New Market: A Civil War Novel*. The authors John S. Powell and G. Martha Hamblin were gracious enough to forward this novel for review and I have found the historical insights to be both accurate and entertaining. The research was compiled from a multitude of sources, most importantly from VMI. To better understand the events and characters leading up to the Battle of Newmarket, where Our brave young men defended their and Our Virginia, truly will lead the reader to better appreciate the sacrifices of those men.

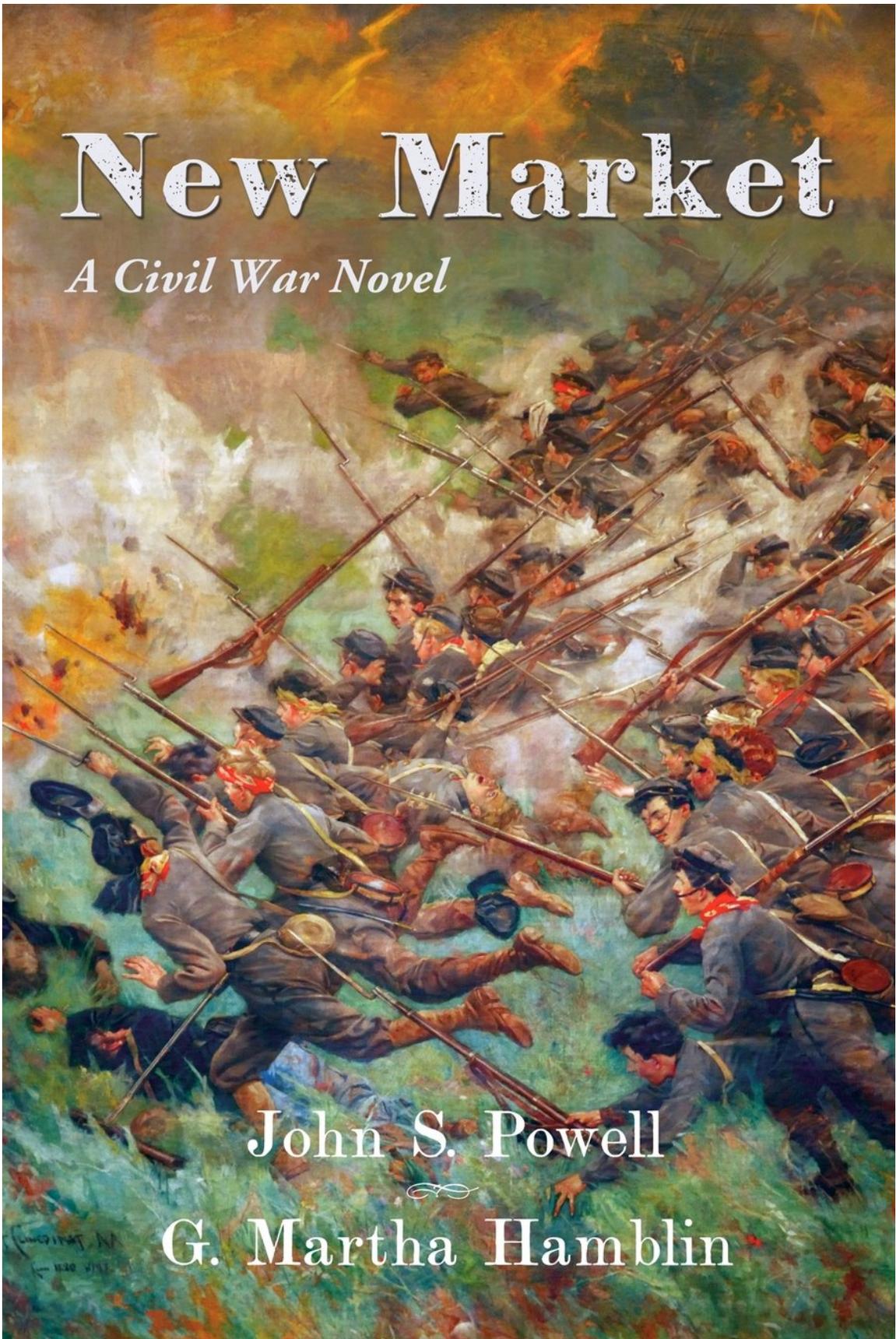
I would urge each of you to review this well written novel, during this the Sesquicentennial of the Battle.

Yours in The Cause,

Mike Pullen

New Market

A Civil War Novel



John S. Powell



G. Martha Hamblin