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Commander's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the Europe Camp,

After some month of intensive search of a new editor for our ISE we have found a person who can do it! It's with great pleasure that I can announce that our Camp Adjutant Chris McLarren is the man! For the newest edition he collected interesting articles!

We have not only the "War of northern aggression" as topic in our edition. You will find also information's about the arisen debate of confederate symbols in the US. Despite this inexpressible condition I'll hope that y'all find an interesting edition of our ISE.



In the service of the South,

Achim "Archy" Bänsch

Commander



Camp Adjutant's Dispatch

August 2015

These are very difficult times for 'Confederates'. It is my very great joy to report that most of our Members have rallied to the flag and have renewed their Memberships.

They responded positively to the following message:

Gentlemen of the Camp,

The news from America is very bad. In their justified rage about present-day racism in the United States, Black Americans desperately want to strike out against that racism. But racism is a very nebulous thing and hard to hit. And a flag and Confederate symbols are very concrete and easy to hit. The liberal media is in any case not a friend of the Confederate flag. And so the consistent protests of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and other Confederate heritage organizations that the flag itself is not "racist" have been largely ignored.

Unless we are willing to surrender the flag and everything that speaks of our ancestors, we need to make as loud a statement as we can, as clearly as we can, that that flag is not a racist symbol to us but represents the just struggle of our ancestors in defense of their homes against an invading army.

Making such a statement is perhaps even more difficult for us here in Europe, so far from the "battlefield" in the States. One contribution we can make is to protest every time we see some statement in the press, either in the States or here in Europe, which simply dismisses our flag as a racist symbol. I have just written a couple of such protests and I'm sure you have seen other opportunities to do so. If you feel you can't do this, pass the matter onto me.

Our ancestors defended the flag with their blood and their lives. We can best defend the flag now by openly defending the flag by explaining what it means to us. As we are all honorable men, our reputations give credence to our statements.

The other thing we can do is to ensure the survival of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and other legitimate Confederate heritage organizations. That means renewing your membership in the SCV. The membership year is drawing to a close at the end of July. So I would ask you in the name of the Camp and in the name of your ancestors to renew your membership now for another year.

If you have not renewed please contact me as soon as possible for details.

Every year I tell you the Camp, the SCV needs you. And that is true. But it has never been as urgent as today.

Chris McLarren

Adjutant.



A Word from the Editor

Dear Members and Friends of the Camp,
For several years now Raphael Waldburg-Zeil has done a superb job of giving us an interesting, worthwhile Camp newsletter, an effort recognized on both sides of the Atlantic.

Unfortunately, Raphael is no longer able to do the quality work that he has done up to now. So he has passed it on to me. And, working with Commander Bäsch, I will do my best to continue giving you a paper that is worthwhile reading.

This 'first' issue is mostly my stuff. But you, too, have interesting personal stories, about yourself and your Confederate ancestor. Why not tell us? Write me a short (or long) piece. Who was he? Where did he live? Where did he serve? What was his regiment? What did he think? 'Ancestors are the people of History', they say. And we all love history. And what about you, yourself? What do you think about your ancestor? Do you have any Confederate-related activities? What are they?

You say your English is not so good? No problem! In my normal job, I correct 'bad English' all the time! (Übrigens, ich spreche Deutsch, und übersetze gern.) Just write! (schreib nur!)

Also, we all see interesting things, articles, etc. of Confederate interest. If it interests you, it may interest the rest of us. Share it with us! Send them on to me and I will try to work them in. If they are not in English, if you and I work together, we can get it into English. The important thing is to get information out to our people.

And even more than that, I hope we can brainstorm together and, together, discover ways in which we, personally and jointly, can defend the good name of the Confederate soldier, here in Europe and even help that effort in the States. We, you and I, are the only ones who can respond to incorrect information in European media. If we do not respond, soon it may be impossible for us to show our flag here in Europe. Help us stop this nonsense now. When you see something stupid about the flag, respond to it! And remember, many compatriots in the States look forward to receiving ISE. After all, we here in Europe can often tell different stories than those who live in America and for many people those stories are fascinating. Give us the stories.

So please think about how you can help us make the ISE something we all look forward to receiving, a readable and enjoyable bond among us.

Confederately yours

Chris McLarren

Editor





THE SCV MOURNS THE LOSS OF ANTHONY HERVEY

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has lost a brave and articulate friend and America has lost an independent voice for racial reconciliation and understanding. Anthony Hervey of Oxford, Mississippi was a warrior for his beliefs and those beliefs were rooted in a passionate and unequivocal understanding that he was a proud Son of the South.

His death, on Sunday, July 19th, appears to be because of the way he lived his life. Mr. Hervey and a companion, Arlene Barnham of Enid, Oklahoma were returning from a Confederate Flag celebration in Birmingham, Alabama when his car was forced off the road near Oxford by a carload of men who apparently were chasing him down. The Ford Explorer he was driving skidded and then rolled over several times, killing Hervey and injuring Ms. Barnum.

We of the Sons are outraged by this murderous act, and expect all law enforcement agencies to vigorously pursue a full investigation and to bring justice for Anthony Hervey and his family. We have called for the United States Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to enter the investigation, for it is clear that he was killed because of his opinions and his race. Mr. Hervey was an African-American, as was his passenger, Ms. Barham. Anthony Hervey's outspoken support of Confederate Heritage appears to have played a part in this incident.

Hervey was well known as an unapologetic defender of the Confederacy and its symbols. He often appeared on television and radio stating his opinions and debating with any and all. He was the author of "Why I Wave the Confederate Flag: Written by a Black Man."

We ask that every member pray for justice, understanding, and especially for the family of Mr. Hervey as they endure his passing. We also asked prayers for the brave Arlene Barnum as she heals from the attack. Both she and Mr. Hervey had family members who fought for the Confederacy.

Members also are encouraged to donate to [gofundme.com/hervey](https://www.gofundme.com/hervey) to help offset funeral expenses.

We will never forget this brave warrior who fought for the healing of the South and helped to build a bridge to brotherhood. For he was indeed our brother.

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow
Commander-in-Chief

Commentary

Justice for All?



(Photo: gwu.edu)

On Sunday, 19 July a man was killed in Mississippi. It seems his car was forced off the road by another vehicle, rolled over and over, and when it stopped, Anthony Hervey died and a passenger was injured.

The two were coming back from a Confederate flag rally. They had both spoken at the Rally. He was a well-known supporter of the Flag. He called himself a Southerner.

Mr. Hervey was Black.

So is his female passenger.

If this was murder, who killed him? Probably not Whites. Why would White Mississippians kill a Black supporter of the Confederate Flag?

So who did it? Black-on-Black racism?

In these United States, there is presently a wide-spread movement to destroy all things Confederate because many people, especially Black Americans, think modern-day racism and Confederate are somehow the same.

Anthony Hervey was proof that is not true and it seems he was killed for it.

A person who is killed for their beliefs is called a martyr. But, of course, America is a very special country. Here we have freedom of speech. No-one is killed because of their beliefs. We don't have martyrs here. Really? Do you actually want to say that to his passenger that day?

But here is the *national* scandal, people: A black woman was pulled over by a white cop for a technical defect on her car. She died three days later in her cell, an apparent suicide. Her story was all over the national press. You couldn't escape the story for several days.

But a black man said something others didn't like – and was apparently murdered for it. Of the national press only *USA Today* picked up the story (<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/07/19/miss-confederate-flag-activist-dies-car-accident-after-rally/30399137/>) But otherwise no hullabaloo. no New York Times or Washington Post.

We must follow this story closely to see if justice is done. After all, as Americans, we pledge “liberty and justice for all.”

The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans issued a statement deploring this death. (See below)

Plans were for a Confederate military funeral and procession on Sunday August 2nd, 2015 at 2PM in Oxford, MS.

Chris McLarren, Editor



A Loss in the Struggle

Commander-in-Chief Barrow informed us in July that Ben Jones, Chief of Heritage Defense, must stand down from his position for health reasons, although he will be staying on as National Press Secretary. Although C-in-C Barrow has selected a successor, this is still a blow to our effectiveness. Chief Jones, a former Congressman, has been a major force in the SCV's public relations battles.

In the name of the Camp, I have sent the following message to him:

Dear Chief Jones,

The news that we will lose your services as Chief of Heritage Defense is very disheartening. I can only hope that your successor is as savvy and erudite as you, for we will certainly need those qualities for the foreseeable future. In the name of the Sons in Europe, but for me personally as well, may I wish you all the best. You have served your country and this organization most admirably and it has been an inspiration to have had you with us as Chief of Heritage Defense.

Confederately yours,

*Chris McLarren
Adjutant
Camp 1612 (Europe)*

He replied saying this:

“This isn't just a fight for the South and our heritage, it is a fight for the soul of American freedom. And as was sung 50 years ago, “We shall overcome!”

Appomattox in Poland

*The von Borcke weekend
in Giżyn*

By Chris McLarren,
Europe Camp Adjutant



On the last weekend in July, the now-traditional Von Borcke Weekend was held in Giżyn, Poland.

Colonel Heros von Borcke, C.S.A was a young Prussian cavalry officer who went to fight for the South, was Chief of Staff to Gen'l JEB Stuart, fought in many campaigns, was wounded and eventually returned to Europe on a diplomatic mission for President Davis. He was here when the War ended. His former home is located about 90 miles east of Berlin, Germany. Then it was Prussia, now it is Poland. He is buried there in the family mausoleum. The mausoleum was ransacked at the end of the Second World War, the grave stones broken up and his house no longer exists. But he still lies here.



In 2008, together with the von Borcke family, Europe Camp conducted a ceremony of commemoration at the grave site with a Veterans' Administration stone. We returned in 2010. In 2013, Polish WBTS Re-enactors got in touch with us and since then, there has been a Re-enactment Weekend at Giżyn in honor of Colonel von Borcke every year. Europe Camp conducts the Remembrance Ceremony for the Colonel.



This year, in addition to the some 40 Union and Confederate troops, Poles from all over the region turned out for the ceremony. For many of them, but also for two Americans from the US Embassy in Berlin, this was their first re-enactment experience! I gave the address in English and Grzegorz Bogdan, Polish "Sergeant of the 14th Louisiana Volunteers", was translator. (See text in this issue.)



Flowers from the Re-enactors and from Europe Camp were laid.



And a volley of salute was fired off by the Blue and the Gray.



The Gray and the Blue

This year, as in America, the theme was Appomattox. The Re-enactors presented the Battle of Fort Stedman and then the final battle at Appomattox.



Street Skirmish in Giżyn, Poland!

This last April, several of the Polish Re-enactors and two of the Swedes actually travelled to Virginia to be a part of the Re-enactment in Appomattox itself!!! That is commitment!

Another participant there in Virginia was Richard Cicero, a member of Lee's Lieutenants, a Virginia-based re-enacting group who portray leaders of the Army of Northern Virginia. Cicero's *persona* is Heros von Borcke, himself and his knowledge of the man is seemingly endless. Cicero's commitment is shown the other way round - he makes a yearly pilgrimage from Virginia to Poland, to stand with us at the grave of a man he so greatly admires, and with whom he shares a form of symbiosis.



Major von Borcke (Richard Cicero)

So, too, at Giżyn, in an unexpectedly emotional ceremony, Confederate troops stacked arms and gave up their flags. These people are so into this – there were real tears. They understand.



**The Dejected after Surrender
(And one really had the feeling, they were not play-acting.)**

I had the sad duty of presenting them with their paroles and the great privilege of reading General Lee's Farewell Address.

But, as truly sad as the moment was, we all also knew:
The South will rise again next year!

Would you care to join us next year? It will probably again in late July. You can come see Berlin and then travel out to Giżyn. If you are not a re-enactor, good and in-expensive accommodation is available close by. And if you are a Re-enactor, there is still lots of room for another tent and both armies are looking for reinforcements!

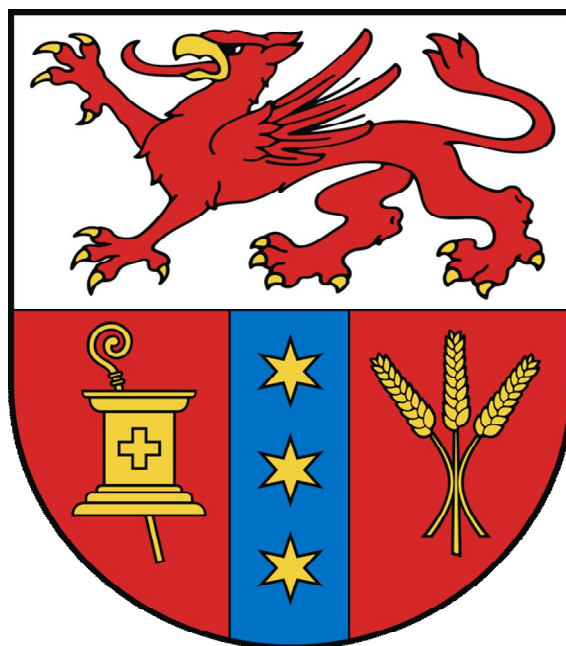
Contact me if you are interested. Y'all come!



**Confederate troops – not in Virginia, in Poland!
Poles, Czechs, Slovaks and Swedes!!**

Pictures by Madeline Olszyna, Grzegorz Bogdan and the Author.

The locals say 'geh-dscheen'



City Giżyn (formerly Giesenthal-Raumersaue); District Pyrzycki





Remarks at the Commemoration of

Colonel Heros von Borcke, Confederate States Army,

Giżyn, Poland,

26th July, 2015

by Christopher McLarren,
Adjutant, Europe Camp,
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Soldiers of the Confederate States
Soldiers of the United States
Honored citizens of Giżyn
Dear Visitors
Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Chris McLarren, Adjutant of the Europe Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, an American organization of the descendents of Confederate soldiers and sailors.

Today, you see many re-enactors in their hot woolen uniforms. They have come from Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Sweden. We first came in 2008, and now it is 2015. Why? Why do we come? We come to honor a man but also to think about human conflict.

150 years ago, in a land far away, men fought a great war. My Union great-great-grandfather thought his country was in danger and so he joined the United States Army. My Confederate great great-grandfathers saw their country being invaded by foreign troops and joined the Confederate States Army. Two of my great-great-grandfathers faced each other across the battle-lines on the same day, on the same field, at Murfreesboro. Why?

They did it because they felt threatened. Men in the South felt that their economy and their way of life, built up over 200 years, was under attack and that the only way to defend themselves was to leave the old country and start a new country.

Men in the North believed that if part of their country broke away, their economy would collapse, and then their country. And so they started to kill each other.

How did it come to this? When we say Democracy today, in the Western world this means the rule of the majority but with respect for the rights of the minority. This can only work with mutual respect of the people and the interests involved.

At the beginning of the United States 239 years ago, the interests of the North and South were rather similar. But over time, the economic and political interests of the industrial North and the agricultural South grew apart and became enemies. Discussions became arguments and arguments became threats. The election of Abraham Lincoln by only the North and West was a signal to the South that its interests, the interests of the minority, would no longer be respected. The spirit of compromise, which is the heart of Democracy, was lost. And it came to break-up and war.

And what about slavery? There are many people who actually believe the national myth that the Civil War was a crusade to free the slaves. That can only mean that they want to believe it or they don't know, or who don't want to know, the facts: The President of the United States said the War wasn't about slavery, but the collection of taxes, the Congress of United States said it wasn't about slavery, but the supremacy of the national laws, and the commander-in-chief of United States Forces supposedly said it wasn't about slavery, that if he thought it was, he would join the other side.

No. That is a lovely fairy tale to cover the ugly truth: like most wars, the two sides went to war over money and power. My ancestors fought each other because of the economic interests of the two sides. And that is the great tragedy, the sad truth.

But that says **nothing** about the bravery and loyalty of the men who fought in these uniforms, who sweated in these uniforms, who died in these uniforms. They set us an example of love of country that is eternally bright. It is that bravery and that loyalty that we commemorate as we stand here, in uniform, before the grave of Heros von Borcke. Von Borcke was a young Prussian cavalry officer who went to America to fight for the South. He became chief of staff to General JEB Stuart in Virginia. He was famous in both armies as the "big Prussian with the big sword". He fought at The Seven Days, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Brandy Station, was wounded just before Gettysburg, was in the house when his friend JEB Stuart died. He was wounded a second time, came home and finally lived here on the family estate. He returned to the United States some 20 years after the war and was received with great camaraderie by both Southern and Northern ex-soldiers.

Until his death in 1895, he flew a Confederate flag at his house over there. In his memoirs he writes of "the time when I fought side-by-side with those gallant men" - something every soldier - perhaps any person of any country will understand. And he finished with the words "I shall ever rejoice that I drew my sword for the gallant people of the late Confederacy."

Today, we, not as citizens of nations, but simply as people, honor a soldier, a patriot, a brave man. END



Col. Heros von Borcke



Nicole Kidman

A smart Lady!



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Nicole Kidman on living in Nashville: "It's the warmest, loveliest community I've ever set foot in. For me, it's the perfect place to live. To me, it's the best part of America...It's the easiest place to live. Keith's lived there for 20 years. The country music community is very tight. I like the polite nature of it. No traffic. I'm a big Southern girl now. It just suits me."



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