



Arizona Division Sons of Confederate Veterans



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The Arizona Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) fully supports our Military, Veterans, Law Enforcement and the right of free speech for all as provided in our Constitution. We do not condone, support, and in fact condemn racist and supremacist thinking. The SCV continues to be a benevolent, patriotic, and historic group whose charge since 1896 is to protect the legacy and heritage of our ancestors- Confederate Veterans. These men are considered American war veterans under United States Law, and are provided the same rights and honors as all other U.S. Veterans.

We, the Arizona Division, empathize with the sentiments of our brothers in the North Carolina Division, and are equally disgusted and outraged over the complete disrespect and ultimate destruction of a treasured historical monument at UNC. "Silent Sam" was dedicated in 1913 as a remembrance and tribute to the approximately 1,800 students and alumni of UNC who left school to defend their homes and State- including the 287 that died. What purpose does it serve to discount our Country's heritage and sacrifice but to destroy all American history!

Monuments to the men and women who served all of our nations' conflicts are now under assault. Our political Leaders need to step forward with new laws that provide repercussions for those who destroy sacred properties. Furthermore, we ask that local Law Enforcement does their due diligence in protecting ALL the people of our great Nation and the symbols that we hold dear recognizing our forefather's sacrifices. The Sons of Confederate Veterans will not resort to the malicious and inexcusable behavior of these lawless vandals who riot and destroy, and believes that those who perform these acts, along with those that stand by and allow this behavior to occur, should be held accountable by both the Law and the Media.

The time is now to address this recurring issue across our Country and bring respect and lawfulness back into our culture.

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