



# CAMPTALK



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## August Meeting

**WHEN:** August 23, 2007  
**WHERE:** MEMAW's BBQ -  
600 East Eau Gallie Blvd.,  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL  
**TIME:** 6:00 - 7:00

Order from menu (dinner on your own)  
7:00 - 8:00 - Business Meeting  
Program following the business meeting

**August 2007 Program**  
**Shilo: Then and Now**  
By Alvin Hughes

Those attending can be male descendants  
of men who served in the Confederacy, their wives  
and others interested in the War.

## COMMANDERS CORNER

By Gerry Carson



There are not many planned SCV activities scheduled for the remainder of the summer. Walt Anderson plans to man an information and recruitment booth at the Melbourne Gun Show on 1<sup>st</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> October from 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. Contact Walt if you would like to assist with this project. Our participation in previous Melbourne gun shows has given us the opportunity to inform many Central Floridians about the SCV, and our local chapter in particular.

There will be an SCV gathering at the Lone Cabbage Fish Camp on 30<sup>th</sup> September, which will include our SCV Color Guard. Details are provided in an article in this issue. The Lone Cabbage Fish Camp is located on the St. John's River off SR 520, close to a scenic wildlife viewing area, Burton Smith Park.

The Palm Bay Hometown News, 13<sup>th</sup> July edition, featured a front page picture of the Camp 1387 Color Guard that participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> July parade in Melbourne. Hometown News pictures can be viewed and purchased on [www.hometownnewsol.com](http://www.hometownnewsol.com). I want to thank all the Camp 1387 members, relatives and ladies that participated in this event. I wish the newspaper had featured our float because the float participants were much prettier than the color guard. Our camp received a complimentary gratitude letter from Honor America Incorporation for our participation in the Melbourne 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade.

SCV dues are due in August. Contact our Treasurer, Don Jones or pay him at the 23<sup>rd</sup> August camp meeting. Dues are still \$39.00, but there will be a \$10.00 increase in National dues in 2008.

## SCV PROGRAM

This month long time Camp 1387 friend and AVCG member Alvin Hughes will present the next in our Tennessee Series with SHILO THEN AND NOW. Alvin will cover the battle, modern reenactments, and the battlefield as it exists today. Alvin is a long time reenactor and has been to Shiloh several times, has a large collection of photographs and is a professional military man so he will give us a great perspective. Ya'll don't want to miss this one!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Aug 1</b>   | <b>Dues are Due</b>         |
| <b>Aug 23</b>  | Camp 1387 Meeting           |
|                | Bring canned goods for CITA |
| <b>Sep 1</b>   | Gun Show Recruiting         |
| <b>Sep 11</b>  | E-Board Meeting             |
| <b>Sept 30</b> | FL Freedom Riders           |
|                | Battle Flag Run             |
| <b>Oct 9</b>   | E-Board Meeting             |
| <b>Oct 25</b>  | Camp 1387 Meeting           |

**Bring Canned Goods for CITA**

## **JEFFERSON DAVIS' SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

Virginia Capitol, Richmond, February 22, 1862

Fellow-Citizens: On this the birthday of the man most identified with the establishment of American independence, and beneath the monument erected to commemorate his heroic virtues and those of his compatriots, we have assembled to usher into existence the Permanent Government of the Confederate States. Through this instrumentality, under the favor of Divine Providence, we hope to perpetuate the principles of our revolutionary fathers. The day, the memory, and the purpose seem fitly associated.

It is with mingled feelings of humility and pride that I appear to take, in the presence of the people and before high Heaven, the oath prescribed as a qualification for the exalted station to which the unanimous voice of the people has called me. Deeply sensible of all that is implied by this manifestation of the people's confidence, I am yet more profoundly impressed by the vast responsibility of the office, and humbly feel my own unworthiness. In return for their kindness I can offer assurances of the gratitude with which it is received; and can but pledge a zealous devotion of every faculty to the service of those who have chosen me as their Chief Magistrate.

When a long course of class legislation, directed not to the general welfare, but to the aggrandizement of the Northern section of the Union, culminated in a warfare on the domestic institutions of the Southern States--when the dogmas of a sectional party, substituted for the provisions of the constitutional compact, threatened to destroy the sovereign rights of the States, six of those States, withdrawing from the Union, confederated together to exercise the right and perform the duty of instituting a Government which would better secure the liberties for the preservation of which that Union was established.

Whatever of hope some may have entertained that a returning sense of justice would remove the danger with which our rights were threatened, and render it possible to preserve the Union of the Constitution, must have been dispelled by the malignity and barbarity of the Northern States in the prosecution of the existing war. The confidence of the most hopeful among us must have been destroyed by the disregard they have recently exhibited for all the time-honored bulwarks of civil and religious liberty. Bastiles filled with prisoners, arrested without civil process or indictment duly found; the writ of habeas corpus suspended by Executive mandate; a State Legislature controlled by the imprisonment of members whose avowed principles suggested to the Federal Executive that there might be another added to the list of seceded States; elections held under threats of a military power; civil officers, peaceful citizens, and gentle-women incarcerated for opinion's sake--proclaimed the incapacity of our late associates to administer

a Government as free, liberal, and humane as that established for our common use.

For proof of the sincerity of our purpose to maintain our ancient institutions, we may point to the Constitution of the Confederacy and the laws enacted under it, as well as to the fact that through all the necessities of an unequal struggle there has been no act on our part to impair personal liberty or the freedom of speech, of thought, or of the press. The courts have been open, the judicial functions fully executed, and every right of the peaceful citizen maintained as securely as if a war of invasion had not disturbed the land.

The people of the States now confederated became convinced that the Government of the United States had fallen into the hands of a sectional majority, who would pervert that most sacred of all trusts to the destruction of the rights which it was pledged to protect. They believed that to remain longer in the Union would subject them to a continuance of a disparaging discrimination, submission to which would be inconsistent with their welfare, and intolerable to a proud people. They therefore determined to sever its bonds and establish a new Confederacy for themselves.

The experiment instituted by our revolutionary fathers, of a voluntary Union of sovereign States for purposes specified in a solemn compact, had been perverted by those who, feeling power and forgetting right, were determined to respect no law but their own will. The Government had ceased to answer the ends for which it was ordained and established. To save ourselves from a revolution which, in its silent but rapid progress, was about to place us under the despotism of numbers, and to preserve in spirit, as well as in form, a system of government we believed to be peculiarly fitted to our condition, and full of promise for mankind, we determined to make a new association, composed of States homogeneous in interest, in policy, and in feeling. True to our traditions of peace and our love of justice, we sent commissioners to the United States to propose a fair and amicable settlement of all questions of public debt or property which might be in dispute. But the Government at Washington, denying our right to self-government, refused even to listen to any proposals for a peaceful separation. Nothing was then left to do but to prepare for war.

The first year in our history has been the most eventful in the annals of this continent. A new Government has been established, and its machinery put in operation over an area exceeding seven hundred thousand square miles. The great principles upon which we have been willing to hazard everything that is dear to man have made conquests for us which could never have been achieved by the sword. Our Confederacy has grown from six to thirteen States; and Maryland, already united to us by hallowed memories and material interests, will, I believe, when able to speak with unstifled voice, connect her destiny with the South. Our people have rallied with unexampled unanimity to the support of the great principles of constitutional government,

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## **SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMPER**

Camp 1387 compatriot Ryan Washburn (17) attended camp with a Florida Division scholarship. The scholarship covers the \$495 camp fee and a \$100 fee for a van pool ride from Quincy to SC. Thanks to Kevin Atchison, for donating 2 months in a row of his 50-50 winnings,

Camp 1387's newly formed Youth Camp Committee provided funds for Ryan to ride from the Orlando area to Quincy with another camper, Wesley Wilson (17), from the Jubal Early Camp in the Tampa area.

Thanks are also due to Camp 1387 compatriot Forrest McCartney and UDC member Ann Bonner for making last minute donations to the Division Camper Fund that helped a youngster in need from another camp to attend – your generosity is very much appreciated.

Funding donations will be collected throughout the year by the Camp 1387 committee for next year's event.

We will compile photos and reports about the camp and have a complete report in the September Camptalk.

“Remember, it is your duty, to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”



## **CSS TALLAHASSEE MARINE GUARDS**

Here is a myspace account I beginning to create for the CSS Tallahassee Marine Guards, please take a minute and look at, if you have a myspace account add it as a friend. If you have any comments or suggestions about the page, please feel free to send them to me.

<http://www.myspace.com/csstallahassee>

## **CONFEDERATE AMERICAN PRIDE**

A website dedicated to Americans who are proud of their Confederate heritage.

<http://www.confederateamericanpride.com/>

## **112TH SCV REUNION OPENS IN MOBILE WITH TWO REAL SONS**

July 26, 2007

Delegates from across the Confederation have gathered in Mobile, Alabama for the 112th reunion of the SCV, and have just completed the Opening Ceremonies and first business session. The delegates warmly received greetings from the host camp, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Children of the Confederacy, and the Order of Confederate Rose. The delegates also enthusiastically recognized two Real Sons in attendance. The most enthusiastic ovation came when Commander-in-Chief Sullivan expanded on the words of Winston Churchill: “The West is the hope of the world and America is the hope of the West—and the South is the hope of America.”

Commander-in-Chief Sullivan then laid out an inspiring vision for the future, not just to the Sesquicentennial, but to the Bicentennial and the point where we have operational facilities to meet our needs for the years to come. Action taken this morning:

The annual audit was reported and made available • A conditional budget was adopted • The proposed dues increase of \$8 was changed to \$10 by the convention, but the date of the increase was changed to next fiscal year rather than this one (beginning August 2008)



## **MESSAGE FROM THE ADJUTANT**

The SCV fiscal year is from 7/1/07 to 6/30/08. The dues bill has been sent out. Please pay your bill within 30 days. National, Division and Camp 1387 has been fortunate to not have to raise their rates. Postage and copying has increased but we been able to keep our dues low, in part, due to sending so many newsletters via e-mail or postings on the web. Please submit your e-mail for CAMPTALK. Thank you. Anyone who hasn't received it should contact Robert Murray at (321) 269-7747. Dues can be mailed back or paid at the regular Camp 1387 meeting."

## **AVCG VIDEO**

A short video of the AVCG at the 10 March Revolutionary War Monument dedication is on YouTube  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeW3OaJV-XE>

**JEFFERSON DAVIS SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS**  
Transcribed from Dunbar Rowland, ed., Jefferson Davis, Constitutional, Volume 5, pp. 198-203. Summarized in The Papers of Jefferson Davis, Volume 8, p. 55.  
[http://jeffersondavis.rice.edu/resources.cfm?doc\\_id=1514](http://jeffersondavis.rice.edu/resources.cfm?doc_id=1514)



## **FLORIDA FREERIDERS BATTLE FLAG RIDE**

Sunday 30 September the Florida Freeriders motorcycle club will hold their annual Battle Flag Ride. The intent is to raise positive awareness of Southern history. The group will form at Lone Cabbage Fish Camp just west of Cocoa on SR 520, go on a caravan ride with each rider displaying a Battle Flag and then return to Lone Cabbage about 1500 hours.

This will be Camp 1387's third year to provide living historians and flag displays to educate the group in Confederate flag history. We also will have a period weapons display and do recruiting. We will muster at 1400 hours and set up our display under the trees behind Lone Cabbage close to the St. Johns River. Likely we will burn a bit of powder in a firing demonstration, it always livens thing up! This is a fun event and the club members are always very interested in our presentations, so volunteers be prepared for a lot of questions. Besides that – they feed us good.

### **Camp Officers**

**Commander**– Gerry Carson-321-259-0837

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander**—Don Young 321-452-3207

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander**–Walter Anderson-321-243-8410

**Adjutant** - Rob Murray --321-269-7747

**Treasurer** – Don Jones – 321-737-3986

**Chaplain**—Tom Watkins—321-254-0241

**Quartermaster** – Tim James

**Public Information Officer** –

Ernie Stewart – 321-255-8387

**Judge Advocate** – Don Lock – 321-752-9276

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**Matron of Honor** – Ms Beth Carson

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**Camptalk Editor** – Bob Weaver – 321-298-0713

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**American Veteran's Color Guard Liaison**

Rob Murray – 321-269-7747

**CSA Color Sergeant** – Don Young

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**Camp Web Page**

<http://www.florida-scv.org/Camp1387>

**AOT Web Site:** <http://www.scvaot.org/index.html>

**FL Div Web Site:** <http://www.florida-scv.org/>

**National Web Site:** <http://www.scv.org/>

## **THE SWORD OF ROBERT LEE BY ABRAM JOSEPH RYAN**

Forth from its scabbard, pure and bright,  
Flashed the sword of Lee!  
Far in the front of the deadly fight,  
High o'er the brave in the cause of Right  
Its stainless sheen, like a beacon light,  
Led us to Victory!

Out of its scabbard, where, full long,  
It slumbered peacefully,  
Roused from its rest by the battle's song,  
Shielding the feeble, smiting the strong,  
Guarding the right, avenging the wrong,  
Gleamed the sword of Lee!

Forth from its scabbard, high in air  
Beneath Verginia's sky--  
And they who saw it gleaming there,  
And knew who bore it, knelt to swear  
That where that sword led they would dare  
To follow--and to die!

Out of its scabbard! Never hand  
Waved sword from stain as free,  
Nor purer sword led braver band,  
Nor braver bled for a brighter land,  
Nor brighter land had a cause so grand,  
Nor cause a chief like Lee!

Forth from its scabbard! How we prayed  
That sword might victor be;  
And when our triumph was delayed,  
And many a heart grew sore afraid,  
We still hoped on while gleamed the blade  
Of noble Robert Lee!

Forth from its scabbard all in vain  
Bright flashed the sword of Lee;  
'Tis shrouded now in its sheath again,  
It sleeps the sleep of our noble slain,  
Defeated, yet without stain,  
Proudly and peacefully!

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR RESIGNATION**

Bob Weaver is officially announcing his resignation as the newsletter editor. His wife, Janice, compiles the newsletter and maintains the web page for Camp 1387. Since she is returning to school, to obtain her Master's Degree, she will be unable to continue producing the newsletter or maintaining the web page. Her schooling is expected to take at least 30 to 40 hours per week on top of her 50 hour job at BCC as the Institute for Continuing Education, Program Facilitator. Overall, Janice has enjoyed producing the newsletter and interacting with the SCV but other priorities have arisen. Bob and Janice wish the next editor and web page designer continued success and assistance as needed.

## KNOW THY ENEMY

[http://www.unionveteransunion.org/6\\_UNION\\_HONORS.html](http://www.unionveteransunion.org/6_UNION_HONORS.html)

### NEWS UPDATES \* NEWS UPDATES

We recently received an e-mail from a "cross-dresser" named J.Larry DYE, Jr., (kersaw\_63@comcast.net) who said he was a member of the SUVCW and the SCV and identified his camps. He asked "Why the Hate?" Well, he evidentially blocked his e-Mail so we couldn't respond (geez, the truth hurts, right?)

So, after looking in the 2006 SCV membership directory, we couldn't find his name...nor the Camp name. The SUVCW had no listing for his Camp either! Our website makes it clear that we Honor our UNION heroes EXCLUSIVELY... and if that makes us "haters" to everyone else, that is not seen by us. Now we have mentioned several lacking with the SCV and the SUVCW, but we stand by those reports.

Mr.DYE took issue with our post that SCV Camps make money off various events they sponsor. He said that this statement is false so we wanted to direct him to the SCV Camp in Kissimmee Florida where the Osceola County Historical Society gave them a grant of several thousand dollars to support their "Battle of Narcoossee Mills" reenactment held annually. By the way, it is this Camp that fielded a Black Reb officer leading their Cavalry charge!

Our response to him would have directed him to many more examples...but no, in what looks like a cowardly act, Mr.Dye hid from hearing the truth. (you know, like those compatriots of his that think slavery was right, and the South won the war!) We also heard from a past National Secretary of the SUVCW who claimed he took the Cross-Dresser term personally, since he was one! I wonder if he ever saw any compliments to the SUV on a CSA national website??? Or how he accepts the CSA multiple attempts to block monuments to our Union heroes whenever they can? We will always respond to questions or comments that are civil and sincere.

## SCOTT'S NEW ADDRESS

Past Commander Scott Blackwell has arrived in France safe and sound. Take time to drop him a note so he does not forget his Confederate friends.

Scott Blackwell  
20 Place de la Motte  
87000 Limoges, France  
a4vacav@yahoo.com

## WORLD NEWS AND AMERICAN POLITICS SIMPLIFIED

You are not going to like what you see. BUT, I urge you to spend 3 minutes to watch this presentation.  
<http://www.terrorismawareness.org/know-about-jihad/>

## LETTER TO BLOCKADE RUNNER EDITOR

Compatriot Earl Stanley  
Editor Blockade Runner –

Earl, I just have to tell you that the Blockade Runner looks great and is packed with the kind of news items that our Division needs to see. I can see this effort as a contender for National SCV competition for best Division newsletter. Congratulations on a job well done.

Another good source of additional information and photos is the Captain J.J. Dickison Camp 1387 website at <http://www.florida-scv.org/Camp1387/> and a direct link to our monthly Camptalk at <http://www.florida-scv.org/Camp1387/CAMPTALK.htm>.

It appears to me that somewhere we have missed getting into your input hopper. Please take a moment to review the site and the postings of Camptalk. We will add you to our e-distribution list.

Thank you for your service.

In Service of The South  
Don C. Young  
Camp 1387 Past Commander  
FL Division Lt. Commander

## INTERMENT SERVICES FOR CSS ALABAMA CREWMAN

July 26 - 28, 2007 - Organized by Admiral Raphael Semmes [Camp 11 - SCV](#)

<http://www.myshotz.com/pics/cssal/memsvc/index.html>



Memorial Service –  
July 26, 2007  
Cathedral of the Immaculate  
Conception, Mobile, AL

<http://www.myshotz.com/pics/cssal/wake/index.html>

Wake  
July 28, 2007  
Home of  
Admiral Raphael Semmes  
Mobile, AL



<http://www.myshotz.com/pics/cssal/funeral/index.html>



March & Burial  
July 28, 2007  
Magnolia Cemetary  
Mobile, AL

# **THE SOUTHERN LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE**

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

## **SLRC INVESTIGATES STUDENTS' COMPLAINTS AT 2 FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOLS**

The Southern Legal Resource Center has been asked to investigate heritage violation charges involving students at high schools in two Florida counties.

The mother of a student at Mitchell High School in New Port Richey (Pascoe County) reported that school officials ordered her daughter to change out of a t-shirt with a small Confederate flag on the front because, they said, the flag was "representative of racism." The mother was told by the principal that the demand was made in order to insure "an appropriate school climate that is free from harassment or unrest" although there is no stated campus ban on Confederate symbols. The mother wrote to the principal asking for an explanation, but received no reply. On July 12 the SLRC wrote to the principal on the mother's behalf, but so far has likewise received no response.

The SLRC is also investigating an ongoing situation at Eustis High School in Lake County. There another female student has apparently been the victim of a series of heritage violations. In May a school secretary demanded that the student remove and hand over some Confederate-themed jewelry she was wearing. Earlier, according to her mother, an art teacher had spray painted over a small Confederate flag the student had used to decorate a pair of jeans. In the same class a pottery cowboy boot the student had made, which was also decorated with a Confederate flag, was broken.

## **LYONS' PRIVATE COMMENTS TO "SOUTHERN HERALD" LIST END UP IN SPLC "INTELLIGENCE REPORT"**

A reply posted by SLRC Chief Trial Counsel Kirk Lyons to a private e-mail list of SCV members has found its way into an article on the Southern Poverty Law center's monthly online "Intelligence Report."

The subject of the article is H. K. Edgerton, Chairman Emeritus of the SLRC Board of Advisors and past member of its Board of Directors. The SPLC specifically names "The Southern Herald," a mailing list operated by a North Carolina member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and consisting solely of other SCV members, as the source of its material. Lyons confirmed that his comments were posted on the Southern Herald list, and nowhere else, on March 29, 2007. Southern Herald list regulations stipulate that "Unless otherwise indicated all content is the personal property of the member posting the message ... It is not to be shared with anyone outside of this list for any reason without the express permission of the owner. Violations of this policy will not

be tolerated." Lyons says he gave no one any such permission, let alone the Southern Poverty Law Center, which has for years made a pet project of defaming Lyons, the SLRC, and for that matter the SCV.

How and why remarks attributed to Lyons, along with other SCV-related information, journeyed from the Southern Herald list into the hands of the SPLC is not known. What is known is that some Southern Herald list members resented positions taken by SLRC friends, associates and staff members in certain internal SCV political matters and have since mounted a campaign to discredit anything related to the SLRC.

## **SLRC CONTINUES INVESTIGATION IN RINGGOLD DEPOT CASE**

SLRC Chief Trial Counsel Kirk Lyons is expected to pay a visit to Ringgold, Georgia, early next week to confer with local SCV leaders and obtain further information about the removal of a Confederate Battle Flag from a display at the historic Ringgold Depot on the site of the Battle of Ringgold Gap, a Confederate victory in which Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne successfully repulsed an attack by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker on November 27, 1863.

In 2003 the town undertook to restore the depot and add a brick walkway, with some bricks bearing the names of about 750 Confederate soldiers who embarked from Ringgold Depot to fight in various theaters of the war. The local SCV camp purchased and contributed a Confederate fieldpiece as a centerpiece for the memorial area. Four flags, including the Confederate Battle Flag, were later installed on poles at the site; however, in February of 2005 local representatives of the NAACP told the Town Council that they objected to the Battle Flag's presence at the depot, and in March of that year the Council voted to remove it and to substitute a replica of the Hardee-pattern unit flag – a white oval on a white-framed dark blue field – on grounds that the Hardee flag would have been carried by most of the units involved in the Ringgold action

SCV members countered that the Battle Flag, as a soldiers' and later a veterans' flag, was the appropriate flag, as the display was intended to honor all Confederates who left for all theaters of the war from Ringgold Depot, and not just those involved in the action there.

### **Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans**

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and 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."

with firm resolve to perpetuate by arms the right which they could not peacefully secure. A million of men, it is estimated, are now standing in hostile array, and waging war along a frontier of thousands of miles. Battles have been fought, sieges have been conducted, and, although the contest is not ended, and the tide for the moment is against us, the final result in our favor is not doubtful.

The period is near at hand when our foes must sink under the immense load of debt which they have incurred, a debt which in their effort to subjugate us has already attained such fearful dimensions as will subject them to burdens which must continue to oppress them for generations to come.

We too have had our trials and difficulties. That we are to escape them in future is not to be hoped. It was to be expected when we entered upon this war that it would expose our people to sacrifices and cost them much, both of money and blood. But we knew the value of the object for which we struggled, and understood the nature of the war in which we were engaged. Nothing could be so bad as failure, and any sacrifice would be cheap as the price of success in such a contest.

But the picture has its lights as well as its shadows. This great strife has awakened in the people the highest emotions and qualities of the human soul. It is cultivating feelings of patriotism, virtue, and courage. Instances of self-sacrifice and of generous devotion to the noble cause for which we are contending are rife throughout the land. Never has a people evinced a more determined spirit than that now animating men, women, and children in every part of our country. Upon the first call the men flew to arms, and wives and mothers send their husbands and sons to battle without a murmur of regret.

It was, perhaps, in the ordination of Providence that we were to be taught the value of our liberties by the price which we pay for them. The recollections of this great contest, with all its common traditions of glory, of sacrifice and blood, will be the bond of harmony and enduring affection amongst the people, producing unity in policy, fraternity in sentiment, and just effort in war. Nor have the material sacrifices of the past year been made without some corresponding benefits. If the acquiescence of foreign nations in a pretended blockade has deprived us of our commerce with them, it is fast making us a self-supporting and an independent people. The blockade, if effectual and permanent, could only serve to divert our industry from the production of articles for export and employ it in supplying the commodities for domestic use. It is a satisfaction that we have maintained the war by our unaided exertions. We have neither asked nor received assistance from any quarter. Yet the interest involved is not wholly our own. The world at large is concerned in opening our markets to its commerce. When the independence of the Confederate States is recognized by the nations of the earth, and we are free to follow our interests and inclinations by

cultivating foreign trade, the Southern States will offer to manufacturing nations the most favorable markets which ever invited their commerce. Cotton, sugar, rice, tobacco, provisions, timber, and naval stores will furnish attractive exchanges. Nor would the constancy of these supplies be likely to be disturbed by war. Our confederate strength will be too great to tempt aggression; and never was there a people whose interests and principles committed them so fully to a peaceful policy as those of the Confederate States. By the character of their productions they are too deeply interested in foreign commerce wantonly to disturb it. War of conquest they cannot wage, because the Constitution of their Confederacy admits of no coerced association. Civil war there cannot be between States held together by their volition only. The rule of voluntary association, which cannot fail to be conservative, by securing just and impartial government at home, does not diminish the security of the obligations by which the Confederate States may be bound to foreign nations. In proof of this, it is to be remembered that, at the first moment of asserting their right to secession, these States proposed a settlement on the basis of the common liability for the obligations of the General Government.

Fellow-citizens, after the struggle of ages had consecrated the right of the Englishman to constitutional representative government, our colonial ancestors were forced to vindicate that birthright by an appeal to arms. Success crowned their efforts, and they provided for the posterity a peaceful remedy against future aggression.

The tyranny of an unbridled majority, the most odious and least responsible form of despotism, has denied us both the right and the remedy. Therefore we are in arms to renew such sacrifices as our fathers made to the holy cause of constitutional liberty. At the darkest hour of our struggle the Provisional gives place to the Permanent Government. After a series of successes and victories, which covered our arms with glory, we have recently met with serious disasters. But in the heart of a people resolved to be free these disasters tend but to stimulate to increased resistance.

To show ourselves worthy of the inheritance bequeathed to us by the patriots of the Revolution, we must emulate that heroic devotion which made reverse to them but the crucible in which their patriotism was refined. With confidence in the wisdom and virtue of those who will share with me the responsibility and aid me in the conduct of public affairs; securely relying on the patriotism and courage of the people, of which the present war has furnished so many examples, I deeply feel the weight of the responsibilities I now, with unaffected diffidence, am about to assume; and, fully realizing the inequality of human power to guide and to sustain, my hope is reverently fixed on Him whose favor is ever vouchsafed to the cause which is just. With humble gratitude and adoration, acknowledging the Providence which has so visibly protected the Confederacy during its brief but eventful career, to thee, O God, I trustingly commit myself, and prayerfully invoke thy blessing on my country and its cause.