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### STATE CONVENTION SUCCESS!

The State SCV Reunion held in Anderson in



March was a resounding success. A full day of activities including meetings, luncheon, and awards kept

participants busy. The Anderson Civic Center was an ideal location for the event, according to many out-of-towners who noted how convenient it was for those travelling. The state SCV passed a resolution honoring Camp 6 for the work done on the state convention. Well done, Manse Jolly compatriots!



### Next Meeting of Camp 6 Saturday, June 13, 2009

New location: Check camp website for updates!



### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Army of Northern Virginia, SCV, has created the Army of Northern Virginia Scholarship. It is to be awarded to a deserving student who has written the best essay on a chosen Confederate historical topic. The winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Only students who reside in states which comprise the Army of Northern Virginia will be eligible.

Guidelines are being formulated, so be watching the SCV magazine for more information.



### LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



Mark Simpson has stepped down as the SC Division Adjutant after five years of service to the Division. He is working on his campaign to be elected the next SC Division commander at the

2010 Division Convention. Howard Chalmers, a member of Moultrie Camp #27, is filling this division vacancy.

Mark Simpson is well-known to UpState SCV members. He has been active with the organization for years. He also is an extremely talented musician. He is shown here in a performance at the Confederate museum in Greenville, SC.



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Confederate dead. Cooperation and support among the Anderson County

and UpState camps is vitally important, so make every effort to attend this outstanding event.



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### 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."* Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

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### SCV EFFORT IN RICHMOND

Part of the goals of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is to honor the memory of the men who fought to save our freedom in the 1860s. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is currently working with the City of Richmond to allow SCV members to maintain the graves in the

Confederate section of Oakwood Cemetery, and gradually install upright headstones. The SCV also wishes to upgrade the grounds, including the Soldier's Monument. Wooden headmarkers placed on the graves in 1867 had deteriorated, and in 1901 "temporary" markers were placed to a short-term measure. Those temporary markers are still there. The SCV plans to install federally approved headstones which will be the same size (26 inches above the ground) as the original painted wood markers of 1867. The Sons of Confederate Veterans should be commended for this effort to mark the graves of our soldiers.

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### HERITAGE ALERT

From the Auburn newspaper online edition.

[http://www.oanow.com/oan/news/local/article/councilman\\_removes\\_confederate\\_flags\\_from\\_graves/69708/](http://www.oanow.com/oan/news/local/article/councilman_removes_confederate_flags_from_graves/69708/)

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Mary Norman was shocked Thursday afternoon when Auburn Councilman Arthur L. Dowdell pulled up a Confederate flag placed on her great-grandfather's grave and snapped it in half, she said.

Dowdell, who denies snapping the flag, said Thursday he was picking up his daughter from Auburn Junior High School near the cemetery when several people told him they "had a problem" with the flags.

He drove to the cemetery and started pulling up flags, he said. "It's offensive to me," he said. "To me, it represents the Ku Klux Klan and racism."

The United Daughters of the Confederacy placed the flags earlier this week, as they have done for 50 years, in preparation for a celebration Sunday of Confederate Memorial Day, Norman said. Confederate Memorial Day will be celebrated as a state holiday in Alabama Monday.

"I really didn't know exactly how to respond to him," she said. "I happen to be a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. I

was very surprised, especially (as he is) a city councilman. I was amazed.” Norman was not personally involved in placing the flags.

“I’m a historian,” she said. “We’re not about hate, we’re not about anything like that. We just want to honor our state’s rights, and I’ve got Confederate ancestors, and I feel we should have the ability to do that.” Norman and a friend were taking inventory of graves at Pine Hill Cemetery in Auburn when Dowdell drove up and asked who put up the flags, she said.

“One of the flags had been placed on my great-grandfather’s grave, who was a Confederate soldier,” Norman said. “He just got very upset, and he went over to my great-grandfather’s grave, picked up the flag and broke it in two.” She said Dowdell did not know the plot she stood on was her family’s. The flags were placed on soldiers’ graves as a mark of respect, she said. He pulled up Confederate flags from other soldiers’ graves, too, she said.

Dowdell said in his years as councilman, he had never seen so many Confederate flags in one place. “I’m going on the record that this will never happen again,” Dowdell said. “This will never happen again as long as I’m on the city council.” Dowdell denied intentionally snapping the flag. “It might have snapped itself,” he said. “If it did, so what? If I had my way, I would have broke them all up and stomped on them and burned them. That flag represents another country, another nation.”

Auburn Mayor Bill Ham said he was unaware of any incidents at the cemetery but said he talked with Dowdell Thursday afternoon. Ham said his understanding was that all city cemeteries have covenants governing how and what types of decorations can be placed on graves, except for Pine Hill because it is so old. Ham said he believed Dowdell asked an assistant city manager to look into making policies equal for cemeteries across the city. “The bottom line is those grave plots are deeded property,” Ham said. “We sell those. So they are sold to the family of the individuals, and I think

(plot owners) have a right to do exactly what they did, according to the city attorney.” Ham said in his conversation with Dowdell, the councilman suggested the flags be placed on the graves for a shorter period of time, perhaps for 24 hours before the event.

For now, the remaining flags will stay on the graves because of the lack of covenant governing Pine Hill, Ham said. But that could change in coming years. “I certainly think we need to be consistent in all the cemeteries with whatever the policy is, not only with this, but with everything,” Ham said. “The council has got to make that decision.”

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## NATIONAL SCV REUNION

### July 22-29, 2009



A magnificent site has been set for the 2009 Reunion of Sons of Confederate Veterans. The host hotel is the Arlington Hotel, 239 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901, 1-800-643-1502. Hot Springs is nestled in the Ouachita Mountain range, surrounded by three lakes. There are many activities for the entire family. Rates at the hotel start at \$85 per night. Information on the convention can be found at the SCV website (<http://www.scv.org>). Events include a catfish dinner & social on the evening of July 22, a full day of meetings on July 23, the Awards luncheon on July 24, and a Grand Confederate Ball on Saturday evening. A Cemetery Workshop is going to be held on Friday – this workshop is an excellent one and is highly recommended. One very practical reason for attending – the 2010 national is being held in Anderson, and it is a good idea to know what is expected of a national convention!