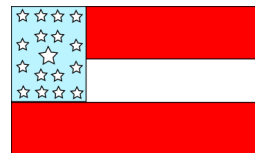




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WILLIAMS' SON

Battle Flag In Iraq

The pictured flag was carried by the son of Camp Commander Paul Williams, when he was with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton.

They captured Basra and went up the east side of Iraq. Paul Williams's son was pictured on the cover of *Newsweek*, jumping out of the back of a fighting vehicle with rounds hitting all around his legs.

Carrying or displaying any U.S. flags were frowned on (the first PC war I guess) but this one was special as you can see, so he carried it in his kit and displayed it sparingly.

Just like in the 1860s the battles they were in are written on the flag. It was In Country, in battle, and our camp was represented over there- Hooooorahhh! --- Floyd Farrar, Camp 2007 Cameron E. Thom, Long Beach

Heritage Under Attack

by Paul Williams, Commander, Camp 2007
Captain Cameron E. Thom, Long Beach

Compatriots: Our heritage is constantly under attack. Just read the papers or the Internet. It is



Camp 2007 Lt Cmdr Phillip Lee Caines and Cmdr. Paul Williams hold the Battleflag. Cmdr. Williams writes: "Here's a couple of the pictures Floyd took at the meeting. This is the flag my son took to Iraq with him ... In Southron tradition three of the battles in which he fought are on the flag, as are some of the unit members."

everywhere. Our ancestors were always outnumbered and outgunned; yet, they held fast and fought the good fight.

We too must fight the good fight. Only we cannot fail, and we cannot be defeated. We cannot take up arms as our forefathers can-- or can we?

Arms do not have to be sabers, knives, or rifles. We now have worldwide access at the tip of our fingers. We also have the gift of free speech, (for now). We also have the ability to pool our financial resources.

Yes, we have the weapons and let's use them! We must hit those in the media that falsely report historical facts with immediate and overwhelming responses. Overwhelm their e-mail boxes and fax machines! Call their offices and make your voice heard!

There are several good web sites that report heritage issues. There is our own SCV heritage report. One of the better sites is www.southernheritage.com. Check them out. You have the option of having daily reports sent to your e-mail address. They post newspaper articles from around the country concerning heritage issues.

Many of y'all have read the *L.A. Times* article a couple of weeks ago comparing our flag to the Nazi swastika. I'm getting riled just thinking about it.

We are also given the gift of speech. Yes, each of us can stand up to the ignorance of the PC crowd. Each of you knows the truth. Of course the first thing out of the PC crowd's mouth will be to call you a racist. You and I both know better. There are those that do not know the history of our struggle other than what they were taught in yankee PC schools. Give them the facts.

A great web site is that of the 37th Texas cavalry. Mr. Lewis Regenstein is a great source of Jewish participation. His family sent many brave men to war. They have extensive research in the form of historical facts. Study them and put them to use.

Our flag and history will not be preserved in PC public schools. You must teach your children, grandchildren, and the neighbors too.

The public does not know we were the first integrated army. Jewish, Black, Hispanic, Native and Chinese fought for the cause. The fight to keep a constitutional government was their fight and it is ours.

Each of you can become a keyboard warrior. Like the commercial says: "Just Do It."

Folks if we don't fight for it (our heritage and history)-- We will lose it!

I will be forwarding y'all issues as they happen. Let 'em hear the 21st Century Rebel Yell.

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Adjutant Vance Marsh appears on right. Photo by Floyd Farrar.

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- * All Things Southern with Shelly Tomlinson
- * Commentary on the News with Robert Lloyd
- * Radio Free Dixie with interviews of the movers of the Southern Movement today

Watch out, you enemies of Dixie, the skeer is on! Merry Christmas, you Southern Patriots... you've gotten what you've been asking us for!

**Deo Vindice, Ray McBerry, President,
DixieBroadcasting.com**



Veterans Day Parade in Fresno, 11 November 2003. There are 5 Camp 1804 men here. Myself; Tim Desmond; Richard Kline; Tim Desmond; Eric Tidd. Were all quite portly! – Chuck Norred.

**SCV now Eligible for
United Way Combined
Federal Campaign as an
Approved Charity**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc. is now eligible to be included in the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) national list as an approved charity.

SCV members, their families, and supporters of Southern history and heritage who are military or civilian employees of the United States government may designate the Sons of Confederate Veterans, CFC identification number 0887 as the recipient of any charitable gifts made through this program either through checks or payroll deduction in calendar year 2004.

Please spread this good word among your family and friends of the SCV.

**UDC SOUTHERN
LUNCHEON**

17th January 2004

**4-Points Sheraton Hotel, 700 West
Huntington, Monrovia 91016**

Donna Mann Powell of Belle Boyd Chapter will host the Luncheon.

It is north of Freeway 210 and west of the 605.

From the 605 north, merge onto I-210 West via the exit-- on the left-- toward Pasadena. Go 3.61 miles. Take the Huntington Drive Exit toward Arcadia, 0.30 miles. Turn left onto West Huntington Drive /Route 66. 0.10 Miles. End at 700 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia.

California Division Convention

March 19, 20, 21, 2004 at the Pasadena Marriott Hotel, 180 North Fair Oaks, Pasadena (wasn't that a plantation in "Gone With The Wind"? -- Mike).

See www.scvcalifornia.net for the Schedule of Events, information, and the registration form.

Thanks to Mike Schooling for all the good work he has done to organize this event!



Women and Nurses in the Civil War

By Tim Desmond, Division Surgeon

Note: This is the first of 2 or 3 parts on Women and Nurses in the Civil War. Many of your readers may know more about this than I do. My interest is genuine and comes from some questions that have come up since I have been reenacting. One of those concerns was the role of women in reenacting.

There are women that come out on the field with buckets or jars of dill pickles. They offer them to the sweating reenactor soldiers. If the pickle tastes sweet then you are supposedly dehydrated.

I have heard that there were really NO pickle women in the real war. I have heard that the "pickle ladies" are a modern reenactment "post battle" safety factor. My wife, Bobbi, was a trained U.S. Army Corpsman [Army nurse] and also an RN, and she says that she has never heard the "dill pickle - dehydration" theory, ever in her career.

Maybe that is another article: "What is the truth? Dill pickle & dehydration?" Have you ever heard of this in your years of being around reenactors and Civil War people?

Originally my thinking about Civil War nurses had been influenced by the stories of Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale. Their stories are no small footnote of history and they deserve all their accolades for their accomplishments during their time.

The Crimean War set a precedent for using females as nurses. This was unheard of in the American military and U.S. Army doctors resisted this. Yet, the 38 nurses that Englishwoman Florence Nightingale took to that war in 1854 resulted in changing the way things had been done.

Afterwards her Nightingale School and Home for nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital in London became the model for training nurses. She raised the awareness that nursing was a noble profession. Her own training had come from her time spent with nursing Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul in Alexandria.

On talking with many modern medical professionals, it struck me how there is a gap of various degrees of knowledge about the medical history and practices of that era. There was such a flux of practices, procedures and customs that war accelerated like: folk medicine, "school" medicine, military medicine, civilian medicine, surgeons versus

medical doctors, pre-antiseptic era, males roles versus female roles.



Commander Ken Koch shows his period Confederate reproduction pistols to eager students at the Moorpark Reenactment, November 2003.

It was very much a man's world of which no modern woman would want to go back to. Women were not part of the military whether Union or Confederate. Women were not powerful in civilian medical institutions.

Yet the questions are there: Who were the nurses? Where did they come from? Where did they work? How and where were they trained? How did they serve the military?

And throughout history many Catholic and Protestant institutions had their own "charity" hospitals and trained their nurses in their own way. This was the case also in the United States as well. There were many religious orders and hospitals training their own workers. The two oldest nursing schools in the United States were in Philadelphia. The earliest one being the Philadelphia Lying-in Charity and Nurses School was established in 1830. The second one there called the Nurses Training School of the Women's Hospital of Philadelphia was established during the Civil War in 1863.

And, that brings to mind the question, my God; didn't they have nurses before then? And the answer is yes, but not in the way we know nurses today. Hospitals provided nursing service for their facility but the importance of the Nightingale School and Home in London is that nurses were trained to be nurses.

The demand for new surgeons in the war is well documented. But the demand for nurses must have been multiple times more in numbers needed to care

for the wounded and ill men. There were not enough "trained" nurses immediately present in 1861 so that many more were called to duty from the local areas of the battles.

In the following articles will be more answers to these questions.



Camp 2062's newest Life Members, Steve Milne and his son Mathew Milne-- Ken Koch, Commander

Moorpark Reenactment

Rich Studenick, Corporal, Gun No. 4,
2nd Company, Richmond Howitzers

Moorpark proved once again to be a marquee CW reenactment event in California. Ed Mann and the many people who contributed to the success of Moorpark should be heartily congratulated. The reasons for this success are many. Here are a few I thought of (in David Letterman "Top Ten" format):

- 10: Increased reenactor participation (bigger is always better)**
- 9: Varied placement of the troops so the audience could see their soldiers in action**
- 8: Even better field setup - more extensive landscaping work, better placement of ground charges**

7: Participation from reenactors across the US and Europe

6: Hollywood star power

5: More specialty reenactors

4: Making sure there were more places to shop

3: Getting the civilian reenactors involved in the "big show"

2: The 'bombs bursting in air'

And now,

1: The innovative use of the weather to keep the dust down and to give the reenactors a free shower.

By Ed Mann, Event Organizer and
Col. Richmond Howitzers

Whew! As I said on Sunday afternoon to reenactors at the end of the day, by the grace of God and the skin of our teeth, we got by last weekend.

After ominous predictions earlier in the week about the weather for the weekend, the forecast turned rosier about Thursday. Friday was fine, and Saturday was quite pleasant. Attendance by the public was dramatically higher on Saturday this year than last year.

Saturday night, however, saw the beginning of a light rain, not amounting to much, but causing some mud in the bivouac area. The owner, Rick Brecunier, who knows his ground, predicted that the soil would be fine by the first battle, and it was. I took a "hit" off my horse during the second battle, and laid on the ground for 10 minutes without any mud on my new frock coat, so that has to tell you something about how fast the ground dried out.

Nevertheless, the light rain reduced the attendance hoped for on Sunday. By the time the first battle occurred, the slight, scattered drizzle had stopped, but it was still the case that many spectators feared the worst and stayed home. Nevertheless, because of Saturday's increased attendance, the total spectator turnout was about 5,000, the same as last year. With the weather we had to contend with, I consider this remarkable.

Reenactor combatants actually on the field totaled over 500, a Southern California record, which is amazing given the rain that kept so many of the feint of heart home.

What a great weekend! And now the thank yous: First, of course, thanks to the Rotary Club, particularly to Dale Parvin, Lyle Pennington, Scott Moser, and Carolyn Schrimpf for their efforts in making the event happen, and to the Moorpark Rotary

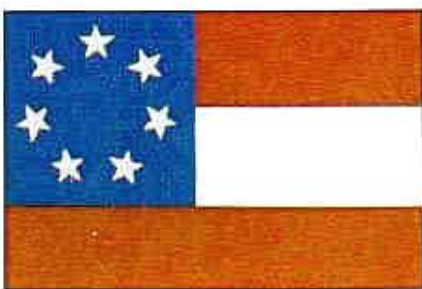
Club for continuing to provide the funding for the grandest Civil War event in Southern California.

A huge thank you goes to Rick and Linnea Brecunier who allowed their ranch to be used again for the event this year. What would we do without this piece of ground? Rick worked long and hard from early morning until the end of each day to meet the needs of the event, and he always seemed to be in good humor and ready to lend a hand with whatever was needed.

Second, thanks to the members of the Richmond Howitzers (with 52 men on the field) without whom this event would be just another reenactment. I expect that few reenactors had any concept of just how much time and trouble it took to make this event a reality.

John Billinger spent countless hours in getting the pyrotechnics arranged with Chuck Schultheis, our pyrotechnician. The airbursts this year, in particular, took a very considerable amount of planning, phone calls, frustration, and preparation. While many reenactors were focused on the "ground war," from the comments of the spectators, the contribution of the "air war" was considerable, since it was more visible to those on the sidelines. Thanks also to David Himes and Willy Hoult for helping John with setting up the pyrotechnics in advance of the battle.

As for those in the Howitzers who worked to set up our battlefield "barn" and "stonewall," thanks to Landis Potter, David Himes, Lee Berube, Roger Grass, Charlie Kujawa, Mike Foxworth, Marshall Hart, Mike Presswood, Darrell Lee, Bob Ruecker, John Hayes, Chris Desamito, Dave Moore, Charles Black, Willy Hoult, Mike and Dan Goodfellow, and Roger Grass. Landis Potter, John Billinger, Chris Desamito, and Greg Sonnenburg spent a day before and after the event working at the site. Thanks also to Jill Billinger for her work at the event.



Thanks to all the actors for coming out and supporting the event-- Bruce Boxleitner, David Carpenter, Stephen Spacek, Matt Lindquist, Patrick Gorman, Joseph Fuqua, C. Thomas Howell, Fred Griffith, and Peter Sherayko for taking the time to add so much to the color of our event. The reenactors

made it obvious that the actors' presence was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Bill Behrens for hauling in mounts for the actors from Arizona. Thanks to Chuck Untersee for his help contacting our actors.



SCV Recruiting Tent set up by Camp 2062 Ventura County CSS Virginia, for Moorpark Reenactment, November 2003.

Thanks to Steve Mata and Jay Paddock for their help on the Federal side. Reed Settle, as usual, was invaluable on the Confederate side. Robert McCrary deserves special mention for helping marshal the forces in advance of the event. Thank you to the branch commanders, Dom dal Bello, Bill Schurmann, Alan Ginos, Ray Harrell, Dave Kanawah, and, again, Landis Potter. Thank you to Jim Mitchum for helping get the Confederate paperwork in order and, I think, Ray Bryant, on the Federal side.

I had several friends come to watch. They had never seen anything like it in Southern California—Tim Keennon.

A special thanks to the 3rd U. S. Artillery for making the trek down here from Northern California to attend the event, and for making, as usual, a great contribution.

Thanks to Don Ancell, Vern Padgett, John Quimby, Marshall Neal, Todd Holmes, Larry Clowers, and Irene Ujda and the Yesteryears Dancers for their between-the-battles efforts with spectators. Thanks to the Fort Tejon Heritage Players (Band?) for their fine music at the dance.



Ed Mann reports: Sprinkled in this photo from the Moorpark event are some of the actors we had at Moorpark. Some had already gotten back into their civilian clothes. David Carpenter (Col. Devin/ Chaplain Tucker Lacy), Bruce Boxleitner (Gen. Longstreet), Stephen Spacek, (Capt. James Powers Booth), Fred Griffith (Col. Robert Rodes), Matt Lindquist (Maj. Heros von Borke). Photo by Simon Dalseme, Richmond Howitzers, now in the Scottish Highlands.

Thanks to the FTHA Webmaster, Don Worth, for continuing to provide his services and helping to make the website an invaluable communication tool for the event.

I know that I will kick myself for forgetting someone I should have mentioned. Despite the marginal weather, it is abundantly clear that the event gathers steam each year. Mark your calendar now for November 6-7 next year. I hope to see most of you at the Fort next year, in Vista at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum on March 13-14 and July 10-11, at Prado Park on April 3-4, and in Huntington Beach on September 4-5.

Moorpark event may be the end of the season for this year and did it go out with a bang. Newspaper said expect more than 7000 for both days of the event, final count is not yet available. Have been advised that reenactor participation was up by 25% over last year. Total may have dropped off some for Sunday due to the light showers in the morning, but over all, I think the both days was great. Met a lot of

nice people and got to tell them who we are and who our ancestors were and why they did what they did.

A big thanks to Al Wilson and Charles Black for their help on Saturday. Also great to have meet Nick, and yes Nick I corrected the spelling of your last names.

Sunday not only Charles Black, 2nd Lieutenant Commander, but also our two new Life Members, Steve Milne, Color Sergeant and Matthew Milne. Both Steve and Mat stayed and helped to stow away the gear. Johnny Holland, 1stLt Commander, was there to assist, but after seeing that everything was in good hands politely took his leave as he had worked Totem Pole just two weeks ago.

Fortunately, the showers on Sunday only caused the loss of a few sheets of paper, which can easily be replaced from files. But it did make a mess of the gear. All the flags, bunting and table covers had to be washed, pressed and re-rolled. All weapons needed to be oiled and polished. All bright work, bugle, flasks, and metal shined prior to storage for next year.

Got at least 5 good requests for membership. Got several requests for assistance in researching family ancestry. It appears we have picked up two new members from the event-- Clay Cowgill will be transferring from Santa Barbara, and a new member David Eastman. This with the two new members Oren Jones, Newbury Park and Eric Lotspeich, Simi Valley will bring camp membership to 18. All members with one exception have renewed their membership so we are off to a great start for the coming year.

Confederately Yours-- **Ken Koch,**
Commander, CSS Virginia Camp 2062
SCV Ventura County

From Farrell Cooley, Cmdr Camp 1208: Nice event for sure, just like last year. So

many good people with good stories and good intentions.

In my notes I have at least 2 potential UDC ladies that I will refer to the State UDC. I referred several recruits to Ken Koch and his camp. One of those guys donated 10 bucks though he wasn't sure which side his people fought on. I have one guy who knows Chuck but didn't know he was an officer in the SCV, and I'll be sending Chuck a message on that fellow. I talked with one guy who wants to join but is being shipped out to Alaska and then he thinks to Iraq within the next 2 weeks and needs help finding his ancestors. So many good things happen at these events. I met some very young people who seemed to know so much. One little guy recognized Jeff Davis on my table and he was little, I was impressed big time. What can I say about all the reenactors who know us and stop by? It is incredible to have so many good acquaintances that like us and associate with us. Even Yankee reenactors who make a point of stopping by to check out the antiques and say some nice words.

From Vern Padgett: I have a peak experience each year at this event, and they happen at the SCV table. Last year it was the young black boy, maybe 12 years old, who new more about the War than most any adult I've talked to. This year it happened late on the second day. I was alone at the SCV tables—Ken and Farrell had both left for a few minutes. A striking-featured girl maybe 16 years old walked up and we chatted a while. She said she read a lot of history. She was thin and strong featured and had a resemblance to someone ... I asked about her Confederate ancestors and she told me she was a direct descendant of Jefferson Davis. Through one of his daughters. She said she was working on joining the UDC.

I had several friends come to watch. They had never seen anything like it in So California. They were impressed with the numbers, the scenarios, and in how the whole even was pulled off. This is the second Moorpark I have been to and it was better than the last.

I would also like to thank the unit of Johnny Rebs who died almost to a man in response to one of the "rounds" from our cannon. You were on the Rebel right hand flank in the second battle on Saturday, towards the end of the engagement. It was well done and gracious of them whoever they are.

Tim Keennon, Private, Battery A, 1st US Artillery



The Ken Koch collection of Confederate weapons for recruiting display—at Moorpark Nov. 2003, courtesy Camp 2062 Ventura County.

News from Inland Empire Camp 1742

Steve Madden, Commander

Our Christmas meeting was small but nice. There were five camp members present-- compared to two from last year-- and the food and scenery were lovely. Present were Jerry Dupree; Billy Williams; Lowell Cross; our host, William Evans and yours truly. Evans got his certificate, but I allowed the food and fun to dominate the day. I'll get more business done next time. Still a good time and a great way to continue the tradition. Comrade Evans says a shooting range is just over the hill, so target practice may be part of next year's meeting. See you in Glendale.

Letters in Defense of Southern Heritage

Ed.-- These letters are in response to a Los Angeles Times column by David Show, at www.abc-cbnnews.com/NewsStory.aspx?section=Opinion&OID=39184.

Sir: Why don't you do a little research before you make such stupid remarks! The Battleflag was just what it is, a Battleflag. It is no different than those carried by the North. Hitler killed millions of Jews under the swastika. No Southern did that under the name of anything. I am a Jew and people like you are the ones that make racist remarks.

Just because you want a Democrat in the White House, doesn't mean you can trash people's heritage. Lincoln did not care in the beginning about the slaves. He would have kept them slaves if it meant saving the Union. It was not Confederate flags flying on the ships that brought slaves to America. It was the US flag. The North wouldn't fight side-by-side with Blacks but the South did.

Get your story straight before you put it in print!
Sandra Ashdown-Turner
President, Calif. Order of Confederate Rose

Sir: This is in reply to your article of November 23rd. You write as if you have some formal education but it is apparent that you have little if any education regarding history.

Your remarks regarding the Confederate Flag are quite offensive to me and I'm sure to many others whose ancestors fought under the starry cross.

Why do you liberals always affix racism to the Confederate flag? The Confederate flag flew over the Southern Nation for only 4 short years. For the next hundred plus years it has simply represented the South. It is only recently that a couple of idiot groups have hijacked our flag and its true meaning.

First let me give you a little history lesson.

1. The Confederate battle flag never flew over any slave ship.
2. Persons of all races fought under the Confederate Banner. To include Blacks both free and in bondage. As a matter of fact the first all black unit was the 1st Louisiana Native Guards not the 54th Mass. The highest-ranking Native American of the war was General Stand Watie; the yankees did not have any minority generals. The highest-ranking Hispanic was Confederate Colonel Santos Benevides of Texas. He commanded a cavalry regiment. And yes there were even Chinese in units such as the 10th Louisiana. This list goes on and on.

3: The Mayor of Los Angeles Ca from 1884-86 was a Confederate Captain: Cameron Erskine Thom. He was also the DA here for many years.

All of these persons fought for an ideal nation, a non-centralised government. We whose ancestors fought under the starry cross choose to revere that flag and honour our ancestors' achievements-- many who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

We also choose to dislike those who attack our symbols out of ignorance. Perhaps you might research your own ancestry and find that you too had ancestors that gathered under the Confederate banner. If you do choose to educate yourself regarding our flag I can

refer you to several web sites, such as HK Edgerton's web site, SCV.org, or the 37th Texas.

Should you find a Confederate in your ancestry I also invite you to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I will personally send you the application form.-- **Paul Williams, SCV Camp 2007, Capt Cameron E. Thom, Long Beach, California**

Release of New Video: **Wicked Spring**

By Corky Reed: *Wicked Spring* is a fictional story taking place at dusk after the Battle of the Wilderness. Three Union and three Confederates become lost from their units. They make camp together sharing stories of their experiences of the war. Daybreak arrives to find they are on opposite sides!!



Researching your Ancestor

- From Corky Reed** I recommend the following sites:
- 1) National Archives PA Ave. & 7th St. N.W. Washington DC 20408 General Form 80
www.nara.gov/regional/mprsl180.html
 - 2) National Personnel Records Center (Military Records)
9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63132-3100
 - 3) U.S. Military History Institute Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013 717.245.3972
www.army.mil/usamhi/photoDB.html
 - 4) Library of Congress Independence Ave. 101 2nd Ave. SE. Washington D.C. 20540 202.707.5522
www.loc.gov/copyright/
 - 5) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 35 NW Temple St. Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-3400
www.familyhistory.org
 - 6) U.S. Civil War Center LSU Baton Rouge, LA 504.388.3202 www.cwc.lsu.edu

Why We Fight

The urge that impels adherents to the Cause of Southern nationalism onward is buried deep within—often inchoate, rarely conscious. But it is all the more powerful for that—an ineradicable imprint passed down through countless generations of forebears. It will rise up again, Phoenix-like, with each new generation. William Faulkner captured its essence in *Intruder in the Dust*:

"For every Southern boy fourteen years old, not once but whenever he wants it, there is the instant when it's still not yet two o'clock on that July afternoon in 1863 ...and it's all in the balance, it hasn't happened yet, it hasn't even begun yet, it not only hasn't begun yet but there is still time for it not to begin against that position and those circumstances which made more men than Garnett and Kemper and Armistead and Wilcox look grave, yet it's going to begin, we all know that, we have come too far with too much at stake and that moment doesn't need even a fourteen-year-old boy to think: 'This time. Maybe this time....'"

From William Scott's review of Frank Connor's *The South Under Siege*, 2002.

Truth on the Simpsons

Anyone familiar with the adult TV cartoon *The Simpsons* had to have seen the one when Hafu, the immigrant from India who works in a quickie convenience store, got his citizenship.

The interviewer asked what was the reason the "Civil War" was fought.

Hafu started out saying, "tariffs and high taxes on the Southern exports and government control and----", he was cut off by the interviewer, "just say slavery".

"OK, slavery"!-- He passed.

It is funny how a seemingly ridiculous cartoon show that shows stereotypes all over the place can get that right-- when our highly educated history professors seem to miss it totally. But then Hafu was educated in a third world country-- wasn't he?

SCV Life Membership

Apply for Life Membership by completing application at www.SCV.org. Fee is \$300 if you are 59 or younger; \$200 for those aged 60 to 69, and \$100 for those aged 70 and older. Mail check and form to HQ. Life Members are

assigned to Camp 2 and are also listed on local Camp rosters with "LM" instead of an expiration date.

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WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



"The contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena." --Jefferson Davis, address to the Mississippi legislature-- 16 years after the War ended.

California SCV Web Site

Check www.scvcalifornia.net for the California SCV website. Gary Waltrip, Commander Camp 1440, The Stainless Banner, San Jose, continues to expand and add to the web site. See Gary's own site at www.RebelGray.com