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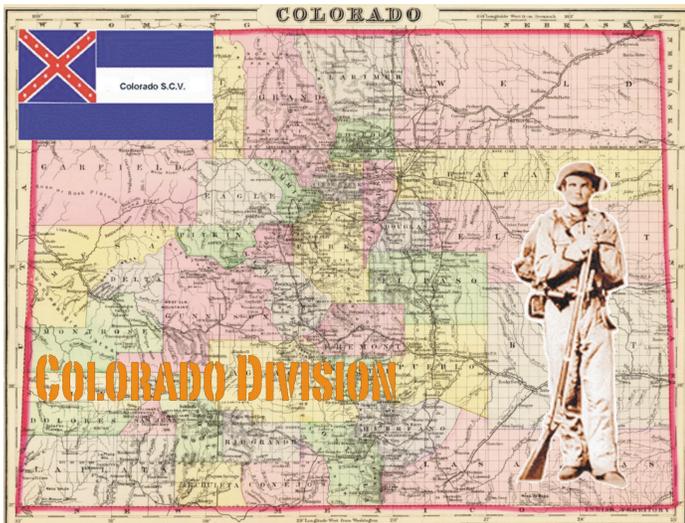
Extra! Extra!

2016 Colorado

Confederate Memorial Day Services

Saturday, April 23rd - 11:00 am

Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs



Painless Education

As you all know, the South and our heritage are under attack *again*. One way that I have found to mount an excellent defense of our heritage is through personal education. Now, I am not talking about developing a huge library of historical works so that the enemy will be overwhelmed by facts. Most of us do not have the finances to build such a library, nor the time to read it. No, I am suggesting something that is much more painless – Facebook.® Yeah, really!

If you are not on Facebook®, let me encourage you to get an account and start “friending” some pages:

- Jefferson Davis Camp 175
- South Kansas Camp #2064
- Sons of Confederate Veterans (Official)
- Army of Trans Mississippi, Sons of Confederate Veterans
- Southern Historical Society
- Southern Heritage Preservation Group
- Richard Lee Montgomery
- Dixie’s Living Historians
- The Abbeville Institute
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The articles are typically short and packed with good information. Through these pages you can follow what has been going on in Memphis, New Orleans and other cities and towns across the country, and the ongoing battles to erase our history. There are good folks around the country who contribute to those pages, and I believe that you will find them valuable. And as you spend time with them you will

find connections to additional pages which provide more information.

Okay, that sounds fine, but aren’t there privacy issues? Yes, there are. If you choose not to identify yourself due to these legitimate concerns then there is a practical work around. Since you are doing this to learn more about Confederate matters, set up your account using your Confederate ancestor’s name (I doubt that he will mind.) Add a hundred years to his date of birth (January 15, 1847, becomes January 15, 1947) and only answer the nosey questions that you absolutely have to.

On to another note. It is my intention to visit each of our Camps this summer and get to know the members. Perhaps more importantly I want **you to get to know me** and find out that I am approachable and willing to listen. There’s gold in them thar Camps waiting to be discovered.

Don’t forget that Confederate Memorial Day is fast approaching. It will be held in Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs on Saturday, April 23rd at 11 AM. Evergreen is graciously allowing us to use the Chapel (at no cost!) as the graves are scattered all over the place. But this also means that we do not have to be concerned about standing outside in snow or rain (should that occur.) As is our tradition the semi-annual Division meeting will follow the CMD ceremonies in a restaurant that is not too far away. Hope to see you there.

May the Good Lord bless you, and may He bless the Confederate States of America.

Don Creamer, Colorado Division Commander

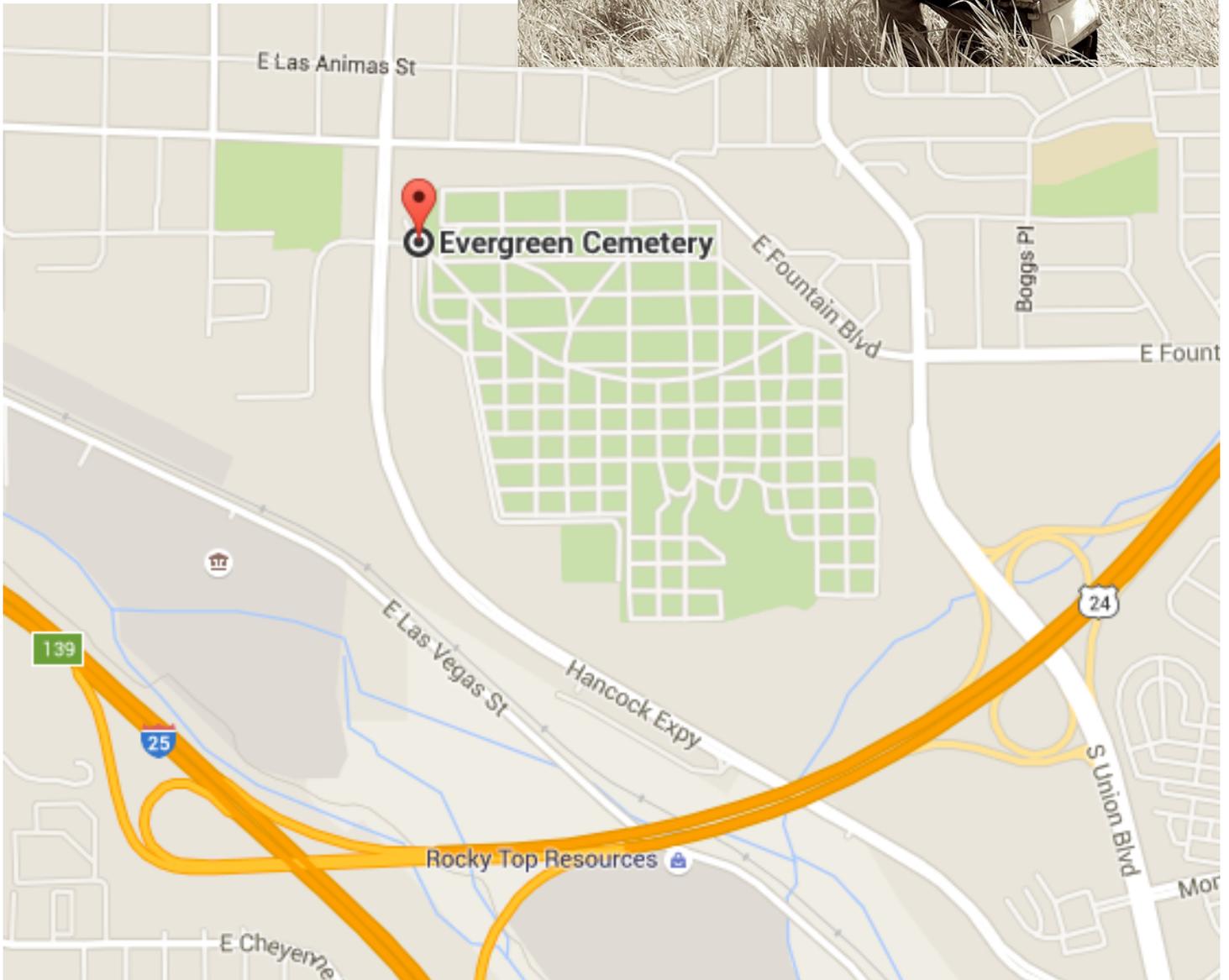
2016 CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

EVERGREEN CEMETERY CHAPEL
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 11 A.M.
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO



PRESENTED BY THE COLORADO DIVISION
OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Directions



From Interstate 25 (either direction), take Exit 139 eastbound

Follow US 24 and continue east to S Union Blvd northbound.

Turn west (left) onto E Fountain Blvd. and then turn south on Hancock Pkwy. You're there!



Deo Vindice: The Real Meaning

MacDonald King Aston

27 April 2010

David Wharton published an article back in 2004 on the meaning of the Latin phrase, Deo Vindice, ("With God as our Defender").

Presumably a Classics professor, Wharton proceeded to explain the Latin meaning of the words. In a predictable turn to the left, Wharton veered away from simply talking of the Latin, and instead launched on the (equally predictable) subject of racism.

How does racism play into Latin linguistics, you're wondering? Easy. You see, said Wharton, the Latin can refer to a God who is a punisher. A God who, in short, punished the South for its racism. Wharton cites the writer Walker Percy, who never ceased complaining about being called a "Southern writer." Percy considered racism the original sin of the South, apparently never bothering to investigate the Northern slave trade (from 1630 onwards).

Wharton ends his article with "So let the sons [sic] of the Confederacy engrave deo vindice on their seal, and let the Latin mean what it will."

Yet not once in his article does Wharton actually explain the Latin. He merely gives his own translation and a few others. (Before jumping on the "God as punisher" bandwagon.)

How odd that one would write of a linguistic construction without explaining it. OK, pay attention. It's pretty simple, and I'll skip the boring stuff. But the phrase "Deo Vindice," when used as the subject of a sentence looks like this: "Deus Vindex." (Latin: nominative case of a second-declension noun followed by an adjective.)

But this phrase is not the subject of a sentence, say, "God is a Vindex." It is, in fact, in a construction known as "the ablative absolute" to everyone who has ever studied even basic Latin. The ablative case (a form of a noun in general) means

that the two words can have three essential contexts besides their direct dictionary meanings:

- 1) from, or away from,
- 2) in or at (from the Locative case), and
- 3) with or by (from the Instrumental case).

The ablative absolute expresses a great deal more than these, but these are the basics.

Now the original meaning of Vindex was a legal term. A Vindex was someone who helped out a debtor by assuming liability for the debtor's debt. From there, it was easy for Vindex to mean "a defender" or "champion." From there came "one who punishes." Deus, of course, means "God." (Directly related to the Indo-European root whence cometh "Zeus," by the way.)

So "Deo Vindice" can express, besides its dictionary meaning, those three contexts of the ablative absolute, of which I shall give samples:

"Where God is the Avenger"

"Because God is the Champion"

"With God as [our] Avenger"

"God the origin of [our] Defender"

Because the ablative absolute came from the notion of "instrumental origin," I prefer to translate the phrase with that background in mind. And isn't it odd? It's precisely how most people do, in fact, translate it: *"With God as [our] Champion."*

Race, Walker Percy or no, has (excuse the pun) absolutely nothing to do with the meaning of the phrase. Nada, nihil, zip, zilch, no way, none, nothing.

There is no irony. No tragedy. None. Especially when you consider that the ones who did the capturing of slaves from Africa were from the North, not the South. Fact.

The Latin means what it means, and any sinister attempt to impose that most beloved of guilt-based, Northern-Puritan, conceptions of race upon the linguistics of "Deo Vindice" comes up, not only short, but embarrassing.

Someone needs to go back to Latin 101.

But, take heart. I'm always here to help the errant Yankee linguist.



The incident in Mrs. [Sue Landon Adams] Vaughan's life, which assured her name a permanent place in history, occurred at Jackson, Miss., when she founded Decoration day by first decorating the graves of Confederate and Federal soldiers alike, in Jackson cemetery, Apr. 26, 1865.

The evening of Apr. 25, 1865, was one of the darkest in the Confederate struggle. There were rumors of disaster and defeat. Gen. Lee had surrendered at Appomatox; and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's forces were surrounded at Goldsboro, N.C.; the Federals were advancing from Vicksburg to demand the surrender of Jackson, and the South realized that her beloved banner had fallen in defeat.

Just before midnight, Apr. 25, 1865, two Confederate couriers arrived to inform their friends that 'the Federals were coming,' and that the surrender would take place on the arrival of Generals [Richard] Dick Taylor and [Edward R. S.] Canby. Mrs. Vaughan therefore wrote her appeal to the 'Daughters of the Southland' to meet the next day,

Apr. 26, 1865, before the surrender, at the cemetery, 'and garland the graves of our fallen braves' in commemoration of their valor and patriotism. Thus was Decoration day first observed. In the South, is still recognized [as the day of observance] and Mrs. Vaughan's claim as the founder of Decoration day antedates all other claims by one year. The fact is recorded on the state monument at Jackson, Miss.

Bound for the SCV Reunion



Join us! Camp 175 is putting together a wagon train (carpool) in order for Colorado Division Compatriots to attend the 2016 SCV Reunion in Richardson, Texas.

Events begin on July 14, and culminate with the Grand Banquet on July 16.

If you would like to travel with, or meet up with fellow Colorado Compatriots, contact Division Commander, Don Creamer at doncream@q.com. He will put you in touch with the right person.

This annual convention is probably going to be the closest one to Colorado in some time. As you know, most are held east of the Mississippi River. Richardson is only 786 miles from Denver. (A recent check of Southwest Airlines showed a one-way fare as low as \$65.)

You can now register online at <http://scv2016.org/SCVReunion/faces/register.xhtml>. The registration process will guide you step-by-step through the registration process and allowing you to select the entertainment and meal options you desire.

CHAPLAIN'S BREAKFAST

Speaker: Chaplain Don Majors
Thursday, July 14 2016, 7:00 am

OPENING CEREMONIES

Thursday, July 14 2016, 8:00 am

HERITAGE LUNCHEON

Speaker: Sam Allen, "A Black Man's View of the SCV"
Thursday, July 14 2016, 12:30 pm

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Speaker: Scott Bowden, "Lee in Texas"
Thursday, July 14 2016, 2:15 pm

FORREST CAVALRY BREAKFAST

Speaker: Dr. James Newsom
Friday, July 15 2016, 7:00 am

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Speaker: Jerry Patterson
Friday, July 15 2016, 12:15 pm

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Speaker: Tom Cartwright, "Texas During the Atlanta Campaign"
Friday, July 15 2016, 2:30 pm

GENERAL HOOD BREAKFAST

Speaker: Member of Hood's Brigade
Saturday, July 16 2016, 7:00 am

ARMY MEETINGS (ANV, AOT, ATM)

Saturday, July 16 2016, 8:00 am

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Members of General Hood's Brigade
Saturday, July 16 2016, 1:30 pm

Spring Muster



April 23rd, following Confederate Memorial Day.

Join us, following the ceremonies, at the Village Inn restaurant, located just west of IH-25 at the Circle Ave exit 138. Note that Exit 138 to the east is Circle Ave, and to the west, is Lake Ave. Along with fellowship and lunch, we have a lot of items to discuss for the coming year.

Every Compatriot of the Colorado Division is welcome to attend, to share ideas, and to bring forth suggestions for strengthening the Division.

Topics tentatively on the agenda are:

- Moving forward on a Colorado monument to Confederates
- Developing a program for one-time special giving to the Division
- Creating an award for Colorado women supporting the SCV and its goals
- Improving the Division's communications
- Setting key dates for SCV events this year and next

If you have topic you would like to share with your Compatriots, please contact Commander Don Creamer at doncreamer@q.com.

We should have completed our ceremonies at Evergreen Cemetery by 12:15, leaving us plenty of time to gather at 12:30. Of course weather always plays a factor in any plans for Colorado.

Attention to Orders: 2016

Apr 23, 11:00 am **Confederate Memorial Day**
Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs



April 23, 12:30 pm **Spring Muster**

Village Inn, I-25 and Lake Ave
Colorado Springs

May 4, 1864 Gen Taylor surrenders forces east of the Mississippi

May 6, 1861 Arkansas Secedes

May 6, 1861 Tennessee Secedes

May 10, 1865 President Jefferson Davis Captured

May 10, 1861 Robert E Lee to Command Army of Northern Virginia

[May 10, 7:00 pm Camp 676 Meeting](#)

[Bennett's BBQ, Arvada](#)

[May 17, 6:00 pm Camp 175 Meeting](#)

[Joe's Crab Shack, Citadel Dr., Colorado Spgs](#)

May 20, 1861 North Carolina Secedes

May 26, 1865 Surrender of Gen Kirby Smith and all forces west of the Mississippi

June 19, 1864 CSS Alabama sunk off France

[Jun 21, 6:00 pm Camp 175 Meeting](#)

[Joe's Crab Shack, Citadel Dr., Colorado Spgs](#)

June 25, 1862 Seven Days battle begins