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Honour and the Display of Flags

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Would you dishonour your service-veteran Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother, or other family members by displaying a flag with the Swastika or the Red Rising Sun at their graveside? Would you dishonour them by placing *any* flag at their final resting place with a flag of opposing ideas, beliefs, and morals?

If your answer is No, then why would you want to dishonour your Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Uncle, or other family members who served in the Confederate forces and lived in a country of their own (the Confederate States of America) by placing the United States flag at their final resting place?

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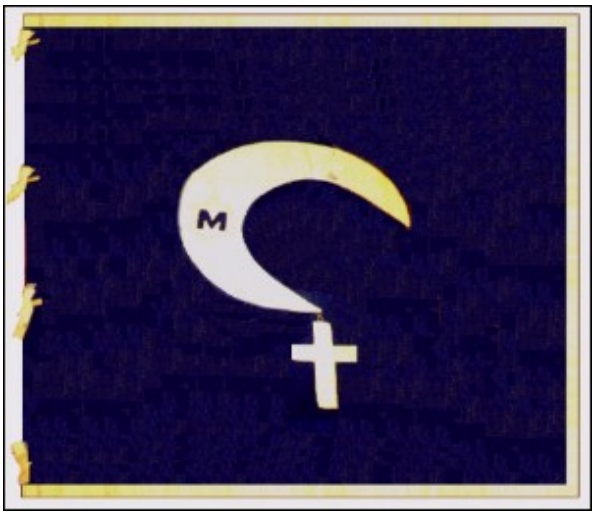
If your answer is No, then why would you want to display a flag (the US flag) that opposed your Father, Grandfather, or other family members, at SCV functions? A flag that represented most everything your ancestor opposed. The flag that represented the very ideas that may have killed him or members of his family. The very flag that represented the laws that oppressed your ancestors for many years before, during, and after the War of Lincoln.



I find it rather amusing, in a disturbing way, that we have members who feel it "unpatriotic" not to display the US flag at SCV functions, and especially at the memorials of our Confederate ancestors. What is "unpatriotic" is to display a flag that opposed your ancestor, regardless of which side he defended. What would be your reactions if a US soldier's grave site was decorated with the flag he fought against? You would be fighting mad. The

same holds true with our Confederate ancestors.

At an SCV function, the decision to display certain flags should be left to the individual Camps. Who better knows how to operate their Camp—certainly not our Central Command or others not associated with that Camp.

Let us remember to honour our Confederate ancestors in the manner they deserve, with the representation of the flag of their country or the soldier's flag for which they bled and died to make a better America.