

## Georgia Martin

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**From:** Tarry Beasley <Tarry@BeasleyLawFirm.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 2:01 PM  
**To:** Capitol Artifacts  
**Subject:** Statues in the Capitol

Gentlemen,

It seems to me that the entire state legislature should vote on the statues placed in the capitol. Why should a few make the decision for our entire state with out the rest of the state being represented thru their representatives?

I would appreciate your appropriate consideration of this proposal.

Tarry Beasley

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**From:** Barbara Burns <burnsburnsginger@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 7:44 PM  
**To:** Georgia Martin  
**Subject:** Attention Larry B. Martin, Chairman

Keep General Nathan Bedford Forrest in our Statehouse. Our history is OUR history and should be embraced Whether GOOD or bad. All southerners have family which was involved in the Civil War. Let these people be honored. Keep our statues , flags.etc in place. We must learn from our past, not try to change it 150 years later. Thank you

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**From:** Bob Oglesby  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2015 9:54 AM  
**To:** State Architect  
**Subject:** FW: NBF and Confederate things

Forwarding from Commissioner's email.  
Diana Cuellar

**From:** Diane Rivenbark [<mailto:ittycats2@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 6:48 PM  
**To:** Bob Oglesby  
**Subject:** NBF and Confederate things

Dear Bob- Thanks for sticking up for the Distinguished, Honorable Gen. NBF. Those 680,000 lives lost during that war amounted to more than 16 other wars we've fought. Your Compatriots, Diane, Bill, and Will Rivenbark, members of SCV, UDC NSDAR, Civil War Preservation Trust, Nat'l. Trust of Historic Places, and Civil War Re-enactors of 11 states in 18 yrs.

## Georgia Martin

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**From:** Richard Hunter <nocount128@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 7:14 AM  
**To:** Capitol Artifacts  
**Subject:** Forrest bust

Please leave our history where it is

## Georgia Martin

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**From:** Steve Murphree <steve.murphree@belmont.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 10:53 AM  
**To:** Capitol Artifacts  
**Subject:** current work of the State Capitol Commission committee regarding monuments

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Dear Mr. Martin,

As you chair the committee which has been charged with setting criteria for how current and future monuments in the Capitol and at the Capitol Complex will be evaluated, I respectfully encourage you and other members of the committee to consider leaving the monument to Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest, and those of other so-called controversial Tennesseans like President Andrew Jackson, in their current places of honor. I think it is quite appropriate that the General Forrest bust sits opposite that of Admiral Farragut.

I feel sure that, like me, you are committed to the truth of history regarding the Civil War. Unfortunately there are those who have, and will again, attempt to revise our history for their own purposes. For 17 years now, Murfreesboro Camp 33 has hosted "Ole Bedford's Black-eyed Pea and Sweet Potato Luncheon" where we have heard published academic historians speak about Forrest. These keynote addresses have helped me to better understand Forrest and the ways that many have come to misunderstand him. In July our camp dedicated a monument to the 26 Confederate soldiers in then Colonel Forrest's Calvary, who died taking Murfreesboro on July 13, 1862.

(<http://www.dnj.com/story/news/2015/06/27/rembering-rutherford-memorial-honor-casualties-forrests-murfreesboro-raid/29390631/>)

Please ask your committee to consider my heritage of three Confederate soldiers from Tennessee who fought for their independence when they discuss so-called controversial monuments in the Capitol building and on its grounds. Following the shocking response by many after the tragic deaths at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, I have felt compelled to speak up for the symbols of the Confederacy. I currently serve on the Sam Davis Memorial Association's board of directors and also serve as chaplain of Murfreesboro Camp 33.

Sincerely,  
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## Georgia Martin

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**From:** Sheri Harding <vanurse1@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** Capitol Artifacts  
**Subject:** Nathan Bedford Forrest Bust

I am a citizen of Murfreesboro TN (born and raised!) and I am concerned about the intent or proposal to remove the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest from the capitol building. His bust is NOT a symbol of racism but part of our history as a Southern state and the Confederacy as a historical event. I am concerned about the preservation of the history of the WBTS and I request that the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest remain where it is in the state capitol building.

Sheri Harding  
Murfreesboro TN

## Georgia Martin

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**From:** Robert Woolfolk <tnman53@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 9:27 PM  
**To:** Capitol Artifacts  
**Subject:** Proposed removal of Gen. Forrest bust

To whom it may concern,

The proposal by some history revisionists to remove Gen. Nathan B. Forrest's bust from the Capitol building is an insult to one of the greatest Tennesseans who ever lived. Gen. Forrest was one of the brightest and bravest soldiers in history. He risked everything he had for what he believed in and was respected by everyone who knew him, black or white.

It is time to stop this foolish renouncement of historic figures and focus on the problems of today.

Robert Woolfolk  
Christiana, TN

## Georgia Martin

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**From:** Jim Hoobler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:47 AM  
**To:** Georgia Martin  
**Subject:** FW: Bust of George Washington

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**From:** Susan Walker [mailto:sgww1@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 4:11 PM  
**To:** Jim Hoobler  
**Subject:** Re: Bust of George Washington

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Jim,  
Thank you so much for sending this link. I've reviewed all the information and have a few questions and hope you have time to respond.  
I could not determine from the draft if items that have already been given/placed in the capitol are "grandfathered" or if they must go through the process again (ie, will the George Washington bust go through a review?).  
I read through the criteria that would be considered if it has to go through a review. Included among the criteria were several items, one of which is that the person/item would be a Tennessean or have impacted Tennessee history. I think that George Washington would certainly be considered to have impacted Tennessee history and the history of all states, even though many were non-existent at the time of the Revolution.  
Any clarification that you can give me would be greatly appreciated. I will continue to check the website. I did notice that there is another meeting of the commission tomorrow.  
Thanks so much.  
Susan

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jim Hoobler  
**To:** Susan Walker  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 8:34 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Bust of George Washington

Susan:

GO to: <http://www.tn.gov/finance/article/fa-osa-artifacts-subcommittee>  
That is the new web address for the proposed policy.

Jim Hoobler

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**From:** Susan Walker [mailto:sgww1@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:39 PM  
**To:** Jim Hoobler  
**Cc:** fletch2@bellsouth.net  
**Subject:** Bust of George Washington

Jim,  
About a month ago Fletch Coke contacted you on my behalf to ask about the bust of George Washington that the Dames presented to the State of Tennessee in the 1920's and which resides in the State Capitol. I had heard that a special sub-committee of the Capitol Commission might be considering the removal of the bust. You said that no one has called for

the removal of the bust, but I still have some concern that some policies may be in the process of being formulated that might affect the placement of the Washington bust. I feel a responsibility to our members to stay updated on what is happening. You mentioned that I could go to [capitol.artifacts@tn.gov](mailto:capitol.artifacts@tn.gov) for any updates on the work of the special sub-committee. However, that is an e-mail address. Should I e-mail that address for information? Or is there a website with information about the discussions of this group?

I would appreciate any help you can give me so that I can stay informed.

Many thanks!

Susan Walker

President, NSCDA-TN

## Georgia Martin

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**From:** Anita Elder <elderboo@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 12:12 PM  
**To:** Capitol Artifacts  
**Subject:** Forrest Bust

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Please do not destroy our history. Leave the bust of Gen. Forrest where it sits.  
Anita Elder

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