



Confederate Legion Soldiers for Freedom

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"The principle for which we contended is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form," President Jefferson Davis, C.S.A.

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Confederate Legion: Making Progress

We are getting close to wrapping-up the first two years of the 'Southern Victory Campaign.' While everything that we had hoped for has not been realized, much has been accomplished due to the faithful efforts of the members of the Confederate Legion. Many SCV Camps are now getting involved and buying radio ads, sending out letters to their community leaders, and distributing copies of the 'Southern Defender.' As Commander-in-Chief Gramling noted two years ago, "We did not get to this place of gross anti-South bigotry overnight and we will not get out of it overnight either. We must be dedicated to the Charge enough to stick with this effort until we are victorious."

RENEWAL for Confederate Legion: Yes, we understand that the process of renewal has been very clumsy and frustrating but we believe we have solved the problem. This effort started out with nothing and, as of now, is staffed only by volunteers. We have been working on establishing an electronic (internet) renewal process from day one! After two years of much effort—everything we do has to be in line with the rules of the IRS, SCV Banking system, and approved by Headquarters so as to prevent misuse—Ray Shores has informed us that the electronic process is now in place. Renew via our MDGA web site.

PINS, Confederate Legion pins: On page 5 of this newsletter you will find information about our soon to be released Confederate Legion Pin. Also, in the same article you will find information on how to receive your Confederate Legion Membership Card and Certificate & information regarding upcoming MADA-CL Army meetings.

2020 SCV REUNION HERITAGE LUNCHEON: Unlike last year, the Heritage Operations is not organizing the Annual Heritage Luncheon. The event has been organized and staffed by the Reunion Host. Therefore, we will not be able to conduct any Confederate Legion business at the Heritage Luncheon. The Reunion Manual does not specify who is to organize this luncheon, therefore the Reunion Host believed they were responsible and therefore filled that spot. This is just one of many problems we are working through. I am proposing the following change in the Reunion Manual. "The Reunion Host will coordinate with the Chief of Heritage Operations for arrangements at the Heritage Luncheon so as to provide time to conduct the business of promoting a positive view of Southern heritage."

Since we will not have time at the Heritage Luncheon to conduct Heritage Operations business, Commander-in-Chief Gramling is graciously allowing us extra time during the various reports Friday to conduct some of our business. We will be going over our annual report and also providing information about upcoming Heritage Operations events; see page 2 of this newsletter for a summary of my report. The full report will be printed in the data handed out at the Reunion.

Heritage Operations 2020 Report (Summary)

(Full Report available at National Reunion July 2020)

For the past twenty-four months the Heritage Operations Committee has been busy implementing Commander-in-Chief Gramling's 'Southern Victory Campaign.' The objective of this effort is to "take back the narrative" by giving the general public of the South information about Southern history that goes untold by academia, media, political, and sadly even religious organizations. Let me state from the start that the work being done at Make Dixie Great Again and the Confederate Legion is performed by volunteers. We do not have a paid staff. We are very grateful to the staff at SCV Headquarters who gracefully take their time to assist us with our work—thank you Headquarters staff.

The following are some of the "tools" that the Heritage Operations Committee has established to assist SCV camps in their efforts of "vindication of the cause." These "tools" are not designed to replace other worthy programs of SCV camps such as living history, cemetery maintenance, and Hunley Awards. The following "tools" are designed to increase the general public's knowledge about Southern heritage and the SCV:

1. Radio Ads: Camps can download one-minute radio ads at our MDGA web site and buy time on local radio stations. Also, camps or brigades can partner with the C. L., as money permits, to purchase additional ad time.
2. Southern Defender: Camps can purchase at cost copies of the 'Southern Defender' for distribution at gun shows, living histories, placement in local newspapers, or simply placing in every waiting room in their area. Division or camps may want to order customized copies of the 'Southern Defender' that tells the story of their State or local area.
3. Sample letters: Download sample copies of letters to local civic and political leaders during one of many SCV Special Ops Counter-Attacks. These letters are designed to notify civic and political leaders that the SCV is actively promoting a positive view about Southern heritage. We call this "increasing the SCV's social footprint" in the community. The political establishment will take notice.
4. Pro-South videos: Available on MDGA. These videos can be shared or placed on SCV Camp/Division web sites and social media platforms. Each camp member should "share" these videos on their social media. If a camp member does not have a social media account, he should ask a family member who does have such a platform to place said video on their social media site.
5. Commander's Comment: At each SCV Camp meeting members should be reminded that every month the Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Heritage Operations will host a Commander's Comment video. This video will help keep the membership informed on what is going on in the SCV. We are currently looking into a way to have a question and answer forum in the future—more to come on this as we progress. (*continued on page 3*)

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These tools have been in place for at least 18 months. If the membership will take advantage of these tools, the SCV can begin the process to “take back the narrative.”

The SCV can win this battle but it must think and act as a 21st century organization. For example, item number four (4) listed above explains that numerous pro-South videos have been created by the C. L. and placed on our MDGA web site and social media. Tracking the number of “hits” these videos receive demonstrates that these videos are seen by approximately 1200 people a month. This organization has around 30,000 members. If even one-half of the members would view these videos and share these videos on their web sites and social media, the SCV would be sending our pro-South message to hundreds of thousands of non-SCV members. This simple action costs the SCV and its members NOTHING. Not only are we countering the negative view of the South, we are letting people know that the SCV exists and is active—from these new viewers, we will gain new members. Our enemies do this all the time—they live and act in the 21st century. These tools, videos, radio ads, Southern Defenders, and much more are made possible by the membership fee and donations of Confederate Legion members. If only 10% of SCV members would join the C. L., the SCV could have a voice and impact across the South that could not be ignored. Ten percent of SCV membership is approximately 3,000 men. How close is the SCV to having this type of impact upon our society? At this date we have only 2% of SCV membership working with the C. L. to vindicate the Cause of the South.

Gentlemen, it is my sincere belief that if we do not increase this effort to take back the narrative, nothing of true Southern history will be safe from the hands of the anti-South bigots. Neo-Marxists are earnest in their desire to eradicate all vestiges of the Old South. If our children and grandchildren are to grow up with a truthful understanding of our ancestors noble Cause, we must act and do so in ways that will baffle and destroy our enemies.

Deo Vindice,

Walter D. (Donnie) Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Operations, SCV

Questions About the Kennedy Twins Newsletter

We have received numerous requests about how to receive the Kennedy Twins Newsletter. Our newsletter is **NOT** associated with the SCV. The SCV is a non-political organization, whereas the emphasis in our newsletter is of a political nature. We therefore try to keep a respectable distance between our political efforts and our volunteer efforts with the SCV. For those who are interested, you can sign-up for the Kennedy Twins Newsletter at: http://www.kennedytwins.com/newsltr_signup.htm

NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATIONS

No battle, let alone a war, can be won without good communications. We of the SCV are woefully lacking in this area but our man, Brain McClure, is working on putting the SCV into the 21st century communications network. It appears that within the SCV there are at least 160 Facebook accounts and 110 websites. Each of these media outlets needs to be networked with Heritage Operations and with each other. Please help Brain get this job done.



	<p>Want to learn more about our neo-Marxist enemies? Click links below:</p> <p>Truth No Longer Matters: https://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/blog/the-truth-no-longer-matters/</p> <p>The Left's March Through Southern Institutions: https://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/blog/the-lefts-march-through-southern-institutions/</p> <p>White Privilege or Yankee Privileges: https://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/blog/white-privilege-or-yankee-privilege/</p>	
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	<p>Renew Your Confederate Legion Membership</p> <p>Give us the ammunition need to win this War!</p>	
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With a few members we have accomplished a lot in the first year. Be on the lookout for your renewal notice. What we have accomplished so far will be "small potatoes" compared to what we shall accomplish when we have a minimum of 1000 members in each Army! With three thousand members we will initiate a revolution in how modern-day Southerners think about their South. [Deo Vindice](#).

PINS, CARDS, AND CERTIFICATES

We are talking with various individuals about the cost of Confederate Legion lapel pins. It is hoped that by the Reunion, we will have information on the cost and ordering of these pins. Of course, you must be a member of the Confederate Legion to wear this pin. How do you prove you are a C. L. member? Membership card or certificate! These items will very soon be available via our web site. These cards and certificates are downloadable and can be printed off at no cost to you or the C.L. Card and Certificate will be mailed to members if they mail us a check for \$5.00 to cover cost of printing and mailing. More about this at the Reunion.

CONFEDERATE LEGION TOOLS AND WEAPONS

No carpenter would go to a job site without his tools and surely, no soldier would go to war without his weapons. The same is true about the fight against our neo-Marxist enemy (after the recent BLM, Antifa riots and looting, no one should question who is this enemy). This is not the enemy we faced 100 years ago or even 50 years ago. We must learn how to fight this battle where our strength can be used against his weakness. Our strength is we have the “homefield advantage.” At present, over 65% of Southerners support a positive view of Southern heritage. If we can motivate that 65% to become active in supporting our Rights and increase that number to 75% to 85%, we will win this fight. But we need weapons and we need to use them correctly. If SCV camps and members use the weapons/tools provided, victory will be ours. These tools include but are not limited to: radio ads, videos, Southern Defender, and letters to be sent out to local community/civic leaders. These weapons/tools are like medicine. The doctor may provide you with a bottle of pills to cure your disease but taking just one pill will not do the job—you must continue the process until the disease is cured. The same is true for our efforts at defeating our enemy—we must not think that one “pill” will solve the problem. We must keep fighting and doing that in a smart manner.

Upcoming MDGA-CL Army Meetings

Coming soon in each SCV Army, we will be holding meetings in each of the three SCV Armies this year. We intend to have our Confederate Legion Pins to give to members at that time. As has been often pointed out, we are in a new and different battle today than the South has ever experienced. We must not attempt to defeat this modern enemy with tools/weapons that were effective 50 years ago. We must educate ourselves on what tools/weapons will work and how to use those tools/weapons. At these Army meetings knowledgeable leaders will explain Why we are in this sad position, What the SCV can do to rekindle the fire of Southern Pride, and the How of definitive action that will lead to ultimate victory.

A word of caution to everyone. If we do not “take back the narrative” and energize our fellow Southerners so we can put tremendous pressure on elected officials, no Confederate monuments and/or flag will be safe *even on private property*. Don’t tell me “but it is PRIVATE not public property.” Remember how safe you thought your First Amendment right to religious exercise was when the left said, “close down the churches”? Ask Drew Brees about freedom of speech. How safe is your Second Amendment Right, when you must get the government’s permission to conceal carry? Once the government determines to remove our Flag from “private” property, it will do so—as we have explained in prior newsletters, the law is already on the book! See you at your Army meeting. One thousand C. L. members in each Army by 2021!

Press Release

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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Paul C. Gramling, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans share in our nation's common remorse for the appalling death of Mr. George Floyd. We applaud our nation's justice system for its swift action in seeking justice for this case. Regardless of our common outrage for said death, anarchy and home-grown terrorism against innocent individuals is an assault upon the Civil Rights and Liberty of all Americans. The Sons of Confederate Veterans condemns equally all acts of violence against individuals, private property, and historical monuments. The recent outbreak of violence against not only War Between the States monuments and many other American monuments and sites is a display of crude anti-American criminality. As Sons of Confederate Veterans, we are sworn to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. Inclusive of our Constitutional Rights is the Right to freely express one's opinion. The Sons of Confederate Veterans offer our thanks to all law enforcement personnel who honestly and lawfully discharge their duty. We also condemn those who would use the heartbreaking death of Mr. Floyd to further their anti-American agenda. For additional information about the Sons of Confederate Veterans, visit our web site Make Dixie Great Again at: www.makedixiegreatagain.com

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Informing Your Neighbors and Local Community

The Southern Defender

Thanks to Mississippi Division SCV member, Ray Shores, we now have the capability to print copies of the Confederate Legion's broadsheet the *Southern Defender*. Ray has produced broadsheets for Mississippi, and Virginia with plans to do one for Louisiana. They are printed in his office in Flora, Mississippi.



The *Southern Defender* is four pages (can be larger), color, and can be customized to your state. It can be used as an insert in weekly newspapers, as free handouts at reenactments, gun shows, living histories, or left in waiting rooms. More information about costs and how to obtain copies available at www.makedixiegreatagain.com