



**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."



July Camp Meeting

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled on May 11th at the VFW, with social hour starting at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.

Grave Keepers Report – Remembering Our Ancestors – Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess

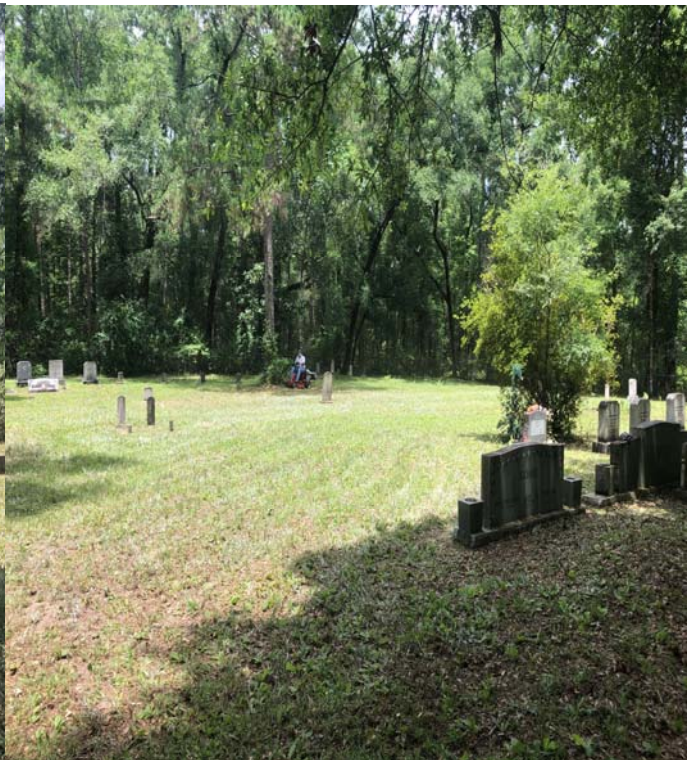
Summer is here, and Mother Nature is doing her best to over run our remote cemeteries. I will be scheduling at least one Cemetery clean-up date per month. You know this is a never-ending battle to keep them looking as best we can. Runners Cemetery (off Indigo Rd.) is very overgrown and Beard cemetery in Midway is not far behind. Geddie cemetery (AKA Willis Cemetery) is another that needs attention. I am not above going out during the week to address these. If anyone has some time off in the week and wants to assist, contact me. We will hook up the trailer and go get some work done.

We were contacted by the 'Quincy Young Guards, Camp 703, in regard to several cemeteries in Gadsden County. The sites are on private property and they / we are working on obtaining permission to access. I will provide more info at the next scheduled meeting.

On June 19th, Finley's Brigade had the quarterly "Road Clean-up" on Natural Bridge Road. We had a large turn-out and the weather held off to allow us to complete our task. I don't have an accurate accounting of trash removed, but, Commander Roberts's truck bed was full of over-stuffed orange bags. I think 300lbs would not be an exaggeration. Many thanks to all that were able to participate and help with this task.

After the road clean up, several adventurous souls continued on to Rhodes Family cemetery to conduct CERT training and maintenance. Compatriot Gerald Bell had his first introduction to CERT. Apparently being no stranger to hard work, he dove right in and went to work. In all, we cleaned, straightened, and landscaped numerous stones. The results were amazing. As such, I am proud to announce that Commander Roberts has met the necessary training hours to be CERT certified. Congratulations Commander Roberts. Finley's Brigade will be very busy in the next few months, so stay tuned, stay positive, and stay Confederate. See you all at the next meeting on July 13th, 2021.

Please email me at saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com with any questions.





Tallahassee Veterans Village – Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

As of today, June 30, 2021, the following has been collected and delivered to the Veterans' Village for the month of June:

- Money: \$1,005.00 cash
- Food: donuts; canned goods; fresh eggs; fresh milk; vegetables; \$10.00 worth of canned food
- Misc: handicap walker; five blankets; several sets of pots and pans; toiletries (razors, toothpaste, and shampoo); set of plates; four coffee pots; four toasters; laundry detergent; big soup pot; steamers; 10 new pillows
- Clothes: \$50.00 worth of clothes; toilet paper

I wish to thank William Gladwin, Don & Cathy Turner, Robert Crisler; Wes Sutton, John Howell, Mrs. Linda Grantham, The American Legion, Am Vets, and the Vietnam Veterans for their donations. My special thanks to one individual in particular. You know who you are, and the Lord will bless you for it.

The American Legion, Am Vets, and Vietnam Veterans donated over \$600.00 which provided the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and drinks for the cookout. Thank you, Randy Nichols for your help with this! Thank you, Ned Roberts for bringing your grill, all the fixings and utensils, and for doing the cooking. Thank you, Linda Grantham for all the delicious homemade desserts. They were delicious! Thank you again gentlemen AND ladies for your continued support!

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank all of you who have been so faithful in this very worthy and noble endeavor. June 2021 well exceeds what we donated in January 2020 (after the Lee-Jackson Banquet), which was the most we had collected during my time serving as your liaison to the Veterans' Village. I look forward to seeing what we can do in the future. It is my pleasure to serve with and for all of you.

If you have any questions, contact Compatriot Keith Lassiter at greynole01@yahoo.com .





Color Guard – Sergeant at Arms Mark Bess

Finley's Brigade proved once again that when Compatriots call for aid, Finley's will answer. Commander Jack Cowart of the C.S.S. Chattahoochee, Camp #2314, in Georgia was present at our June 08, 2021 meeting. Brother Jack is always a welcome figure in our camp, loved and respected by all.

Commander Cowart was distraught and asked for our assistance. The CSS Chattahoochee camp had scheduled their "Flag retirement" ceremony in Iron City for June 11, 2021 and had requested Finley's Colored Guard be present to present the colors and stand as silent sentinels during the ceremony. If you have never been to a "Flag Retirement." It is a solemn ceremony where flags that are no longer serviceable, are respectfully burned in accordance with flag etiquette procedures. It is a way to honorably dispose of flags that have reached their serviceable life, and not just toss them in the waste can.

Unfortunately the necessary arrangements had fallen through the cracks and the Color Guard was not informed of this event. Even at such a short notice, Finley's Brigade Color Guard stepped forward and assured that he would have a color guard present. Myself, Lt. Commander Larry Thomas, Compatriot John Bess and Cpl. Rob Crisler, who by the way had just been accepted in the Color Guard, traveled to Iron City to render Honors.

The event coincided with Camp 2314's regular meeting. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, got a great history lesson and conducted the ceremony with skill and precision. I am very proud of this Color Guard. They never shirk from a task and answer any call. Whether we are one or a dozen, Finley's Brigade will get the job done.

We're always looking for more members. Contact me if you want to be part of our unit. Finley's Brigade is still offering the uniform purchase program. We would prefer to all look the same, but if you have something that looks Confederate, we won't turn you away.

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Southern Recipe of the Month
Cajun Baked Catfish
Mark Bess

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons yellow cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons Cajun or blackened seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning
- 2 catfish or tilapia fillets (6 ounces each)
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

Directions

- Preheat oven to 400°. In a shallow bowl, mix the first 6 ingredients.
- Dip fillets in cornmeal mixture to coat both sides. Place on a [baking sheet](#) coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle with paprika.
- Bake until fish begins to flake easily with fork, 20-25 minutes.

C.S.S. Tallahassee
The ship of many names!
Submitted by J.R. Miller

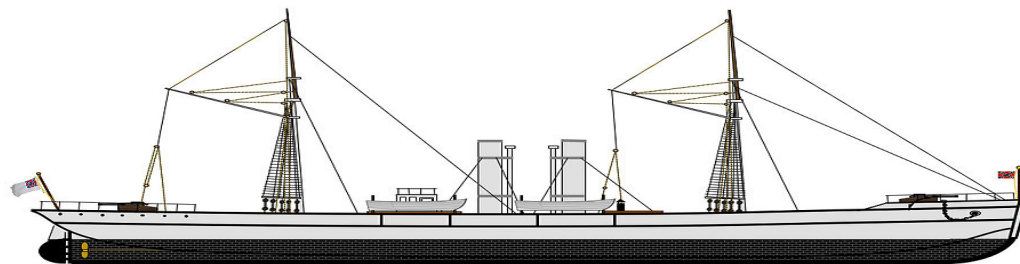
She was previously the blockade runner C.S.S. *Atlanta* which had many successful runs from [Bermuda](#) to [Wilmington, N.C.](#) before the Confederates bought her. She was originally built by J. & W. Dudgeon on the Thames River by the design of Captain T.E. Symonds of the British Royal Navy. When the *Tallahassee* was commissioned she was commanded by Commander John Taylor Wood, CSN.



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Wood was a relative to both President Zachary Taylor and Jefferson Davis. All of the Officers' and crewmen were from various gunboats along the James River in Virginia. The *Tallahassee* first ran out of the Yankee blockade via the port in Williamston North Carolina on August 9, 1864. She was out for more than two weeks and destroyed and/or captured around 33 vessels. Quite a feat for a boat that only had 3 cannons on board!

She was armed with the following: one rifled 32 pounder mounted forward, one rifled 100 pounder mounted amidships, and one Heavy Parrot mounted aft and may have had a howitzer on board as well. She weighed in at 700 tons and could make 15 knots with her twin 100 horsepower engines. She also had masts and sails, was 220 feet long and had a 14 foot draft and a 24 foot beam.



Drawing of C.S.S. Tallahassee

The *Tallahassee* made Halifax Harbor on August 18th to take on water and coal. However she was limited to a 24 hour stay due to neutrality laws of the time. She was also limited to the amount of coal she could load, which could only be enough to get to the closest confederate port. The *Tallahassee* made it back to Wilmington N.C. on August 26th. Sometime between August 26th and October 29th, 1864, the *Tallahassee* was renamed the C.S.S. *Olustee* and was commanded by Lieutenant W.H. Ward.

After another short stint as the *Olustee* the boat was once again renamed the C.S.S. *Chameleon*. At this time her battery was removed and was commanded by Lieutenant John Wilkinson. Lieutenant Wilkinson ran the blockade on December 24, 1864 and made for Bermuda for provisions. She could not find safe passage back to confederate ports so Lieutenant Wilkinson made for Liverpool England and was then turned over to Commander J.D. Bullock, CSN. On April 9, 1865, the *Chameleon* was seized by the British Government. In 1866, she was turned over to the United States Government. In July, 1869, reports stated that she was wrecked near Japan with more than 20 lives lost.



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Commander's Guidon

My Fellow Compatriots –

I appreciate everyone's help during the Veterans Village cookout. Its remarkable what we can do if we try.

At our July Camp Meeting we will be voting on some proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes. Please show up, and have your opinion known. If you don't vote, you can't complain.

Elections will be held in November. I will be appointing a Nomination Committee, so if you are interested in running for office, or just want to help, please tell the Committee.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts



Dates in History of the War – July

July 21, 1861 – First Battle of Manassas, VA and ended in a Confederate Victory.

July 17, 1862 – U.S. President Lincoln signs the Confiscation Act.

July 1-3, 1863 – Battle of Gettysburg, PA.

July 4, 1863 – Vicksburg, MS surrenders to Union forces under Grant.

July 11, 1864 – CSA General Jubal Early and his troops enter Washington D.C. suburbs.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

July 13th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.

July 21-24th – SCV National Reunion in New Orleans, LA

Aug 10th - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.

Sep 14th - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.

Oct 16th – Soldier's Cemetery Monument Dedication, Quincy, FL – Time TBD

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

