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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Sons of Confederate Veterans

"The National Confederate Museum at Historic Elm Springs"

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The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of Defense
Washington, DC

Dear Sir,

The members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) wish to congratulate you on your appointment as the new Secretary of Defense. The SCV is America's oldest continuously operating veterans' organization. It is nonpolitical and nonsectarian, with members representing all ethnic, religious, and geographical elements of these United States.

A prime effort of the SCV is to protect traditional American heroes and values. With that in mind, we urge you to use your office to reverse the woke attack upon American military base names, the right of Southern National Guard Units to display battle honors won during the War Between the States, and the restoration of the Reconciliation Monument in Arlington Cemetery.

From the end of the War (1865), Southerners, inspired by their Confederate ancestors, have overwhelmingly served in the military of these United States. For example, the highest-ranking general officer killed in action in the Pacific Theater in WWII was Lt. General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., the Son of Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr. The naval commander of the Pacific Theater, Admiral Chester Nimitz, was the grandson of Confederate Capt. Charles Henry Nimitz. The Commander-in-Chief who is responsible for ending racial discrimination in the U. S. Military, President Harry S. Truman, was the grandson of a Confederate Veteran.

We urge you to correct the errors of the woke enemies of traditional American values and restore the historical names of military bases, the use of all battle honors by Southern National Guard units and restore the Reconciliation Monument to its original place in Arlington National Cemetery.

With kindest regards,



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