Rally to demand that Clark County remove the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker from the Clark County Heritage Register.

Clark County officials will be holding a meeting regarding the Heritage Registry. We need to make it clear that Clark County will not tolerate symbols of violence in our communities.

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Officer’s Row, OO Howard House
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According to Clark County, “the monument itself is not deemed historically significant to Clark County, nor is the life of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War.” So, why are monuments listed on the register? Clark County residents demand that the county cease any and all support of these monuments. We demand that they be removed from the registry, and that no public resources are to be used to maintain, support or promote the park, or the monuments.
Confederate monuments in Ridgefield defaced

By Adam Littman (author/alittman), Columbian
Staff Writer
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RIDGFIELD — A pair of former highway markers honoring Confederate President Jefferson Davis were defaced overnight Thursday just outside of Ridgefield.

Jefferson Davis Park sits on private land and is maintained and operated by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Pacific NW Division. The quarter-acre site was dedicated in 2007, and it contains two markers for “Jefferson Davis Highway 99,” one from Vancouver and one from Blaine.

In 1913, the United Daughters of the Confederacy launched an effort to designate a route across the south as “The Jefferson Davis Highway,” and later wanted to extend the designation up the west coast to Canada with markers at both ends of Washington state.

On Friday, one marker was covered in black tar or paint and the other was covered in red. The responsibility for defacing the markers was claimed by Portland antifascist activists, as first reported by the Portland Mercury. In a message to the Mercury, the activists wrote that they attacked the markers “in solidarity with our comrades in Charlottesville, Va.”

Confederate monuments have come under heavy pressure this week after Heather Heyer was killed by a motorist who drove a car into a crowd protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville.

In Bellingham, the city removed signs identifying Pickett Bridge, which was named for Confederate Capt. George E. Pickett. City officials in Helena, Mont., removed a granite fountain that stood in a park as a monument to Confederate soldiers since 1916. Activists in Durham, N.C., pulled down a monument honoring Confederate soldiers on Monday.

Clark County officials and Ridgefield city officials received emails asking if they could take down the Third National Flag of the Confederacy and markers after the events in Charlottesville, according to public records obtained by The Columbian.

“Keeping this memorial does not serve any positive purpose and in fact causes harm,” Kim Whitworth wrote in an email to all county councilors. “Please immediately remove the Jefferson Davis memorial marker.”

City’s stance

Ridgefield City Manager Steve Stuart wrote in an email that “every once in a while, we get a few inquiries, usually when something else is going on.”

Through a records request with the city of Ridgefield, it appears that as of Wednesday, two people had reached out to city councilors in the last year to ask why it was there and if it can be removed.

When questioned about it, Stuart wrote in an email that he usually tells people the marker does not reflect who Ridgefield residents are.

“The city of Ridgefield does not support or condone the racist symbolism of the marker, and would love if it wasn’t anywhere near Ridgefield,” Stuart wrote, adding, “the marker isn’t in Ridgefield. It’s on rural private property not associated with Ridgefield.”

That last point is one Clark County council Chair Marc Boldt said is confusing for some people. Boldt said some have also reached out to him about the county listing the highway marker as a historic site on the county’s website. Boldt said removing that from the site would be up to the Historic Preservation Commission, and he asked them to discuss it at their September meeting.

One of the neighbors who lives near the park said he hasn’t seen a lot of people visit it in the year plus he has lived in the neighborhood. He would like to see it removed.

“T would love it,” he said. “l don’t think it belongs there. Vancouver was smart enough to get rid of it.”

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The marker ended up in Ridgefield about a decade ago after Vancouver officials wanted it removed. The highway marker was dedicated near Covington House in Vancouver in 1939, and remained there until former City Manager Vernon Stoner, at the urging of then-Councilman Jim Mohler, had it removed and placed in storage in May 1998.

In 2002, Rep. Hans Dunshee, D-Snohomish, unaware it had been removed, urged that the Vancouver marker and the other Blaine be removed. After much discussion, the council voted to place it at the Clark County Historical Museum, and that ownership of the monument would revert to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The marker was moved in 2006 as part of a construction project, and the Daughters were asked to find a new home for it. It was moved to the private property in 2007, and a nonprofit, the Jefferson Davis Park, was formed to maintain the site.

“We’re nonpolitical,” said Jay Willis, a board member with the nonprofit. “We don’t like to be pulled into these political issues. We’re there to preserve monuments.”

He said this is the first issue at the site since right after it opened, when a sign was stolen and found floating in Salmon Creek. Davis said the group has talked about putting some cameras and lights at the site.

Willis said the markers are a tribute to the work of Davis, who was also a U.S. Congressman, senator and secretary of war, where he was a key figure in the westward expansion via railway surveys.

While Highway 99 didn’t have an official name for many years, state officials changed that in 2016 when they voted to rename it the William P. Stewart Memorial Highway. Stewart was a black Snohomish County settler who fought for the Union during the Civil War.
Confederate monuments, statues and flags have no place in Clark County.

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JR Smith
I'm from the South. And the civil war and slavery are an embarrassment to me. Some of us learned from our mistakes. Just like portland did.

Like · Reply · 6 · Aug 19, 2017 11:36am

Mary Bardness · CSULA
Who are the people hosting and protecting these shameful monuments to Jim Crow? Does this reflect their beliefs? Is there still such a thing as Daughters of the Confederacy? They might not want to be openly derided and mocked, but they are certainly asking for it.

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Sam Lockwood
probably was done by some white supremacist in attempt to further their cause by blaming others

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Rory Bowman
"False flag" operations to create a sense of sympathy for them or false urgency around "emergency measures" have been a part of the modern white-supremacist playbook since at least the 1933 Reichstag fire, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reichstag_fire, but I doubt that this was one.

Modern neo-confederates and many of Clark County's own GOP like to play the victim well enough, but I have no reason to believe this was incident as reported was anything other than a few adventurous antifascists from south of the river.

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Sam Lockwood
been tempted myself, always irritates me to drive by there and see both the US and confederate flags being displayed at the same height

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Mary Bardness · CSULA
Really? I'm new here and an finding this whole story shocking. Both flags? Who are those people? I'm getting curiouser and curiouser.

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Rory Bowman
Mostly they are neo-confederates and white supremacists. All of these monuments were erected by neo-confederates well after the civil war, as part of the romantic "lost cause" campaign to make themselves feel better about (1) having been grossly in the wrong on slavery, (2) very stupid to pick a traitorous fight with the industrialized north, and then (3) very ashamed to have lost it.

Their heritage may not be hate, but it is certainly shame, which goads them to do hateful things. What was Donald Rumsfeld's felicitous phrase? Dead-enders.

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Sam Lockwood
Mary Bardness yeah the "monument" is very easily visible from interstate I-5 southbound, on the west side of the freeway, just past the Gee Creek rest area, look for the cluster of flag poles

Like · Reply · Aug 19, 2017 9:00pm

Niki Aiman · Member Service Representative at Columbia Credit Union
Agreed. When it first went up, I was completely confused as to what it was doing here in the first place.

Like · Reply · Aug 20, 2017 10:43pm

JR Smith
Why is it even here? WA wasn't even involved in the civil war. Looks like it is here just to spread their hate/racism and traitor mentality. It should be removed and remembered in history as a dark time. In Germany it is illegal to even give a NAZI salute. They learn from their mistakes. Americans are slow learners. Or just slow.

Like · Reply · 6 · Aug 19, 2017 12:45am

Douglas Green · Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc
Oregon was going to be a "white state" and our neighbor. Portland was the most segregated city in America outside of the south. Vanport was our first integrated community. These monuments aren't about the civil war but about white hostility African Americans well into the 20th century.

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Dennis M Shook
So you want these items removed then your ready for all those from the liberals side, (democrats) to be removed also. Hollings, Byrd and all the rest?

Like · Reply · Aug 19, 2017 6:33am

Douglas Green · Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc
Who said anything about removing anything? The question was - what does all this have to do with Oregon and Wa. The answer is that our past is not as free of Dixie as we imagine. Portland in 1925 was likely more segregated than Birmingham. And that was by law. We also had de facto segregation outside the south. Levittown on Long Island was whites only, meaning that white working class families parted a 1 or 2k investment into a half a million or more one
I was born & raised in the South and have ancestors who fought for the Confederacy and ancestors who fought for the Union. However, I was raised to believe heroes should be honored not only in history but also with public monuments. While traitors should be relegated only to history, Museums & schools are the proper place to teach history. Those who fought for the Confederacy were traitors to their country and that includes my Southern ancestors. And those lessons were taught to me by my open-minded Southern grandmother who was the granddaughter & niece of Confederate soldiers. At the same time I have to state I do not agree with or condone anyone committing criminal activities. And the vandalism that occurred is most definitely a crime and should be thoroughly investigated and any perpetrators should be charged.
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To the winners go the spoils. The Confederates lost, they are part of the United States of America, not the Confederate States. They lost. Join us in the now.

I get it. Like Germany has NAZI flags up to remember their dark time in history? Let's put up a monument to jeffrey dahmer, timothy mcviegh and Ted bundy. They are a dark part of our history. Let's put up monuments and flags so we never forget.

Like
good, the bad and the ugly. Enough said...for now! Bruce Morley

If the owners of the property and memorial need any help, please contact me! By the way, who is Kim Whitworth and what is her background to this state and county? I am curious what criminal and legal actions the city and county will take to arrest the people and group behind this, it's time to see what the officials of this county are made of and how they truly respond to our heritage as Americans and Veterans who have spilled their blood for this country...in good times and bad! Our heritage is an essential part of the present we live in - and the future we will build for our children and all children, they need to know the good, the bad and the ugly. Enough said...for now! Bruce Morley

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Bruce Morley

Good point. These are monuments to Jim Crow, not the Civil War.

Like

Mary Bardmess

JR Smith

Like

Loren Lee

Bruce...As far as crime this is totally unnecessary and ridiculous vandalism in my opinion. I doubt its going to be high on the list of priorities for local law enforcement for long though. As mentioned in the article the vandalism was spawned by the protests and violence that occurred in Charlottesville last weekend between Nazis, White Supremacists, KKK and Anti-Fascists, Citizens and UVA students.

Interestingly I must ask what heritage you are referring to? Care to share what that might be? Can you tell me more about your comment "Americans and Veterans who have spilled their blood for this country" because it appears a little vague? I do know that over 335,000 soldiers died and spilled plenty of blood fighting to win the Civil War for the United States government. A war fought against white supremacists who chose to secede in 1961 from the United States government primarily to protect their rights to beat, buy, murder, rape, sell and/or subjugate black human beings like barn animals. Yeah all part of the good, bad and ugly.

Thanks.

Like

Loren Lee

Bruce Morley You really have no idea what is really going on, most liberals don't! I will try and send you something to enlighten you. I see that you failed to mention anything about the involvement of the Black Lives Matter, New Black Panthers and other black racists groups...why was that?

Like

Loren Lee

Bruce Morley . . .sing the truth then brother and enjoy the ride...most of which is pure blowback

https://www.nytimes.com/.../confederate-monuments-removed...

Like

Garth McKinney

Loren Lee

There are many things I could point out about your ignorance. I could go on for day, because the majority of folk don't read past a CNN title. Just so you know, it would actually be 7 states that left and actually did so peacefully. The issue came into play when Lincoln refused to withdraw his military forces off of sovereign states. the other 6 states whom all voted to stay in the Union previously by large differences and only vote to leave the Union after Lincoln vowed to raise an Army and unconstitutionally invade several states. Now, we have 13 states United in their request th... See More

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Loren Lee

Bruce Morley Thank i you Bruce! Ever thought about joining? Shoot me a message sometime.

Like

Garth McKinney

Loren Lee

Bruce...dude give up the Lost Cause lies. Those dogs only hunt with ignorant southern hicks. The Blacks left the CSA in droves as soon as they could. The Confederates were treasonous bastards who treated blacks like cattle. Look up the Massacre at Fort Pillow. It's the one the Bedford and his boys committed genocides by slaughtering over 200 black US soldiers who were unarmed and attempting to surrender. More of them should have been hung in 1865 and we wouldn't haven't had to tolerate all the lies and low grade war waged by their descendants since reconstruction. And your great president Jefferson Davis. He was caught trying to escape...
capture wearing a dress. See I can rattle off extraneous Civil War factoids too. Hope you enjoy the truth finally coming out. It's way way overdue.

Bruce Morley - Vancouver, Washington
No Garth, I'm not joining any political party...I vote for whoever I believe will give my kids a better life. As for Loren Lee...who cares!

Gerardo Gomez - Las Vegas, Nevada
Bruce Morley Grow up!!!

Jr Smith
My grandfather fought against Nazis. We don't need to hold our own Nazis up on pedestals and have flags and monuments hating their murderous ways and their evil. Just like Germany doesn't for theirs. They are embarrassed by their 10 years of hate. But racists want to continue to praise those who hated.

Kristie Meeker Gebhard - Southern Oregon University
Garth McKinney I'm going to really go out on a limb and say that a book entitled "The South was Right" is not going to give you an unbiased historical perspective on the Civil War. If that is the only book you've read, I suggest you read others, even some that challenge the ideas you already have.

Rachelle Slay
I would like a lot of things removed like anything with the womanizer MLK, but come on don't vandalize things.

Jason Peterson - Vancouver, Washington
That's a fancy "14 88" with Norse hammer you got there, Rachelle.

Rachelle Slay
Jason Peterson thanks kinda fond of it myself.

Gerardo Gomez - Las Vegas, Nevada
How could you possibly put MLK in this. Does it have anything to do with your white supremacy 14 88 rhetoric. How repulsive.

Jason Peterson - Vancouver, Washington
Just so everyone is up to speed, Rachelle is super proud of her white supremist tats. So, when she calls out MLK, you have an idea where she's coming from.

Gerardo Gomez seriously MLK deserves to come down. He ranks with the KKK. What does white supremacy have to do with 14/88? I think you better take a lesson about what both mean before jumping to conclusions sir.

Rachelle Slay
Jason Peterson you are not on the point of MLK plagiarized more than half of his speeches, he was a complete fraud.

Jason Peterson - Vancouver, Washington
Rachelle Slay , well if "14" really doesn't represent a phrase coined by David Lane, who belonged to Aryan Nations, the Klan, and The Order, and if it doesn't really mean "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children," and finally, if "88" doesn't mean "heil Hitler," I guess I owe you and your heathen Norse gods an apology. Good day to you, maddam!

Rachelle Slay
Jason Peterson you don't need to combine Asatru with the 14, they are two separate things. No 88 doesn't stand for HHH (heil Hitler), goes way deeper than that actually but general media propaganda will say differently. Kudos for the 14 words though a lot of people confuse pride with racism.

Rachelle Slay
Every race in the world have a background/culture/priority to life. Without all these races why would we need to live? Other races present challenges, heritage, existence. You can't downplay by calling someone racist if all races have these things and take pride in them, that would be wrong.

Rachelle Slay
Gerardo Gomez good now stop being racist
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Troy Maxcy

https://www.adl.org/education/references/hate-symbols/1488

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Rachelle Slay

Troy Maxcy that's a really bad website to do research fyi, not accurate. Just saying, you can google the 14 words and 88 precepts. There is a whole explanation behind them from the actually author in his own words. The ADL uses media as a main source so the em the basic symbols for the Hispanic gangs are wrong, as well as many other groups.

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Rachelle Slay

Troy Maxcy I mean if you are i to believing media that would be a perfect site for sure.

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Septimus Gavina · Portland, Oregon

What's with the creepy facebook picture of a topless child getting her nipple pinched by a grown man?

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Troy Maxcy

Rachelle Slay Fascists are funny when they spin and try to be more clever then everyone else.

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Garth McKinney · West Valley High School

I am 100% for the maintaining of all our monuments, Confederate and MLK included.

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Bruce Morley · Vancouver, Washington

Gerardo Gomez Because they are a part of all of the racism and riots that have gone on all year! Being Mexican, you should know that thousands of Mexicans joined the Confederates in the Civil War. Where did you go to school, obvious they didn't teach you a thing about the truth?

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Gerardo Gomez · Las Vegas, Nevada

Bruce Morley what makes you think I'm Mexican?

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Jason Peterson http://www.micetrap.net/.../white-power-totenkopf-skull...

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Rick Smithers · Works at U.S. Army Retired

Rachelle, how's your "husband" doing?

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http://www.columbia.com/.../men-plead-not-guilty-to.../
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Nice law abiding people you hang with!

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Jared Aljasser Morrison

Gerardo Gomez Please keep your retarded comments in Nevada, and out of Mr community. You guys have your own state to continue screwing up.

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Rachelle Slay

Rick Smithers he is doing great actually. He gets a few meals a day for free, cable, tablet with games-music-texting, he is working in the bakery, gets to work out for a couple hours a day, plays cards, chess also he loves chess. All that for free, and with the bonus he is getting out and coming home earlier than expected. Too bad the shooter was another guy, cause I'm sure our taxes $$$ could have better spent than on another incarceration. Thanks for asking that was sweet of you.
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Mary Bardmess · CSULA

Rachelle Slay So what does it mean? Explain.

Like · Reply · Aug 19, 2017 10:24am

Rachelle Slay

Mary Bardmess it means MLK was a fraud. Most all his speeches were plagiarized. He was also a womanizer, very abusive. If you break up his speeches and look at them in paragraphs google them they are fake used from other people's works. He was an extremely violent towards women especially white women.

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Troy Maxcy

Rachelle Slay Wouldn't just be easier to say i hate n"gg=rs? Can you tell us about Folkish Odinism? Or are you not Folkish?

Like · Reply · 1 · Aug 19, 2017 11:24am

Rachelle Slay

Troy Maxcy wow why would you say that that's really rude! You should talk about people like that, they might less of you.

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Gerardo Gomez · Las Vegas, Nevada

Rahed Alyasser Morrison Who are you talking to? I was born and raised in Vancouver I spent t my first 46 years there. I've only been down here for 2. Vancouver will always be home.

Like · Reply · Aug 19, 2017 5:42pm

Michele Wollert

Not cool to vandalize. I'd prefer other ways to object to the honor that Clark County Historic Preservation Commission granted this monument when it placed it on our Heritage Register in 2002. The marker was moved from the Clark County Historical Museum in 2007. Adam Littman I'd love to see any paperwork that documents the reason(s) why it was given this designation in the first place, as well as why it was moved from county property to private property 5 years later. Who was on the commission at that time? Pat Jollota Can you shine a light on this? What's the Clark County direct connection to the Confederacy?

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Rory Bowman

Who owns the actual stones? Were they sold to this private party or are they merely hosted there?

Were they to be destroyed, to whom would recompense be due?

Reply · Aug 18, 2017 10:39pm

Sean Emerson

I support keeping our heritage, good and bad. But since when does the State of Washington have anything to do with the Civil War or the Confederacy? This has nothing to do with our heritage, any more than the Lenin statue in Seattle does.

Like · Reply · 4 · Aug 18, 2017 5:10pm

Rory Bowman

It doesn't, particularly. As part of their lost-cause romanticism, though, the United Daughters of the Confederacy sought to install these along a variety of public highways. There was some good background on this by a history professor earlier this week at https://www.washingtonpost.com.../the-whole-point-of.../...

“The group responsible for the majority of these memorials was the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), among the most influential white women’s organizations in the South in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Honoring Confederate heroes, generals and soldiers was one of its primary objectives, and hundreds of monuments throughout the South — and beyond — serve as testimony to the Daughters’ aggressive agenda to vindicate the Confederacy. The lasting power of the mythology they created is evident today in the raging battles over the fate of the memorials.”

It was a brutal time, and marked the start of lynchings and similar violence to terrorize free African-Americans and sympathetic whites.

“Amid that brutality, the pace of Confederate monument construction quickened. The UDC and other like-minded heritage organizations were intent on honoring the Confederate generation and establishing a revisionist history of what they called the War Between the States. According to this Lost Cause mythology, the South went to war to defend states’ rights, slavery was essentially a benevolent institution that imparted Christianity to African ‘savages,’ and, while the Confederates were defeated, theirs was a just cause and those who fought were heroes. The Daughters regarded the Ku Klux Klan, which had been founded to resist Reconstruction, as a heroic organization, necessary to return order to the South. Order, of course, meant the use of violence to subdue newly freed blacks.”

It took the UDC a long time to get all the way across the continent to our little corner, and I think it reflects well upon Washington that they only managed to erect two small monuments in relative obscurity. Some areas have dozens of these gallstones.

Reply · 9 · Aug 18, 2017 5:58pm · Edited

Dani Marie

Jefferson Davis helped build the infrastructure of the PNW when he was Secretary of the Army. So he does have something to do with this area. It's easy enough to research for yourself.
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Christopher Gudger-Raines  ·  King University

Dani Marie Not as a part of the Confederacy. The deliberate fudging of details points to a more sinister excuse for the flags: to prop up Lost Cause garbage and to further intimidate the people Davis fought to enslave. These flags can't come down soon enough IMO.

Like   3  Aug 18, 2017 7:59pm

Rory Bowman

Perhaps the time has finally come to remove such objects from the county register.

As per https://www.clark.wa.gov/.../Clark_County_Heritage...

"In the event that any property is no longer deemed appropriate for designation to the Clark County Heritage Register, the CCHPC may initiate removal by following the same procedure as provided for listing except that owner consent is not required for removal. A property owner may submit a request for review to remove a property from the Register to the CCHPC. The request shall included a letter of request and a narrative and other supporting documentation of the reasons the property should no longer be listed on the Clark County Heritage Register."

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Dani Marie

This is on private property. Clark County has no say about it.

Like   3  Aug 18, 2017 7:15pm

Jack Martin  ·  Washougal, Washington

1984, Read the damn book

Like   6  Aug 18, 2017 5:04pm

Kelly Keigwin  ·  Creative Force at KeigKenzie Studio

And you point is? I'm now hearing white supremacists claim it's a book about "the left" taking over, which is the exact opposite of Orwell's message. Clarify.

Reply   1  Aug 18, 2017 6:05pm

Douglas Green  ·  Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc

You know my gut reaction is that, like the bible, 1984 is being used but not read. Read anything else by Orwell: The Lion & the Unicorn where Orwell makes quite an eloquent case for British democratic socialism (Orwell was leary of continental varieties of almost everything), The Road to Wigan Pier (a book that has currency in today's Ohio) and Politics and the English Language. Orwell was convinced that capitalism was doomed but he was alarmed that capitalism's decay would lead to Stalinism. In post war Europe, Commumism, democratic socialism and liberal capitalism were three separate competing ideologies- and communist parties could win as much as 20% of the vote in Italy or France. Ironically, the Confederacy was not a capitalist state. It lacked any kind of organized capital market, it had limited industry and was very dependent on selling cash crops abroad to be used to buy products from abroad and was dominated by a political sentiment strongly suspicious of a market economy.

Reply   1  Aug 19, 2017 3:02am

Jack Martin  ·  Washougal, Washington

Kelly Keigwin The removal of history. Many entites are behind this apparent cause to turn us all against each other. Specifically the Democratic party and George Soros. We, the people, are being led around by a ring in our noses. We survived for decades with these monuments to our past, why now must our past be liquidated?

Reply   9  Aug 19, 2017 4:41am

Paul Castillo  ·  Mixer Driver at CalPortland

This is dumb. It's about heritage not hate.

Like   5  Aug 18, 2017 4:52pm

Cynthia Davidson  ·  Clark College Penguins

The Confederate monuments were built to intimidate blacks after Jim Crow and during the Civil Rights Movement. Descendants of the men on these monuments have requested that they be taken down as well. What confederate heritage is in Washington state and why is there no monument to the Union troops or slavery here? I can see why some people think it is dumb, so it shouldn't bother you if they are removed. Of course they are on private property so nothing can be done to remove these, and before you judge me I could be a standing member of the DOC but I choose not to out of respect for the real U.S., not some traitorous group of rebels that needed slaves to do the hard work for them.

Reply   12  Aug 18, 2017 5:00pm

Rory Bowman

The heritage of lost-cause romanticism IS hate. Mr Castillo, as embodied by opposition to civil rights it all by groups such as the KKK and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Washington wasn't a state during the Civil War, and Oregon never allowed slavery. There were no slaves under the British in the Columbia Territory, and our local generals stayed loyal to the union. I'll assume you've heard of Vancouver's former quartermaster: Ulysses S Grant. Yes?

That is our heritage, here in the northwest.

Like   5  Aug 18, 2017 5:57pm · Edited

Dusty Reiber

Having a park for a traitor to the United States makes one wonder why? There is no honor in the Confederacy, they were traitors. Seeing the confederate flag fly in my state sickens me.

Like   9  Aug 18, 2017 4:38pm

Scott Dalesandro

How does a statue of Lenin in Seattle sit with you?
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Thom Rasmussen - Salmon Creek, Washington
I'm also not in favor of these markers or the flag but they are on private property and they still have freedom of speech rights.

Reply · 3 Aug 18, 2017 4:54pm

Sean Emerson
Learn your history. They were not traitors, else they would have been hanged. What special wisdom do you possess that was absent from the people who were there in the event? The US government pardoned them, and removed the stigma of treason. By what authority do you rescind the presidential proclamation?

http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=72360

Fran Hammond - Clark College -- Vancouver, Washington
Thom Rasmussen I have to agree. They can be removed from the "historical register", but if this property owner wants to display his allegiance to the already-lost cause, let him! At least all of Clark County knows his views!

Like · Reply · 4 Aug 18, 2017 5:38pm

Thom Rasmussen
I have to agree. They can be removed from the "historical register", but if this property owner wants to display his allegiance to the already-lost cause, let him! At least all of Clark County knows his views!

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Jon Van Natta - Columbia River High School
Does seeing the word antifa, who are in fact fascists, make you sick? If not, you are a progressive. Progressives are traitors to the United States. Ergo, you are a traitor. Thanks!

Like · Reply · 1 Aug 18, 2017 7:56pm

Fran Hammond - Clark College -- Vancouver, Washington
I might add that no one has the right to trespass on another's property and do any damage what-so-ever. If anything, it does damage to what they proclaim as their cause or mission! I find any type of property defacing to be just as repulsive as I do those that hang on to their racist views.

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Stuart L. Riley - Vancouver, Washington
It's on private property. It's their right to fly whatever flag they want on their property, regardless of how it makes you feel. And it's also their right to look like idiots while flying a flag of racist, anti-American traitorous losers.


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A privately-owned monument to Confederate States of America President Jefferson Davis was defaced last week with Portland-area antifascist activists taking claim for the incident.

The defacement occurred either late Aug. 17 or early morning Aug. 18 and featured black and red paint — colors associated with the antifascist movement — splashed on two engraved stones that at one time marked Highway 99, previously known as the Jefferson Davis Highway.

The Portland Mercury reported Aug. 18 on the attack, publishing photos featuring a sign placed by the vandals prominently over an existing one about Jefferson Davis, exclaiming “Solidarity/Take them all down.”

The Mercury reported that they were contacted by Portland-based antifascists who laid claim to the incident. They stated it was in solidarity with “our comrades in Charlottesville, Virginia” in reference to recent protests and counter-protests that turned fatal in that city earlier this month.

The defacement follows pressure directed at removing Confederate monuments nationwide as a result of the fallout from the rally Aug. 12.

The monument is maintained by the local division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

By Friday afternoon, local division commander John Sigmon had arrived to survey the scene. The signs were removed by then, but the paint remained.

At that time, Sigmon declined to comment.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reported that Sigmon told them the group has hired armed guards in the meantime until they feel the threat of further vandalism is gone.
“We aren’t going anywhere,” Sigmon told OPB. “And those flags aren’t going anywhere either.”

Ridgefield Mayor Ron Onslow was out of the country when the incident happened. He was disappointed that the property was defaced, though he had issues with the monument itself.

“I certainly wouldn’t have it in the city of Ridgefield,” Onslow remarked. As the monument is on property outside of city limits, it is outside of the jurisdiction of Ridgefield.

Following the purchase of the land parcel by the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2007, Onslow was invited to the dedication of the monument, but declined. Regardless of feelings on the monument itself, the defacement wasn’t the right way to go about voicing an opinion, Onslow said.

“There’s other ways to do that,” he said.
Group starts cleanup on Confederate markers, says it's not going away
Pacific Northwest Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans looking at adding security

By Adam Littman (author/alittman), Columbian Staff Writer
Published: August 22, 2017, 5:12 PM

Less than a week after former highway markers honoring Confederate President Jefferson Davis were defaced (http://www.columbian.com/news/2017/aug/18/paint-splashed-on-confederate-monuments-in-ridgefield/), members of the organization that maintains the site near Ridgefield have started the cleanup process. They say they have no intention of removing the monuments from Jefferson Davis Park along Interstate 5, but may add security features.

The monuments were splashed with paint and tar sometime Thursday night. A group of Portland activists claimed responsibility.

Garth McKinney, first lieutenant commander of the Pacific Northwest Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which maintains the park, wrote in an email to The Columbian that the group is a historical organization meant to honor veterans.

“We are not looking to perpetuate any form of division or bigotry,” he wrote. “The SCV doesn’t shame, condone, support or in any way tolerate racial intolerance. We are all equal and we are all Americans.”

McKinney, who is from Yakima, wrote that cleanup efforts started over the weekend, and said there’s still work to do to fully get rid of the “road tar, along with a red rubber-like paint” that was used to deface the stone markers.

He also wrote that the site has seen some vandalism since it was dedicated in 2007. He said the group is looking into unspecified security measures to protect it.

“We have no intentions to remove it no matter what,” McKinney wrote. “We understand that folks may not like the park, or appreciate the symbolism for what it means to us. We, however, in the SCV live to honor everyone that served, sacrificed and died during the Civil War, and that includes all nationalities, ethnic groups and backgrounds.”

The north county site was one of many Confederate monuments around the country thrust into the spotlight after Heather Heyer was killed by a motorist who drove a car into a crowd protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 12.

Since Heyer’s death, cities around the country have removed Confederate monuments. Activists in Durham, N.C., tore down a monument honoring Confederate soldiers.

History of site
The quarter-acre site was dedicated in 2007 on a parcel of land just west of Interstate 5, south of the Gee Creek Rest Area. It contains flagpoles and two stone markers for “Jefferson Davis Highway.” One marked the south end of the route in Vancouver; the other was on the north end in Blaine.

In 1913, the United Daughters of the Confederacy launched an effort to designate a route across the South as “The Jefferson Davis Highway,” and later wanted to extend the designation up the West Coast to Canada. Markers were placed at both ends of the highway in Washington.

The markers ended up at current the site about a decade ago after turmoil in Vancouver. One of the markers was dedicated near Covington House in 1939 and remained there until former City Manager Vernon Stoner, at the urging of then-Councilman Jim Moeller, had it removed and placed in storage in May 1998.

In 2002, Rep. Hans Dunne, D-Snohomish, unawares the marker had been removed, urged that both the Vancouver marker and the one in Blaine be removed. After much discussion, the city council voted to place it at the Clark County Historical Museum. Ownership of the monument reverted to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The marker was moved from the museum in 2006 due to a construction project, and the Daughters were asked to find a new home for it. It was moved to the private property in 2007, and a nonprofit, the Jefferson Davis Park, was formed to maintain the site.

McKinney wrote that the group has “received an overwhelming amount of support from community members both living in and outside of the area.”
Group starts cleanup on Confederate markers, says it's not going away | The Columbian

Paulina Oberg
Private property rights are not unlimited. Nuisances and Safety are things that limit private property rights according to U.S. Constitutional Scholars and SCOTUS. Confederate symbols have a long documented history of being used as a way to communicate threats = Nuisance and Safety. They should put their "park" behind walls so it cannot be seen by the public

Val Alexander
Perhaps spending time and money on a monument, why don't they volunteer to help veteran's groups?

Troy Maxcy
Damn it! I hate the thought of this memorial to the losing, traitor side just about as much as anyone, but it makes me so frustrated when folks say, "why don't they do this or that", when one really has no idea if they actually are already doing this or that. Stop it and get the facts first.
Is it time for the county website to no longer mention this site? Or is it a good thing?

Kevin Lux shared a link.

August 14 at 9:11pm

Jefferson Davis Highway Marker

The listing of the Jefferson Davis Highway marker on the Clark County Heritage Register is unique. The monument itself is not deemed historically significant to Clark County, nor is the life of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. Rather, the signific...

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Thom Rasmussen Was Jefferson Davis EVER in Clark County?

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George J Taylor We de-listing this change history. Let's not get too politically correct and forget actual historical events. Delisting it won't make the Civil War history go away.

Like · August 14 at 9:31pm

Brenda Palmer Absolutely!!!

Like · August 23 at 12:23pm

Pat Jollota I'm at a loss for why this is something which is allowed to be celebrated. Half of the nation commits treason, then loses.

Like · August 15 at 5:28pm

Thomas Desmond Bury the dead. Teach lessons that should be learned. Never glorify hateful failures like Jefferson Davis or the confederacy.

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Steven J. Kuyatt There's no historical significance - get rid of it - write a story about it and what became of it and call it done.

Like · August 14 at 11:05pm

Honua Dee Why is a monument to a guy from the south who lost the civil war doing in our County in the first place?? WA wasn't even a state until 1889. Has absolutely NOTHING to do with the history of our state or County.

Like · August 14 at 11:10pm · Edited

Jeffrey Posey I think the stone should be destroyed like the ideology it represents. It serves no good purpose.

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Honua Dee Welp, here's why it will stay, just like that idiot west of it fl. near Ridgefield who flies the stars and bars.

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Pat Jollota Actually, Jefferson Davis, as Secretary of War, signed the papers authorizing Vancouver Barracks. However, the Jefferson Davis Highway and all of the markers, came in the wake of "Gone With the Wind", which was almost single-handedly the voice of the confederate cause. So much of the hype for the Lost Cause" came from the damned movie which was sooooo historically inaccurate.

Like · August 14 at 11:24pm · Edited

Honua Dee I never knew that, Pat. Thank you.

Like · August 15 at 4:44am

Honua Dee Pat knows ALL the history.

Like · August 15 at 5:44am

Rory Bowman It was a huge, coordinated backlash, intended to recapture and consolidate plantation power by wealthier whites in the south, who have NEVER wanted an equitable democracy.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lost_Cause_of_the_Confederacy

Lost Cause of the Confederacy - Wikipedia

The Lost Cause of the Confederacy, or simply...

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Rory Bowman A nice summary of how and when such "memorials" emerge at https://www.splcenter.org/.../whose-heritage-public...

Whose Heritage? Public Symbols of the Confederacy

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Rory Bowman "In recent years, controversies have erupted over secession symbolism. In 2002, Washington state Rep. Hans Dunshee attempted to remove the designation of Highway 99 as the Jefferson Davis Highway. It was so dubbed in the 1930s by the Daughters of the... See More

Confederate symbols also blight the Northwest

By Knute Berger Continue reading →

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Honua Dee This is pretty interesting - an interactive map of the proliferation of Confederate historical markers over time, from 2015. Watch where and when they cropped up. Pretty fascinating.

http://www.slate.com/.../civil_war_historical_markers_a...

Watch as 13,000 Civil War Monuments Fill the U.S. Map—and...
Confederate Monument and Statue Building
By Free Press Network, 1865-1965

Like · August 17 at 11:25am

Loren Lee https://www.facebook.com/groups/ClarkCountyCitizensforGoodGovernance/

Analysis | The U.S. Capitol has at least three times as many statues of...
WASHINGTONPOST.COM | BY CHRISTOPHER INGRAHAM

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Honua Dee Three statues of Lenin in our country. One in Seattle. I did not know that.
http://ijr.com/.../948200-since-tearing-offensive.../

Since We're Tearing Down Offensive Statues, Here Are Locations of Three...
IJR.COM | BY BENNY JOHNSON

Like · August 16 at 6:53am · Edited

Kevin Lux I'm not asking about the statue on private property - that's a whole different issue.

I'm asking about our official, tax-payer funded, Clark County website with a dedicated page to this monument.

Why is that? What good reasons are there for it? How do it help serve our community? Does it do possible harm to our county? What are the pros and cons of including mention of this monument on our County government page? Does the monument need help with publicity, bringing tourists to our county? Would that tourism be more of a good thing or a bad thing? Is this monument something to be proud of having in our county, something to draw attention to? How do people of diverse perspectives feel about the county website mention of the monument?

These are just a few questions in tackling this issue. Again, not the issue of the monument itself, but the issue of our official, tax-payer funded, county website having a page dedicated to this monument.

Like · 5 · August 16 at 10:17am

John Kthik Can you post a link?

Like · August 16 at 10:47am

Amy Libby I think the page is there to let people know this is on private property and is not a public memorial. And that the county/state don't have control over it.

Like · August 17 at 11:23am

Bridget McLeman I agree - the marker is a different issue. It does not need to be on the County website (and I'm not sure why it is!)

Like · 1 · August 17 at 3:09pm

Audrey Anna Miller Needs to be removed from the website. How is it a good thing?

Like · 5 · August 16 at 2:04pm

Loren Lee http://missoulian.com/.../article_db9dc58d-5768-5f47-9189...

American Indian group calls for removal of Helena's Confederate monument
Members of the American Indian Caucus in the...
MISSOULIAN.COM

Like · 1 · August 17 at 11:27am

Linda Noble Tubbs Well, it is embarrassing, but does taking it down from the Clark County websight make it any less embarrassing, or change history? When we first moved to Clark County, 1977, this stood on Main Street in front of Blandford House. I was shocked, but, there it was. Can we erase that? No. Should we erase it? Pretend that it didn't happen? IMO, no. This is an educational moment, not a sweep it under the rug moment.

Like · 1 · August 17 at 3:05pm

Loren Lee History is an ongoing argument about what happened at individual, group, societal and global levels. Let me as clear as possible. Putting the Confederate statues up in the first place was a gross "sanitizing" or "whitewashing" of our actual collective...

Like · 2 · August 17 at 4:09pm · Edited

Loren Lee

Confederate Monument and Statue Building
By Free Press Network, 1865-1965

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John M. Kowalski I brought this up a year ago at a County Council meeting. Nothing was done. I addressed Madore about it, he sat stone faced.

Like · 2 · August 17 at 3:54pm

Loren Lee Madore the ever ready creator of wedge issues for minimal political game. MAY his ongoing wrestling match with reality keep him on the side lines indefinitely. And good bless the Queen he was not able to get a statue of himself erected in Ester Short Park. I would have had to piss on it daily as part of my morning ritual.

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Caroline Plumlee Loren Lee ... you are disgusting in your speech.

Like · August 18 at 12:03pm · Edited

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Steven J. Kuyatt
Like by 6 August 17 at 4:04pm

Betty Sue Morris: That is very interesting. I didn't know it. Thanks for posting!

Like by August 23 at 5:49pm

Roger Neilson

Like by 6 August 17 at 7:19pm

Caroline Plumelee: The ladies of the confederacy put those markers in place. Leave them be! One on each end...
Confederate Monuments Are Coming Down Across the United States...

NYTIMES.COM

Like  2  August 18 at 9:12pm

Loren Lee Caroline...enjoy the ride. the gig is up. https://www.nytimes.com/...confederate-monuments-removed...

Like  2  August 18 at 9:13pm

Caroline Plumlee Why on earth do you people want to get rid of our history. Good, Bad, Indifferent, or otherwise...it IS our history. Deal with it!

Like  2  August 18 at 9:15pm

Denise Lukins Learning about history from statues built 50 years after the fact is like learning current events from bumper stickers. Some of these things have artistic merit, but educational? No

Like  2  August 19 at 3:15pm

Loren Lee Caroline...FYI...https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=pcy7qV4GF4

Like  1  August 19 at 3:16pm

Hector Hinojosa The Civil War has been vivisected by hundreds of historians. Millions of photographs are archived. Tomes of opinions abound.

You know whose statue would be relevant to the history of the Civil War? Harriet Tubman. How about we replace all those Confederate memorials with statues of Harriet Tubman.

Like  3  August 20 at 9:31am

Mo Duncan Caroline, Everyone is telling you the answer to your oft repeated question. You keep repeating yourself and show off your stubborn desire to cling to your ignorance. I mean that respectfully even if it's a bit harsh. I'm going to try to break it down simplistically.

The answer: the anti-confederate monument folks DO NOT want to get rid of our history. No matter how many times you try to re-frame it as that, you are obtusely avoiding the actual truth. They want to show our ACTUAL history. Not propaganda. I'm okay with the confederate statues staying if they all had signs and educational material that these are what propaganda from traitors in our country look like. Surrounded in images and written testimonials of slaves. But who's gonna fund that?

My question to you? Why do you want lies left memorialized instead of corrected? If you make a mistake in your life, when you become aware of it, don't you believe in correcting it?

Like  2  August 22 at 8:31am

Rory Bowman *As the battle over the public display Confederate statues rages nationally, Portland antifascist activists tarred a Confederate monument last night at Jefferson Davis Park in Ridgefield, a few miles north of Vancouver, Washington.

http://www.portlandmercury.com/.../portland-antifa-deface...

Like  1  August 18 at 3:50pm

Thom Rasmussen Well, that should piss some people off. Not me.

Like  1  August 18 at 4:39pm

Caroline Plumlee I have been to the Jefferson Davis memorial/museum located in Biloxi, Mississippi where there is also a confederate cemetery. What an absolute disservice to have these places removed! These things should NEVER happen. How to learn our history if all are removed? Those who do not understand our history are condemned to repeat it.

Like  3  August 18 at 4:40pm  · Edited

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Thom Rasmussen You know just because some statue or "memorial" is removed, doesn't mean that the memory is lost or that the history is removed. It's just a reminder of what has happened. There are STILL history books and the internet and other reminders. Statues are just that.

Like  2  August 18 at 4:43pm

Loren Lee Caroline...the critical issue and objection of many has much to do with whether those Confederate monuments and statues represent an accurate history. If not, then maybe they should come down until they do. The monuments erected by the Lost Cause belie... See More

Like  2  August 18 at 4:53pm

Kevin Lux There are, uh, books?

Like  4  August 18 at 4:58pm

Caroline Plumlee I am through with the whole lot of you crazy people. You can cry, scream turn cart wheels, whatever floats your boat, the facts remain as to our early history and nothing you can do will erase it. It is what it is. Good luck. Good bye.

Like  3  August 18 at 9:17pm

Evan Smith
If someone kidnapped your child and sold them, where would you want us to put the statue of that person?

Like 3 August 19 at 12.29am

Thom Rasmussen How do you not understand that no one wants to CHANGE history? They (and I) just don't want meaningless monuments in our faces every day.

Like 2 August 19 at 7.45am

Loren Lee Evan Smith ... that is so accurate I just spit my coffee all over!!

Like 1 August 19 at 8.18am

Loren Lee Caroline Plumlee ... but did you learn anything?

Like 1 August 19 at 8.20am

Caroline Plumlee Yes sir I did. I learned not to argue with crazy liberals. Wastes my time.

Like August 19 at 8:46am Edited

Evan Smith yes, because name calling is very mature, do you want your trophy now?

Like 1 August 19 at 9:10am

Loren Lee Caroline Plumlee maybe, just maybe if you had some compelling arguments instead of the typical southern deep fried... “But it's our heritage” talking point ... you might get some traction ... and I noticed in all your comments above never once did you answer any questions or acknowledge that others just might have a relevant perspective also... marinate on that with your smug indignation of liberals.

Like 3 August 19 at 4:12pm Edited

Fran Hammond Kevin Lux Trumpf loves his uneducated! Books don't matter 😜

Like August 19 at 4.05pm

Cynthia Power: Books are great more need to read. But something's should not be changed. Have you ever been impacted by a place you visited? Either negatively or positively? It's what you do with those emotions that count. Sometimes it is a good visual reminders of L... See More

Like August 22 at 8:15am Edited

Caroline Plumlee The memorials located near Ridgefield, Washington on Private Property...I have been told were vandalized last night. So much for private property. A bunch of Crazy People.

Like 1 August 18 at 5.03pm

Rory Bowman Boston Harbor, Bowling Green, now Clark County. Crazy, indeed!

http://www.nyhistory.org/.../pulling-down-statue-king... See More

NYHISTORY.ORG

Like 3 August 18 at 5.13pm Edited

Car Parks Those confederate monuments are not historically significant to Clark County, and should be taken down. The mention of them on the county web site should also be removed. The South LOST the war. Why are we putting up and preserving monuments to traitors who fought to enslave others and rob them of the freedom this country promised to ALL? They have no place in our community.

Like 2 August 19 at 12.31am

Loren Lee Also, they are not national monuments. There shouldn't be any county funds spent to list these cement blocks of hate as historical. Why is this news?

Like August 19 at 11.14am

Linda Noble Tubbs OK, history. The monuments were here commemorating that highway 99 was named the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway. Can you change that history, no? So, yes, those monuments ARE historically significant to Clark County. We can not all here smugly saying we were never part of the ugly racism in other places. We were, and defacing them now, removing them now, does not change that. Shame on Antifa.

Like 2 August 19 at 6.41am Edited

Linda Noble Tubbs To go further, those monuments, IMO, should never have been allowed to go into private hands where they have been inappropriately glorified, they should have been museumed with a contextual explanation.

Like 1 August 19 at 6.40am

Linda Noble Tubbs Michele Wolkoff yeah, it's embarrassing, and burying it is exactly the reaction one would expect. IMO, that is a mistake.

Like 19 August at 7:05am

Kevin Lux Linda, would it be an easy solution to NOT bury the embarrassment if we were to change the county page to explain everything that happened to bring this monument into existence, and further why it was taken off of the historical registration list (if L... See More

Like 3 August 19 at 7:54am

Linda Noble Tubbs Kevin Lux yes, 100%.

Like 1 August 19 at 7:47am

Dennis Henry This apparent non memorial never officially erected by Washingtians to glorify the man who signed a piece of paper significant to US History. (Remember why they call it Grant house?) Was brought to you by Clark Cable. Seems fitting somehow. A fiction fueling more fiction, and the fictional emotion's charged freacas that followed.

Maybe we can create an emoqjii or something to express our outrage about not naming a highway after a man who rose up against republicanism, in favor of State rights to enslave. That would be fun, right?

Or maybe, just Delete the damn'd page. And call it good.

Like 5 August 19 at 6:50am

Dennis Henry Is this where we get to say, "Frankly my dear....."

Like 4 August 19 at 6:54am

Stuart L. Riley I don't see the problem. If there's a specific problem with it, perhaps you should explain.

Like 1 August 19 at 9.00am
"The United Daughters of the Confederacy 'really midwifed the 'Lost Cause' in a lot of ways," said Brian Jordan, an assistant professor of history at Sam Houston State University in Texas, referring to "this specious notion" that the war wasn't about slavery, that the fight was never fair and that a culture had been lost as a result of the war.

"But the tone and placement of the monuments shifted at the end of the 19th century. Against the ba...
Good. I am happy they had to pay the DAR! Good!
Steve Lappier Not DAR. Different group.
Like · August 21 at 9:41pm · Edited

Rory Bowman United Daughters of the CONFEDERACY, as noted.
See More

United Daughters of the Confederacy - Wikipedia
The United Daughters of the Confederacy, also...
EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG
Like · 1 August 22 at 4:47am

Caroline Plumlee I stand corrected....United daughters of the Confederacy... sorry and thank you...
Like · August 21 at 9:56am

Loren Lee Caroline, given your ardent defense of the various confederate monuments and statues....would you mind sharing your connection given that you are from Idaho. Do you have Confederate ancestors?
Like · 1 August 21 at 10:09pm · Edited

Steve Lappier Interestingly enough Loren, I might. I have a pretty unique last name, and they populated Alabama before and during the war. But all the heritage I know is from the north. I'm much more against the stupid flag then the monument though
Like · August 21 at 10:15pm

Debbie Nelson The issue of the JD statue went through a huge public process in years past. I was the mediator. The statue had been on Main St but City council quietly had it moved to the history museum basement. After much public outcry and discussion, the DAR (who had originally paid for it) were allowed to move it to private property. I agree with Kevin Lux that the issue now is the county website. We need more honest history not such a limited view of history.
Like · 3 August 21 at 11:07pm

Pat Joliot Not the DAR. no. Not the Dar. It was the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, not the Daughters of the American Revolution. NOT the daughters of the American revolution. I was the curator at the museum at the time. It is not a statue. It is a stone marker. It was moved from Main Street, not to the basement at first, but to the North lawn because Davis had signed the documents creating Vancouver Barracks. Then to the basement. Then it was released to the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy. Once again, NOT the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Sons and Daughters installed it at ridgelfield, it is a nonprofit organization that owns it.
Like · 6 August 22 at 1:38am

Rory Bowman In retrospect, it probably should have remained in the basement.
Like · 3 August 22 at 4:48am

Donna Sinclair Which documents did Davis sign? I'm working on a historic resource study of the barracks now. And yes, NOT the DAR!
Like · August 22 at 8:33am

Betty Sue Morris Thanks for the clarification, Pat Joliot. Unfortunately, the two do get confused from time to time.
Like · 1 August 22 at 8:33am

Debbie Nelson Thanks for the correct history, Pat. All your details are right, of course.
Like · August 23 at 9:44pm

Rory Bowman *Before the Civil War, citizenship was largely defined by individual states. Some recognized blacks born within their boundaries as citizens, but many did not. As far as national law was concerned, the question was resolved by the Supreme Court in the infamous Dred Scott decision of 1857. Blacks, wrote Chief Justice Roger B. Taney (a statue of whom was removed from public display in Baltimore this week), were and would always be aliens in America. The 14th amendment to the constitution created birthright citizenship, along with due process and equal protection under the law based on this history. The current president's platform called for eliminating birthright citizenship.
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https://www.nytimes.com/...confederate-statues-american...

Opinion | Confederate Statues and 'Our' History
They do not simply commemorate American history, as...
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Like · 1 August 22 at 7:11am

Caroline Plumlee We don't necessarily chose our history... we do, however, have the free will and moral consciousness to choose who we honor from our nation's history. Honoring the SOB Confederate traitors who fought a war against the United States ALL for the purpose of preserving their right to treat black human beings like cattle is being re-evaluated in many local jurisdictions as it should. The only objections I have heard are coming from the winning Neo-Confederates who are pissed that their long con and cover stories/lies have been blown up by the truth and folks with moral courage.
Like · August 22 at 7:14am

Like · 1 August 22 at 8:33am

Donna Sinclair The 14th amendment to the constitution created birthright citizenship, along with due process and equal protection under the law based on this history. The current president's platform called for eliminating birthright citizenship.
Like · Yesterday at 8:16am

Rory Bowman I had not heard this but apparently "The state Transportation Commission agreed [May 10, 2017] to rename Highway 99 in honor of black Civil War soldier William P. Stewart of Snohomish."

SR 99 to be renamed for Snohomish black Civil War soldier | HeraldNet.com
OLYMPIA — The state Transportation Commission...
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Rory Bowman "Stewart moved back to Wisconsin and married Elizabeth "Eliza" Thornton on October 25, 1868, in Logansville. The couple had one son, Vay, a year later in 1869. Stewart lived and worked as a lumber laborer in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, until he and his family relocated to the community of Snohomish in Washington State in 1899. According to Stewart's obituary, he purchased a farm one mile east of the city and became a well-respected citizen. He also became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (DAR), a national fraternal organization comprised of veterans of the Union Army, Union Navy, and Marines who served in the Civil War.
http://www.blackpast.org/aaw/stewart-william-p-1835-1907

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Rory Bowman Video at http://www.king5.com/.../washingtons-highway-99.../193995550
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Washington's State Route 99 will soon be...
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Loren Lee Rory Bowman with help from informed and engaged citizens too from the United States and not the CSA!!

Nancy Schultz Now there's a person like Harriet Tubman who deserves perpetual recognition.

Rory Bowman Leave the names of streets alone !!! If you want to name a street after some one that's great, but make it a new street !!!

Rory Bowman "Traitor Lane" has a certain je ne sais quoi, no?

See Translation

Nancy Schultz I've read all the comments, replies, and re-replies. To those who are afraid that we'll forget somehow the Civil War, I say: aren't we teaching youth about it in schools anymore? A statue is simply a statue: it's not history. To those who think the statues and other memorials to those slave owners should be torn down and junked I say: I agree. But how the heck does Georgia convince the owners of Stone Mountain to sand blast away the faces there? Racists gonna hate. And they're gonna cloak their racism in cries about "our history" and "our culture". I grew up in the South. I went to segregated schools until my sophomore year in high school. I saw how many African Americans lived in that South of 1960s: whole families in shacks. No not the house down your street that needs its porch or gutters fixed; real holes in the walls shacks. That's our history and not so long ago either. Stop these racist arguments about statues. It's idiotic. Get that energy behind something that matters. Did you statue people know that an oil company wants to bring 15,000,000 gallons of oil to this town everyday? That's important.

Debbie Nelson Amen!