



## *Camp Cresset Finley's Brigade Camp #1614 Havana, Florida*



*Recipient – 2011 and 2012 Dr. George R. Tabor “Most Distinguished Camp” Award*

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."*



### April Camp Meeting

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the VFW, with social hour starting at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45. For April, we will be dedicating our meeting to Captain Gaston Finley who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Florida Cavalry.



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## New Member

We inducted one new member at the March Meeting, Compatriot Sam Bennet whose ancestor was Pvt. Joshua Pool.




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## **The Confederacy and the Everglades Seminole Indians**

Submitted by Compatriot J.R. Miller

While the role played by Confederate Indians out west is known to many, the role of those Seminoles who were not subjected by the U.S. in Florida is not known by many and they were allied with the Confederacy, similar to their Seminole brothers who had been sent to the reservation in what is now Oklahoma. One of the main reasons that the role played by the Florida Seminoles is unknown to the masses is there is so little historical documents that survived. There is one particular article that is recorded however:

*"Several paragraphs having gone the rounds recently that the Seminoles remaining in Florida had recently committed murders and depredations on white families in South Florida, we take pleasure in stating, on the authority of an officer who had just returned from that region, that they are perfectly quite, and have not been guilty of any outrages. They now number about eighty fine warriors, and their chief has called them all in to the interior from the coast for fear they will be tampered with by our enemies. They are desirous of entering the Confederate service, and will soon be organized into a company and armed. Our old friend, Col. H. V. Snell, who is a great favorite with them, will probably be most effectually and faithfully attended to. When they do find a Yankee intruder, or a Thayer colonist, he will receive his perpetual pre-emption to*

*Florida soil. They are a remnant of a small tribe of brave Seminoles, against the armies of the United States, led by Scott, the best general in the service, during a period of over seven years, and were never completely subjugated. They will prove to be most valuable allies. They will protect a long line of the Florida coast, and will be a terror to Yankee invaders. They should henceforth be cherished and protected by the Confederacy, and a home in perpetuity should be laid off for them in South Florida."*

— *The Weekly Advertiser, The Florida Indians, November 5, 1862*

There appears to be two companies that were created with Florida Seminole Indians. One was created by Andrew E. Hodges, who was a white man from the Cedar Keys area. This unit was in service from 1862 till around July 1864 and may have been at the Battle of Olustee and served as sharpshooters.

*"The most desperate enemy that we have to contend with here is the Florida Indians, who have organized themselves into roving bands of bushwhackers and occasionally steal upon our picket lines under cover of night and disturb our sentinels. Many of the Redskins are sharp-shooters. During the recent battle, they betook themselves to the tree-tops and picked off many of the officers of the Colored Troops."*

— *Frederick F. French, Letter to Thomas F. Kelly of Glens Falls, New York, March 6, 1864*<sup>[1]</sup>

The other company was McBride's Company of Everglades Indians which seems to be formed out of Hodges Company. This company was mustered into service in July 1864 with 85 warriors. On one of the muster roles was written the following:

*"We, the undersigned, respectfully volunteer and tender our services to the Confederate States of America, begging to be immediately admitted into their armies, having chosen A. McBride for our Captain."*



### Old City Cemetery Cleanup

Volunteer Compatriots working on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Old City Cemetery on their own time!





## **Work Days – Remembering Our Ancestors**

Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess

My fellow Compatriots,

I am pleased to announce that on May 20th, 2021, the following Compatriots of Finley's Brigade attended the "Train the Trainer" headstone cleaning instruction at Old City Cemetery in Jacksonville, Florida. Commander Ned Roberts, Randy Nichols, Stan Willis, Division Commander Kelly Crocker, Scott Osteen, Keith Lassiter, 2nd Lt Commander Lee Norris, and I made the trip over. The event was hosted by the Kirby Smith Camp and lead by instructor Wayne Moody. Instruction included the preferred materials and methods to use along with hands on experience with numerous headstones. Commander Roberts and Randy Nichols had the honor of cleaning and landscaping the grave site of Capt. Gaston Finley, 1st Fla. Cavalry, one of the "Immortal 600," and son of our Namesake, General Jessie James Finley. This instruction will allow Finley's Brigade to properly train our fellow compatriots on how to clean the headstones of our hallowed ancestor hero's safely, and preserve their resting place for future generations. Compatriot Randy Nichols has donated a 22 inch push mower to the camp for cemetery clean-ups. Our inventory of tools and supplies keeps growing for use in our cemetery preservation efforts. Thank you Compatriot Nichols for your generosity. Compatriot Cameron Dice is working on several ideas for marking our cemetery trailer. Once Cameron has submitted his ideas for a logo, we will start a selection process. Ideas for a logo from camp members are appreciated. Our next cemetery effort will be at "Old City Cemetery" confederate section. This will include straightening and aligning stones, cleaning, and general up keep. This is in preparation for the April 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial conducted by the UDC. The work day date will be April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 08:30am. Gloves and garden trowels are recommended.

Please email me at [saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com](mailto:saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com) with any questions.



## **Tallahassee Veterans Village**

Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

Hello compatriots and Happy Easter!

I would like to bring you up to date of what's going on in regard to Veterans' Village. The need continues to be FOOD. Dry/Canned food is the safest bet, but they do have a freezer, so meat is an option. Toilet paper and paper towels are still a need as well. To repeat what I said last month, I am asking that we hold off on clothing and shoes until later. Last month at our meeting, we collected a bag of food and \$77 in cash. Thank you gentlemen! I again want to challenge each of you to bring \$10 cash or \$10 worth of food to each meeting. That would feed these men and women for a good while. If we average 25-30 people at each meeting, that would be \$250-\$300 per meeting. I will have a gift for whoever brings the most... and it's not a book this time. Hint--it's something for a room in your house (an office or study). Now, as discussed at last month's meeting, I talked with Tori, and she said that the weekends before or after the

Memorial Day weekend OR the weekends before or after the 4th of July weekend would be fine for our hotdogs/hamburgers cookout at the Veterans' Village. They have not scheduled anything during those times. Be thinking about what would work best for you, and we will discuss it at the meeting on April 13th. I appreciate the opportunity given me to serve as your liaison, and to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors.

If you have any questions, contact Compatriot Keith Lassiter at [greynole01@yahoo.com](mailto:greynole01@yahoo.com).



### **Finley's Brigade Color Guard – Service with Honor**

Color Guard Commander: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cdr. Lee Norris

Color Guard attended the Memorial at Natural Bridge along with The Ladies of the Anna Jackson Chapter, UDC. The Honor Guard also attended the Headstone dedication of 2nd LT commander Norris's 3rd Great Grandfather in Miller County, GA.





The Honor Guard also participated in dedication ceremonies at Union Missionary Church in Enterprise, GA with the Chipola Guards Artillery.



If you have any questions or interested in joining, contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cdr. Lee Norris at [tallyyackers@gmail.com](mailto:tallyyackers@gmail.com)



## Southern Recipe of the Month

### Oatmeal Pie

Mark Bess

#### Ingredients:

- 1 - 9 inch pie crust
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tbs flour
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup quick cook oatmeal

#### Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350. Beat eggs until you have bubbles and combine the sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt into the bowl and mix well. Add the corn syrup, butter and vanilla and mix well. Finally add the oatmeal. Now pour into the pie shell and cook for 45 to 50 minutes. Experiment with this recipe. You can add Diced apples, pecans, walnuts. Use your imagination.



### Commander's Guidon

My Fellow Compatriots –

The upcoming weeks and months will be a very busy time of the year for the Camp. A cemetery work day is currently planned for April 17, with more days to follow. We need all to be active members in the Graves Keepers. The UDC will be holding a Memorial Service on April 25 at Old City Cemetery – please attend if you can. The Florida Division Reunion is scheduled for June 4-6 in Ocala. Location is in a flux right now, so stay tune for more details. The National Reunion will be held in Louisiana July 21 thru 24.

As you can see there are a lot of opportunities to stay involved.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts



# Florida Division SCV 2021 Reunion

**Calendar** Florida Division SCV  
**Date** 06.04.2021 - 06.06.2021  
**Location** Ocala, FL, USA

## Description

Our Florida Division Reunion will be June 4-6 2021 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Ocala, FL. (where we were in 2019)  
 The address is: 3600 SW 38th Avenue Ocala, FL 34474. **(352)629-9500** or **1-877-622-5211**

**The room rates are \$92 per night. Ask for the "SCV" rate.**

The Hotel operations have been affected by the "late unpleasantness". The hotel staff has been greatly reduced. The restaurant has undergone some changes and we are still waiting on the menu selections for our Saturday Evening Banquet. Currently, the hotel requires a mask to enter the premises, but not in our meeting area.

Registration forms will be forth-coming.

Please disseminate to all members.

## Location information

**Ocala, FL, USA**

Map

Directions

**Street** Holiday  
 3600 Southwest 38th AvenueInn  
**City** Ocala  
**County** and  
 Florida 34474Suites &  
**Country**  
 United StatesConference Center



# Sons of Confederate Veterans



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### **Dates in History of the War - April**

April 12-13, 1861 – Ft. Sumter, SC, fired upon and surrenders to Confederate officials.

April 6, 1862 – Battle of Shiloh, TN.

April 17, 1863 – Union Cavalry raids into MS known as Grierson's Raid and leads to famous John Wayne movie called Horse Soldiers.

April 12, 1864 – Confederates led by General N.B. Forrest capture Ft. Pillow, TN.

April 2, 1865 – Federal troops capture Selma, AL.

April 9, 1865 – General Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox Courthouse in VA.

April 12, 1865 – Federal troops capture Mobile, AL.

April 14-15, 1865 – President Lincoln is assassinated by John Wilkes Booth. VP Andrew Johnson of TN is sworn in as President.

April 26, 1865 – General Joseph Johnston surrenders to General Sherman at the Bennett house in Durham, NC.



### **Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities**

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Cemetery Work Day at Old City Cemetery – 8:30 AM

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Anna Jackson Chapter, UDC Memorial at the Old City Cemetery – 3:00 PM

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM

June 4-6<sup>th</sup> – SCV FL Division Reunion in Ocala, FL.

June 8<sup>th</sup> - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM

July 21-24<sup>th</sup> – SCV National Reunion in New Orleans, LA

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Ned Roberts at [commander@finleysbrigadescv.com](mailto:commander@finleysbrigadescv.com) or 850-591-9221.

