

# A RESPONSE TO THE IDEA OF CHANGING U.S. MILITARY BASES NAMED AFTER CONFEDERATE GENERALS

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This piece of "journalism" truly shocked me. This "historian" wants to change the names of U.S. military bases that are currently named for Confederate generals because they "led soldiers who fought and killed United States Army soldiers."

Did it ever occur to this misguided, revisionist, PC soul that the U.S. government never recognized the Confederacy, and that therefore, every Confederate soldier killed was an AMERICAN citizen who was slain by his own government?

You can't have it both ways--either the Federal insistence that secession was illegal, and the "rebels" that were killed were therefore U.S. citizens, or the Confederacy was a legitimate nation, whose soldiers were a threat to U.S. sovereignty and therefore legal targets, based on the established rules of war. So which is it?

No matter what you choose to believe, all of the belligerents in the Civil War (or War Between the States, if you prefer) were AMERICANS. Full stop.

Each and every one of these Southern leaders who are being honored by having military bases named after them yielded--often with great remorse--to their convictions and ethical beliefs. That is something to be celebrated; they are all exemplars of the very principles upon which our nation was founded. And oh please don't bring the dreaded \*suh-lav-ery\* issue into the discussion, or we'll have to disown most of the Founding Fathers as well. LET IT BE.

Jamie Malankowski, the author of this essay, said: "Changing the names of these bases would not mean that we can't still respect the service of those Confederate leaders; nor would it mean that we are imposing our notions of morality on people of a long-distant era." Of course this is utter nonsense, since that's *exactly* what it would mean. Why on earth would it be appropriate to "respect the service" of those supporters of the dreaded slavocracy, but not in this particular way? Surely, it won't be long before this idiot is screaming for the removal of statues honoring Confederate soldiers and generals, never mind displaying that horrid Confederate flag.

I call "bull"! GET A LIFE, DUDE!

The Civil War is over, and we all understand that. Honoring Confederate soldiers and their leaders is paying due respect to a very real part of our heritage. KEEP YOUR REVISIONIST MITTS TO YOURSELF. Whether we agree or not is irrelevant. These men are all honorable AMERICANS, and all deserve respect for their dedication to their principles and their sacrifices.

I wonder how Jamie feels about the fact that U.S. generals--Phil Sheridan comes to mind--pursued a malevolent, carefully executed program of genocide against the First Peoples, whose only crime was to be "in the way" of the American lust for more land, riches, and power? Those indigenous peoples were also AMERICANS. And what of the U.S. soldiers who killed striking AMERICAN miners in the Battle of Blair Mountain in 1921? Or the senseless slaughter of college kids at Kent State in 1970? The U.S. military has plenty of blood on its hands, so please don't bullshit me by whitewashing the past to suit your political agenda, Mr. Malankowski.

Let's get past this silliness and act like adults, shall we? God knows, we've got bigger fish to fry...



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