

THE BATTLE CRY



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. You may feel that the issue of Civil War monuments is like beating the proverbial “dead horse” and that it has run its course, Horses are involved in the removal of monuments as well as those historic figures mounted upon them. To my knowledge no horses have been injured in their excision. However, in Manatee County, Florida the recent removal of a 22 foot, 8.5 ton obelisk donated by the Daughters of the Confederacy in 1924, was not only taken from its approximately ninety-year site but it was broken in the process. The remains have been deposited in an “undisclosed” crypt [my word].



Bordering on maniacal behavior are those who not only want to take down a Civil War monument but also would put up new ones to support their more “appropriate” cause. That trend was cleverly satirized in the Sarasota Herald Tribune cartoon below.

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TRIVIA LITE

- 1) What nickname expressing admiration was bestowed upon barely literate Nathan B. Forrest, C.S.A.?
- 2) What document issued to a ship's captain by the C.S.A. authorized “legalized piracy”?
- 3) What English-made rifle had a hexagonal bore and fired a six-sided bullet?
- 4) During the March to the sea, what name was given to Sherman's soldiers who were authorized to live off the land?



January Speaker Bio

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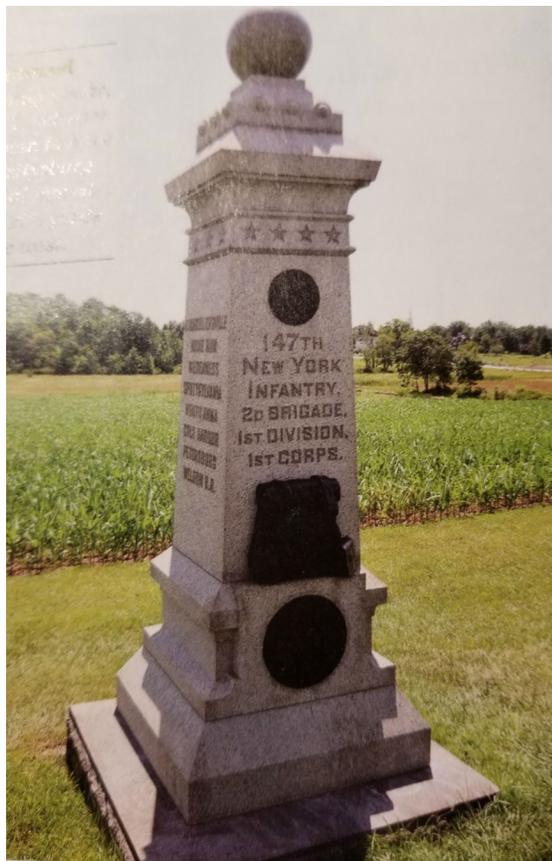
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Author of *The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman: Nathan Bedford Forrest* (1998) and *George Henry Thomas; as True as Steel* (2012) among other works. Brian is a professor of History at KSU. His subject for our meeting is: **Nathan Bedford Forrest.**



Two "controversial" Confederate statues were removed from public parks by city officials who worked around Tennessee law and a state historical commission ruling that would have kept the monuments in place. Statues of **Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest** and of Confederate President, **Jefferson Davis**. Were moved to an undisclosed location in the dark of night. The Tennessee Historical Commission voted On Oct. 3 [2016] to deny the city's application to remove the Forrest statue. Politics or abuse of the law?



GETTYSBURG: MISPLACED MEMORIAL— A VALID REASON TO MOVE A MONUMENT.

Artist John Bachelder made an isometric map of the battle. Given the reports he received from an adjutant, Bachelder assumed the location of the 147th NY Infantry at 10 A.M. July 1, 1863. The monument remained in its position for over twenty years. when, on March 5, 1889 Bachelder announced that he had new information that would allow relocation of the NY monument. The true position of the 147th NY was 200 yards to the west! The error* had been honest but a long time to discover.

*Hartwig, D. Scott. *Fault Lines, in America's Civil War.* 31:1:March, 2018, p. 12, 14.