

Letters to the editor County Commission buys into ‘Lost Cause’ mythology

Editor:

It was sad to watch several Bulloch County commissioners inebriated with “Lost Cause” moonshine vote earlier this week against a marker contextualizing Civil War history after Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) members’ phone-a-thon pressure last Saturday.

GOP founder Abraham Lincoln’s changing views on slavery are part of his greatness, but not to the SCV who denounce him as weak with out-of-context quotes. Tariffs on cotton, which was only available because slaves picked it, is a favorite SCV distractor

to avoid discussing slavery.

Mike Mull “mulled” everyone to sleep again with more Lost Cause mythology, knowing he would not be challenged. SCV members even had the gall to bring up long debunked conspiracy theories about MLK and the civil rights movement, while we are mourning John Lewis. It appeared there was even a “SCV camp chaplain,” which points to the need to further explore the longstanding support of SCV by some area churches.

Down in Appling County, the “Appling Grays” use the local Boy Scouts chapter to infuse Lost Cause myths

since the school system has frustrated their assault on secondary school U.S. history classes by basing content on “The Civil War” by Shelby Foote. Unlike SCV members, Foote is actually a historian.

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