

Letter to the editor

Stop accepting awards from Sons of Confederate Vets

Editor:

Saturday's Statesboro Herald showed yet another way Lost Cause mythology is being infused into our school system by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The local SCV group gives a \$250 scholarship called the H.L. Hunley Award to a JROTC member of a local high school.

JROTC is training young people to be members of the United States armed services – an enemy of which was Confederate soldiers/sailors. Horace L. Hunley, for whom the SCV has named their award after, was dedicated to killing U.S. Navy personnel.

His submarine sank each of the three times it sortied out to sea killing many Confederate sailors including Hunley himself

on the second trip. Hunley, therefore, did not get to witness the killing of five U.S. Navy personnel, as well as the entire crew of the Hunley, on the third and final trip.

Hardly an award that should be associated with JROTC in Statesboro, especially when military recruitment is a problem. How do African-American JROTC cadets feel about being associated with or even winning an award from an organization dedicated to obscuring basic historical facts like slavery caused the Civil War?

Let's follow the Marines and NASCAR by getting all Confederate symbols out of our school systems.

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