

Georgia Martin

From: us.vet@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Fwd: AMVETS: GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM

Gentlemen: As per your request for input and comments from the general public; please find the attached statement from the AMVET Veterans Service Organization; In Tennessee we have more than 24,000 members and supporters and if you so desire this office will have each one to contact your office in regards to this committee's move to relocate a known American Veteran; General Nathan Bedford Forrest, from the State Capitol Grounds. Federal Laws protect the rights of American Veterans and AMVETS feels this committee has singled out one brightest military leaders in American History; recently in a State Proclamation it was stated "Nathan Bedford Forrest is a recognized military figure in American history , and a native Tennessean" , Therefore AMVETS agrees with Governor Haslam and supports keeping the General's Bust in place and leaving ALL MILITARY MONUMENTS ALONE.

R. F. HARTLEY
AMVETS
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

From: "us vet" <us.vet@comcast.net>
To: davtnhq@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 9:06:59 AM
Subject: Fwd: AMVETS: GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM

From: "us vet" <us.vet@comcast.net>
To: "bill haslam" <bill.haslam@tn.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 2:35:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: AMVETS: GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM

From: "us vet" <us.vet@comcast.net>
To: sawdustshortlegs@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:36:08 PM
Subject: AMVETS: GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM

Greetings: Recent events have prompted this office to consider all the facts and a statement of which is below. Our American History is not to be tampered with, by anyone. The Governor of South

on. When all was lost, they returned home. But home was a place of desolation; it's farmland, manufacturing and industry totally destroyed by a vengeful victor. There was no Marshall Plan to help rebuild the South, no Aid Packages from the United States Government. Rebuilding was up to the Southern people, but with their families and their strong faith, rebuild they did. The States that suffered and survived the devastation of war and the sting of defeat did pick themselves up from the ashes of their once grand place among the states and rebuilt. They created a new America United and took their place forging its history.

The men who served in the Southern Armies and it's Naval forces, have by Federal Law been recognized as American Veterans and thus are entitled to the salute of this Nation United.

AMVETS; stands firm that no stature, bust, painting, etching, or plaque of any of it's War-time Hero's shall be removed from it's place of honor; nor shall any of its hero's their graves, tombs, monuments be disturbed.

Politicians must be made aware that attempts to dishonor ANY of our American Military Hero's will not be acceptable, but will be remembered; especially on election day. Therefore let the word go out that if you stand on principle, and your moral obligation to honor ALL American Veterans of this Nation we will see you as a friend and patriot. But if you run for cover and hide behind the thin mask mask of political correctness, when it time we send you back to whence you came.

Col. Ron F. Hartley
AMVETS
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

Georgia Martin

From: us.vet@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:21 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: keep General Forrest in the Capatial:

From: "us vet" <us.vet@comcast.net>
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Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:45:51 AM
Subject: Fwd: AMVETS: GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM

From: "us vet" <us.vet@comcast.net>
To: "capitol artifacts" <capitol.artifacts@tn.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:44:09 AM
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their duty . Lest we forget that over 650,00 American Soldiers and sailors died in the war from 1861-1865.

Each one was an American and to dishonor one is to dishonor all. Any Nation that would allow their sacrifices to be disregarded or trivialized is a Nation that has lost it's moral compass. Further any elected or appointed official that would yield to those who demand the revision of American History is not worthy of the confidence of the American Public.

The Soldiers and sailors who marched to war 154 years ago, did not leave home and family, and comfort for glory, fame or notoriety, theirs was a higher calling, to defend their homes, family .

Through hardship upon hardship the men from the Southern States conducted themselves with dignity and honor and did the best they could, even with over whelming odds and many misfortunes they carried out their respective duties and fought on. When all was lost, they returned home. But home was a place of desolation; it's farmland, manufacturing and industry totally destroyed by a vengeful victor. There was no Marshall Plan to help rebuild the South, no Aid Packages from the United States Government. Rebuilding was up to the Southern people, but with their families and their strong faith, rebuild they did. The States that suffered and survived the devastation of war and the sting of defeat did pick themselves up from the ashes of their once grand place among the states and rebuilt. They created a new America United and took their place forging its history.

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Georgia Martin

From: the3crazysisters <the3crazysisters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: General Forest. Keep it!!!

Leave the bust of Nathan Bedford Forest in the capital in it's current place. The governor has stated in his proclamation as of July 13th 2015 that general Forest is a recognized military figure in American history and a native Tennessean.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Georgia Martin

From: Janiece Hamblen <mamajan792@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 12:50 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: In regards to existing art

Dear Committee,

I would like to weigh in on the attack on the history of the South and all artifacts of the Civil War. It is important to me that your decision grandfathers in all busts, paintings and statues that are already placed on State government property. The people of Tennessee need to know about the hero's that fought for their liberty, yet lost. They were true men and women of vision and lovers of liberty, which we no longer have.

Janiece Hamblen

Georgia Martin

From: michaelbradley@lighttube.net
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 9:55 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest

Members of the Commission,

It is my firm opinion that the bust of N.B. Forrest should remain in its present location in the capitol.

Michael R. Bradley, Ph D---Vanderbilt University, professor emeritus

Georgia Martin

From: Kim Stout <kim-stout@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Keep Forrest Bust

Keep General Forrest where he is.

Where will this stop....Andrew Jackson, James K Polk, Sam Davis?

A big source of revenue in our State is from tourism of historical sites. People are going to laugh at Tennessee for getting caught up in this media driven madness of trying to eradicate the past. Please rise above it and leave General Forrest alone.

Kim Stout
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Georgia Martin

From: Robert Jarrell <rmjarrell57@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 5:33 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Keep Nathan Bedford Forrest in the Statehouse where he belongs!

Don't move the bust!

Robert Jarrell
4330 McMinnville Hwy
Manchester, TN 37355

(615)305-3412.

Saturday, August 28, 2015

To: Artifacts Sub-Committee, appointed by the Tennessee Capitol Commission

Chairman Bob Martineau, Tennessee Commissioner of Environment and Conservation

Re: Guidelines regarding specifically Artifacts at the Capitol and on the Capitol Grounds

Dear Chairman Martineau and Committee Members:

As a concerned citizen of the United States of America living in the state of Tennessee,

I would like to offer my considered opinion and the following facts:

Under the Declaration of Independence, adopted July 4, 1776, and also the first constitution of the United States of America which was known as the Articles of Confederation, adopted by the Continental Congress on November 15, 1777, but not fully ratified by all thirteen sovereign states until March 1, 1781; and in force for eight years until the US Constitution went into effect in 1789; and according to the Bill of Rights, and the state Constitution of the Great State of Tennessee.....

We, the people have choice in America.

We decide who our heroes and heroines are, not our government.

Our Capitol belongs to the People and was completed at its present location in 1859, and has been noted as constructed by convict, slave and free labor artisans.

You, as a Sub-Committee of the Capitol Commission, do not have the authority to do anything but facilitate the People in their choice of honoring their chosen heroes and heroines, as has been the case whereby the People have always chosen freely their own heroes and heroines and how they wish to memorialize them and tell the great story of the history of our state in a fair, balanced and unrestricted manner.

Management of these Artifacts does not constitute control over "choice by the People" and by statute you are only given authority in the area of managerial supervision.

It should be noted that for the most part, I believe all, if not almost all, of the artifacts currently at the Capitol and on the Capitol grounds today, have been financed by the People of the great state of Tennessee who have funded fully by donation, gift, bequest, grant, and tax payer dollars for maintenance, and who have seen the process through by

Georgia Martin

From: Michael Anderson <anderson3@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 11:01 AM
To: capitol.artifacts@tn.gov
Cc: rep.judd.matheny@capitol.tn.gov; sen.janice.bowling@capitol.tn.gov
Subject: Artifacts at the capitol

Dear Commissioners:

We are opposed to any changes to guidelines that have been used to select artifacts. For example, the busts of famous Tennesseans reside at the capitol building. Every single one is there because of what they achieved in life. But also, every single one had shortcomings. Just leave them as “famous Tennesseans”. We certainly don’t want to see Gen. Forrest’s bust, or the Sam Davis statute removed. Nor should any other bust be removed. If you google “Busts in Tennessee Capitol”, several of the listed sites are from newspaper quotes about only Gen. Forrest. They invariably mention Gen. Forrest’s association with the Klan. None bother to point out that he called for the abolishment of the Klan. Nor do they bother to point out his work after the war to prevent job discrimination of Blacks, or his work to see that Blacks could vote. For those writers, his sins were beyond redemption.

Men and women who have led our state in some capacity are human. As humans, they all have faults, but they had great virtues as well. No need for us the play God and try to sort the just from the unjust. Just leave it as it is and honor those that led us in some way. Leave the busts and statutes where they are!

Sincerely,

Michael and Patricia Anderson
87 Tanglewood Drive
Manchester, TN 37355

Georgia Martin

From: Donnie Ashley <donnie.ashley6567@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2015 5:38 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Guidelines regarding specifically Artifacts at the Capitol and on the Capitol Grounds

Sunday, August 29, 2015

To: Artifacts Sub-Committee, appointed by the Tennessee Capitol Commission
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I strongly advise you to use caution in these trying times when passions seem to be running high and inflammatory rhetoric should not be tolerated out of respect for those we only wish to honor.

The history which made our existing Artifacts eligible for recognition has not changed.

And I call upon you as a Committee to act reasonably, with no predisposed bias, and to recuse yourselves if any possible bias might exist that would prevent you from making fair decisions, respecting the right of all our People, their cultures, history and traditions.

Sincerely,

Donnie Ashley, 6567 Orange Plank Drive, Hixson, Tennessee 37343 423-710-2259

Georgia Martin

From: Sergeant Major Larry E. Williams, US Army/Ret <tennesseans2@blomand.net>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 5:34 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Fw: LEAVE GENERAL FORREST ALONE.....

Artifacts at the capitol

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Sincerely,

Sergeant Major (E-9) Larry E. & Mrs. Sheila M. Williams, US Army/ Retired
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Georgia Martin

From: Holice Gilliland <holiceg@wcs.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 9:09 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: General Nathan Bedford Forrest

Dear Sir:

The bust of General Forrest should remain in the State Capital, right in front of the House of Representatives. General Forrest was an untutored military genius, he is considered by many experts to be one of the greatest Cavalry officers that this nation has ever produced, bar none, north or south! His tactics and battles are still studied worldwide by many military academies. He is a Tennessean, and I am very proud that he is from our state! In my opinion we should do more to honor this great Tennessean, he was without a doubt honorable, brave, generous, loyal and above all he was a great leader in war and peace. After the war General Forrest told his men to go home and be good citizens; his men respected General Forrest, and most followed the Generals advice! After the war General Forrest worked tirelessly to improve the lives of everyone not only in Memphis, but across all of Tennessee and the South. My great grandfather was a Confederate veteran from Tennessee, he admired General Forrest, as did all the veterans of the War Between the States. We should all do more to honor this great Tennessean!

Thank You,

Dr. Holice Odell Gilliland, Jr.
Teacher at BHS

Georgia Martin

From: Tenncoastie <tenncoastie@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Changing Guidelines

Dear Chairman Martineau and Committee Members:

The Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2013 says: "No statue, monument, memorial, nameplate or plaque erected to honor a number of Wars, including the Civil War, that is on public property may not be relocated, removed, altered, renamed, rededicated, or otherwise disturbed".

The Tennessee Legislature enacted this law a short two years ago and already people are trying to change it! Of course, this is the result of a "knee-jerk" reaction to a tragic, senseless act of murder by a crazy-man in Charleston recently. I see no relationship between this tragic event and a culture-war on our Southern heritage. The disharmony and unrest in other states should have no effect on how Tennesseans honor their heroes.

I am opposed to any change in the guidelines that determine which of our Tennessee heroes we honor. All of the busts of these heroes, that reside in the Capitol are there because of their accomplishments. They were flesh and blood human beings who did extraordinary things, each in his own way. They are to be admired, honored for their sacrifices, and remembered in the highest place of honor in Tennessee. Every one of them had human fragilities and shortcomings, just as we all do. These should not diminish their value as heroes. Targeting certain Tennessee heroes who have been honored in the Capitol for years should not take place due to the overreaction and demands of a few who wish to spread disharmony here.

I call upon this Committee to act reasonably and make fair decisions that respect the rights of all Tennessee citizens, their culture, history and traditions.

Sincerely,

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Georgia Martin

From: Jim Hoobler
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 8:49 AM
To: Georgia Martin
Subject: FW: Forrest's Bust

This one came to me. Also, Ms Coker left me a voice mail. She wants a list of privately funded and government funded busts. I will see what I can pull together.

Jim Hoobler

From: Tom Russell [<mailto:trussell@fpunet.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Jim Hoobler
Subject: Forrest's Bust

Dear Jim,

I am writing you about the possible removal of Forrest's bust from our capitol.

I write objecting to its removal.

To whom could I express my objection? To you? To someone else?

My position, my wish. Let whoever has the final say-so be consistent and fair. Consistent and fair by leaving Forrest's bust or removing Gen. Andrew Jackson's statue. With the "Trail of tears" event Jackson caused more suffering for more people than Forrest.

What would happen if there were a significant number of American Indians living in Tennessee who objected to Jackson being on the capitol ground as there are those who are objecting to Forrest?

Both were great Tennesseans, both had their faults.

Would appreciate an answer from you.

sincerely,

Tom Russell
A Tennessean

Georgia Martin

From: RAndrews1246@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts; Larry Martin
Cc: Donandrews67@att.net
Subject: (no subject)

From: RAndrews1246@aol.com

To: Capitol.artifacts@tn.gov
Larry.Martin@tn.gov

Sent: 8/30/2015 11:52:59 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: Removal of Nathan Bedford Forrest

Mr. Martin:

I am aware of the movement to remove the Bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest from the Capitol grounds and would like to voice an opinion before any decision is reached.

I was born in Tennessee and all my family are buried there. Although I currently live in Georgia, Tennessee is my heritage and very proud that it is. It bothers me that today we still have people who keep dragging up the history of our country thinking by taking down the Stars & Bars Flag or removing a statue it will somehow give someone peace in hopes of uniting us when in fact all it is doing is dividing us even more.

First, General Forrest was a brilliant general. His tactics and strategies were and still are today, used at West Point, Annapolis The Citadel and Tank Schools. General Patton studied his battle plans and deception techniques. If anyone was smart enough to read anything about General Forrest they would come to understand he was as caring with his men and their horses as he was fierce in battle. Something all of Tennessee and the country should admire. So if you plan to remove his monument you might as well remove Robert E Lee, Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson as they all fought for the same cause.

While we are talking about causes, I think it would be wise for whom ever is promoting the disillusionment of the statue to look into the real reason for the Civil War. Only uneducated, self interested idiots will tell you it was over slavery. If you take the time to look at your history books you will see that Tennessee, Arkansas, Virginia and North Carolina only left the Union after Lincoln resupplied Fort Sumter and pledged to raise an army of 75,000 while Congress was not in session with the express purpose of invading other states. Furthermore, the secession ordinances of Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee do not even mention Slavery

Georgia Martin

From: Don Andrews <donandrews67@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Bust Removal from Tennessee Capitol

Larry Martin, Chairman
Tennessee State Capitol Commission

I would strongly suggest you think through the current consideration of the commission to remove a historical monument (Bust of General Nathan Bedford Forrest) from the Tennessee State Capitol Building because a fringe group believes it is controversial. You personally must realize this is a very slippery slope, with no end in sight once you start down this path. What will be your position when this same group demands that statues, paintings and busts of Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson and James K. Polk be removed for reasons of "cultural cleansing"? And they will - it is only a matter of time!

Ethnic cleansing of history has a dubious past and is not limited to 1930's Germany, 1990's Rwanda and 2014/15 Iraq and Syria. Please help me understand the difference between what you are considering in Nashville compared to what ISIS/ISIL is doing to UNESCO World Heritage Sites (and other buildings and artifacts) in the Middle East? They are removing everything from history that they find offensive (not politically and culturally correct) according to their personal beliefs. As with ISIL, cultural cleansings is predicated on a lack of knowledge, outright lies and hatred. Do you really want to follow this path, because no one in Tennessee is willing to stand up for our history (emphasis on *knowledge acquired by investigative study of the past*)?

Please, as a native Tennessean now living in Texas, I ask you to stand up for all people and their understanding of all history and not to be seduced by the fanatical mob mentality that leads to book burning, painting and statue defacement and/or destruction and the removal of the busts of our historical figures regardless of the current (and cyclical) movement of misguided political correctness.

Don Andrews
Denton, Texas

Georgia Martin

From: Mark Buchanan <markbuchanan1688@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:31 PM
To: Bob Martineau
Cc: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Save Tennessee history

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Decisions honoring and concerning historical monuments, statues, artifacts, parks, persons etc. should be decided by a joint resolution by the Tennessee legislature.

Sent from

Mail on Android

Georgia Martin

From: Jim Hoobler
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 8:16 AM
To: Georgia Martin
Subject: FW: Busts in the Capitol

From: Mike Coker [mailto:thevale@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:44 PM
To: Jim Hoobler
Subject: Re: Busts in the Capitol

Jim:

Thanks for this information. I was under the impression that it was the Black Caucus that sponsored the Middle Passage marker but that the text was written by an intern at the THC, at least that is what I understood from past information we discussed by phone.

But then, they are legislators so I guess they do fall under that category.

I would like to determine what percentage of the money raised for artifacts was privately raised or donated versus what was funded by tax payer dollars.

Maybe that is not something that has been determined anywhere yet, but I guess it should be since I am assuming these Guidelines will take up issues that are specifically related to who and how these artifacts will be allowed now.

Personally, I think that we have had very few actual "guidelines" since the Capitol came into existence in 1859 and as far as I am concerned, I think we've done pretty well considering the beauty of the decor and the appropriateness of a balanced representation of our state history and I know

I plan to take the tour of the Capitol again tomorrow to re-familiarize myself with exactly what we have now as Artifacts and the stories presented about them, so I will be knowledgeable enough to discuss this subject in greater depth.

If I have any further questions, I will not hesitate to use your very competent services.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Coker
615-417-6363

On Thursday, September 3, 2015 7:30 AM, Jim Hoobler <Jim.Hoobler@tn.gov> wrote:

Elizabeth:

The museum is responsible for the placement of the portraits in the hallways, the former library and the former Supreme Court Chamber. We also loan items requested by the office occupants for those rooms. The Catholic church marker was put up by the Tennessee Historical Commission many years ago, as was the one for the building itself. The Middle Passage marker was put up by the legislature.

If Peter has a list on their web site, it can be downloaded and printed from there. I know that they worked up a listing of busts and monuments. I have not looked at their web site.

Jim Hoobler

From: Mike Coker [<mailto:thevale@att.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 9:00 PM
To: Jim Hoobler
Subject: Re: Busts in the Capitol

Thank you Jim for this information.

I noticed there were two busts of Andrew Jackson. Which one came first, the state funded one or the private funded one?

Alfred Alexander Taylor
John Sevier
Joseph C. Carr, Sr.
Admiral Albert Gleaves
Admiral David G. Farragut
Andrew Johnson
Sampson W. Keeble
Andrew Jackson, (Purveyor Mims sculptor)
14th & 15th Amendments
19th Amendment
Cordell Hull

Privately funded:

Andrew Jackson by G. Proctor, funded by the Ladies Hermitage Assoc.
James K. Polk by G. Proctor, funded by the Polk Memorial Assoc.
Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, funded by the Jo Johnston Camp No. 28, of the SCV.
George Washington, funded by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America
Sequoyah, gift of the artist to State Museum
Mary deNoilles Murfree, Tennessee Historical Society

Georgia Martin

From: Bill and Karen Somerville <billkaren-s@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 8:00 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: REQUEST

I would like to request that the Artifacts Committee not allow a small group of people in the Capitol to be allowed to decide for the Tennessee voting public who should and should not be honored on our state property. Thank you for your support on this important issue. Bill in Piperton, TN

BILL SOMERVILLE

Georgia Martin

From: Sanford <SanPayton@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts; Bob Martineau
Subject: Criteria For Honoring People in TN Capitol

Dear Sir,

I understand that a subcommittee of the Capitol Commission has been formed to decide the criteria that will be used to decide who may be honored in the State Capitol, and in what manner. No small committee or subcommittee should be allowed to dictate who can be honored by the people of Tennessee in *our* state capitol. Those decisions should be made by the people of Tennessee through our elected representatives.

Therefore, the criteria for honoring someone in our state capitol should be decided in each case by a joint resolution of the Tennessee Senate and House of Representatives. No other rule would be just,

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Georgia Martin

From: MasseyLA@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 9:51 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Forrest bust

My Sons of Confederate Veterans camp was behind the fund raising for the Forrest bust in the capitol. Tennessee seceded once it was apparent the United States would use coercion. Tennessee called her sons to protect our borders and no soldier was more remarkable than Forrest. I am for keeping it in the capitol.

Ross Massey

Georgia Martin

From: Keith Alexander <keithalexander123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:24 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: I am against a small unelected committee deciding the fate of Confederate monuments. Any changes of this sort should be submitted to the voters of Tennessee for an up or down vote. Likewise, any efforts to rename streets, courthouses or other government...

Georgia Martin

From: Donnie Ashley <donnie.ashley6567@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 4:54 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: KEEP General Forrest in our Statehouse

Vote YES! KEEP General Forrest in our Statehouse in Support of the True history of the South.

Georgia Martin

From: Will Addington <wameade01@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 5:17 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: N.B. Forrest

YES! KEEP General Forrest in our Statehouse in Support of the True history of the South!

Georgia Martin

From: James Hodgson <hodgson.jb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 6:08 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Re: N.B. Forrest bust in the state capitol

Commissioner Bob Martineau:

Sir, I would like to respectfully express my opinion that the bust of General N. B. Forrest, CSA, should be kept in its current location in our state capitol building. I urge you to support this course of action, and to recognize that to do less dishonors our ancestors and facilitates the distortion of the true history of Tennessee and the South.

Best regards,

Maj. James B. Hodgson (retired)
Bradley County Sheriff's Office
Cleveland, Tennessee

Georgia Martin

From: deloachhc@epbfi.com
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2015 9:04 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Fwd: N.B.Forrest bust

From: deloachhc@epbfi.com
To: "capitol artifacts" <capitol.artifacts@tn.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 9:31:21 AM
Subject: N.B.Forrest bust

Commissioner Bob Martineau

Vote YES! Keep General Forrest in our Statehouse in support of the true history of the South.

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Georgia Martin

From: Randy Davidson <rdperc@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: memorials

To the members of the Commission,

I am a Tennessee native for 50 years. Over that time, I certainly have not agreed with everything, but I have accepted and recognized others may have different feelings. The people that the state of Tennessee chooses to recognize are certainly not perfect people, but we must learn from their mistakes and acknowledge their transformations in life. Hopefully by doing this, we will all learn more about each other, and be less likely to make a bad decision due to lack of knowledge or suspicion. I hope you will consider leaving things just the way they are, and possibly adding to the artifacts which Tennessee chooses to display in the future.

Sincerely,

Randall Davidson
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Nashville, Tn. 37211

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Georgia Martin

From: Sonny <dmsc@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts; Bob Martineau
Subject: Criteria For Honoring People in TN Capitol

Not a fan of a "subcommittee" of the Capital Commission to be formed to dictate the criteria and manner in which individuals may be honored in the State Capital.

I think those decisions should be made by the voting citizens of the State of Tennessee through their elected representatives. Otherwise, the voting citizens of our State lose their voice. Our state should not be subjected to the method proposed.

Sincerely,
Sonny Collins

Georgia Martin

From: Mark Choate <choatecav@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2015 7:13 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Bust of Gen Forrest

Please do not remove the bust of General Forrest for the sake of Political pressure. It is part of our history and he is part of our history and I, as a sixth generation Tennessean, and a member of the "First Families of Tennessee," feel that is very, very important.

Mark Choate
Dickson, Tennessee

Georgia Martin

From: thomas redford <lredford66@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Vote YES! KEEP General Forrest in our Statehouse in Support of the True history of the South.

Vote YES! KEEP General Forrest in our Statehouse in Support of the True history of the South.

Lynn Redford

Georgia Martin

From: jenkins2@bellsouth.net
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Yes to keep Forrest bust

Vote YES to keep the Forrest bust in the Capital!!!

Michael Jenkins

Sent from my iPhone

Georgia Martin

From: D Robinson <robinson.debraann@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2015 5:38 PM
To: Bob Oglesby; Sen.jack.johnson@capital.tn.gov; davidlillard@tn.gov; Capitol Artifacts; Senator_Bob_Corker@corker.eneews.senate.gov
Subject: Re-writing History

Gentlemen,

I am mortified there are people in the great state of TN trying to remove from our lexicon every American hero from Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson to Davey Crockett, General Robert E. Lee and General Nathan Bedford Forrest. These are the foundig fathers of our country, state, and cities!

History is to be studied, treasured, and honored. Most of all our founding fathers are to be respected. How else does a nation grow?

ANY decisions deciding criteria for honoring anyone in our state capital whether historical statues, plaques, markers, signage or any other form of representation should be decided in each case by a joint resolution of the legislature. City or state parks cannot be renamed at the whim on any one group. Statues of founding fathers should be respected and anyone disfiguring a statue should be punished to the full extent of the law.

Turning our backs on our founding fathers is only one step away from allowing these same people to turn their backs on current laws. Please stand and defend our state, our laws, and most of all the people who elected you!

Thank you so very much for your service to the great state of TN and ALL of her people!

Debra Ann Robinson

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Georgia Martin

From: Diane Rivenbark <ittycats2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2015 8:25 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Capitol Commission and

please don't allow our history, heritage to be removed! Nathan Bedford Forrest, Robert Edward Lee, Jefferson Davis, Davy Crockett, Andrew Jackson, Christopher Columbus, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington are under attack- these are distinguished Americans, honorable. We don't believe the Nat'l. Register of Historic Places, TN Heritage Protection Act, Mandatory Confederate Monuments Act, Civil War Preservation Trust, or Nat'l. Trust for Historical Preservation would permit these changes. Consider reading: The War That Forged A Nation- Why the Civil War Still Matters by James McPherson, The Confederate Battle Flag- America's Most Embattled Emblem by John Coski, and American History As A Political Tool- The A.P.U.S.H. Curriculum Outline- The Problems and the Remedies by Hal Rounds. Your Compatriots, Diane, Bill, and Will Rivenbark, SCV, UDC, NSDAR, and Civil War Re-enactors, Q's- 901-590-2188.

Georgia Martin

From: Steve Troxler <steve@luceyboiler.com>
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 3:39 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: keep forrest

Yes! Keep forrest in our statehouse insupport of true history of south

Richard S.Troxler

Georgia Martin

From: Peter Snyder <peterfsnyder@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 6:03 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Historical Controversy

Commissioner Bob Martineau,

The Forrest Bust needs to stay where it is. The fact that there is this controversy over it only demonstrates the need for it to be there. People have forgotten our history, and those who do not know their history are bound to repeat it. And, what they repeat is the part that no one would like to see, again. N.B. Forrest was an incredible man who stood head and shoulders above the mass of people. He was responsible and of sound character. And, he was most effective at whatever he undertook. Military schools, including West Point, have studied him for many years, as well as many overseas. It's a shame that he has been kicked out of the curriculum of many secondary schools. But, God has been kicked out, too. What is our country coming to, since it cannot recognize truth? Are we to succumb to the shouts of ignorant mobs? Are we not going to stand in the midst of falsehoods? I encourage you to not only stand firm, but to go further in turning around those ignorant of our history.

Peter Snyder
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Georgia Martin

From: dadallielama@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:04 PM
To: Bob Oglesby; Sen.jack.johnson@capital.tn.gov; davidlillard@tn.gov; Capitol Artifacts
Categories: Red Category

To Whom It May Concern:

On June 23, 2015, Rep. McCormick sent a letter to the members of the Capitol Commission concerning removing the bronze bust of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest to appease the Black Caucus. Gen. Forrest had more positive attributes in his little finger than the majority of politicians who have sat in office in Nashville, past and present, could ever hope to attain. One past senator severely lacking in positive attributes who comes to mind was usually found falling off a stool in a Nashville bar from a "blood problem".....then there was governor "Pardon Me Ray"..... I could go on.

The U.S. House Congressional subcommittee which cleared Gen. Forrest of any relationship with what was called the Kuklux during Redestruction, a civilian defense organization that was not a precursor for the modern-day KKK, made this statement concerning the plight of Tennessee during 1865 through 1871 and during the reign of terror by Governor Brownlow:

“...as early as 1865 began a series of acts of outlawry and oppression which drove her people almost to desperation; whatever was necessary to maintain in power the [Northern] men who had seized the reins of government was ordered and executed with a high hand, and when necessary, at the point of a bayonet.”

150 years later and this eighth-generation Tennessean believes, and I am definitely not alone, that we are right back there again, but this time looking at the point of a bayonet that has “Heritage Annihilation” written on it. Once you destroy a people’s heritage, you have erased them from the earth. Any decisions made for choosing a "criteria" for deciding which Tennesseans should be honored with statues, plaques, markers, signage, etc. in our tax-payer funded state capitol should be made in a case-by-case manner by a joint resolution of the legislature so that the VOICES of the tax payers can be heard.....TAX PAYERS!!

Sincerely,

Becky Muska, 585 Dry Branch Ln., Olivehill, TN, 38475, 901-876-3363

Georgia Martin

From: Bill Kelsey <williemack22@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:12 PM
To: Bob Martineau; Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Gnl> Forrest Bust

Categories: Red Category

Bob
As Senator Brian Kelsey's uncle I wish to let you know it is wrong to consider moving Genl. Forrest from the Capitol. Four generations of our family have been named for the General. It was a way for my grandmother to honor her father by naming one of sons for his General and our family has honored her by continuing to name sons Forrest.

Bill

Georgia Martin

From: Tarry Beasley <Tarry@BeasleyLawFirm.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 2:01 PM
To: Capitol Artifacts
Subject: Statues in the Capitol

Gentlemen,

It seems to me that the entire state legislature should vote on the statues placed in the capitol. Why should a few make the decision for our entire state with out the rest of the state being represented thru their representatives?

I would appreciate your appropriate consideration of this proposal.

Tarry Beasley

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