



**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."



September Camp Meeting

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled on September 14th at the VFW, with social hour starting at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45. For our September Meeting, we will be dedicating our meeting to Mrs. Virginia Carroll, beloved wife of our own compatriot and former Commander, Marshall Carroll, who passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers to Marshall and the entire Carroll family during this time.

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

Well Gentlemen, August was an eventful month. Compatriot Keith Lassiter requested we make an effort in Salem cemetery in Havana. We scheduled a work day on August 14th. We started at 08:30am to try and avoid the worst of the heat. 3rd Brigade Commander Randy Nichols, myself, Keith Lassiter, Stan Willis, 2nd Lt. Commander John Bess, and Keith's friend, Ken went to work. The cemetery was in pretty good shape, but not kept to Finley's Brigade standards. After 5 hours of grass mowing, trimming, removing downed limbs, CERT cleaning, and searching names for Confederate ties, we called it done. Stan began working his magic and came up with several names that may also be CSA veterans. In all, a day filled with camaraderie, hard work, and the satisfaction of a job well done.

Work continued at Soldiers Cemetery in Quincy. Grass was mowed and the palm trees trimmed up. A recent afternoon thunderstorm had made quite a mess in there. We do not have access to water at Soldier's, I located a working spigot approx. 40 feet away. We will schedule a cleanup day in preparation for the October 16 dedication ceremony.

Please email Compatriot Mark Bess at saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com with any questions.



Tallahassee Veterans Village – Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

Compatriots:

August was a very sad month for our camp, and I would like to begin by sending our condolences to Marshall Carroll and his family for the loss of his beloved wife Virginia. What a TRUE Southern Belle. She will be greatly missed by all, and Marshall and the family will be in our prayers over the coming weeks and months. May the Lord richly bless you and your family, my brother and assuage your grief. May fond memories flood your memory. Remember, Finley's Brigade loves you!

As for the Veterans' Village, they are in desperate need of all cleaning supplies. I am sad to say that there were only a few things collected to taken to the Veterans' Village (thank you Don and Cathy). No cash was collected. Below is a list of items donated:

3 box pack of tea bags
3 5-pound sacks of grits
2 10-pound sacks of sugar
18 pounds of seedless grapes
Set of dinnerware

Finley's Brigade, thank you for all you have done and still do for these OUR veterans! Please continue in this noble endeavor.

Deo Vindice!

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



Color Guard – Sergeant at Arms: Mark Bess

Compatriots,

Nothing to report for the Color Guard this month.

Please email Compatriot Mark Bess at saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com with any questions.

**Southern Recipe of the Month****Liver Dumplings****Keith Lassiter's Family****INGREDIENTS**

- ¼ lb. uncooked beef liver
- 1 med. Onion
- 3 cups plain flour
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp ground coriander
- 3 tbsp sweet basil
- ¾ to 1 cup beef stock
- Black pepper
- 1 large beef roast

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Grind beef liver and onion.
2. Add remaining ingredients except for roast, and mix with spoon to a stiff dough.
3. Heat beef stock that roast was cooked in.
4. Add water, if necessary, to make 2 quarts liquid.
5. Drop small pieces of dough from teaspoon into boiling broth.
6. Cook 5 min in uncovered pot.
7. Do not stir.
8. Serve with beef roast.

Please send any family recipes to Compatriot Jay Lindsey at jc071172@yahoo.com . Thank you.

**Christianity and the U.S. Constitution in Exile****Submitted by Keith Lassiter**

During my Bible reading time the other day, I was reading in II Chronicles, of war between Israel and Judah, and one battle in particular that caught my attention. Not because of the number of troops, the specific location, or for that matter, even the personalities. I was arrested by the words of the king of Judah to the army of Israel. I would like to relate them to you, and I would like to extrapolate (there is a word, huh?) and draw a parallel. I am in NO way trying to change the meaning of the precious Word of God into anything other than what it is saying. I only want to draw a parallel, if you will allow me.

In addition, I just finished reading a book by Judge Andrew Napolitano entitled *The Constitution in Exile*; hence, my title for this paper. In it, Judge Napolitano succinctly lays out the case of how our republic has degenerated from its strict constructionist, original intent beginning to the monstrosity it has become, since the reign of "His Excellency King Abraham" (Lincoln), through the socialistic period of "court-packing" FDR, and culminating with the complete abandonment of personal liberty under George W. Bush's PATRIOT Act. All this has happened because of a shift in the Supreme Court, from real judicial review to a complete forfeiture of it to congress' will and its grab for power. Please bear with me as I endeavor to lay out my case for a parallel between

Israel's religious apostasy and America's political apostasy; in particular, II Chronicles 13: 3-11 (King Abijah of Judah vs King Jeroboam of Israel) and the War of 1861-1865 (Lincoln's Union vs the Constitution).

Background:

Because of Rehoboam's terrible decision, the ten northern tribes of Israel split from Israel (keeping the name Israel), left the two southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin (taking the name Judah), and went headlong into apostasy. Israel never had a good king, and God was pushed to the side or at the very least, "put on the back burner." At worst, He was completely banned, in favor of Baal, Dagon, Molech, and other false gods. The children of Israel, led by their ungodly kings, made their children to "pass through the fires" of their false gods, even further provoking the one true God. The culmination of ungodliness was the reign of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. While it is true that the nation of Israel (ten northern tribes) continued after Ahab and Jezebel's reign, until the Assyrian Captivity in 722 BC, their reign marks the apex of Israel's ungodliness.

Judah, on the other hand, did have eight or nine good kings, who "walked in the ways of David"—a man after God's own heart. They led Judah back to the old paths and to the true worship of the one and only true God.

Scripture:

II Chronicles 13:3-11

³ And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

⁴ And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

⁵ Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

⁶ Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

⁷ And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

⁸ And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with your golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

⁹ Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

¹⁰ But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business:

¹¹ And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set them in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

Parallel:

Rehoboam took bad advice from unscrupulous men and split the kingdom of Israel—the jewel in the crown; the envy of the world; no kingdom like it before; no kingdom like it since, nor ever there shall be—God's people. God chose Abram and made of him a people, who were no people. It took hundreds of years of preparing His people to be His people. He took them from bondage and proved them forty years, before He had them prepared to enter the inheritance, as well as the inheritance prepared for them to enter. When Israel turned and rejected God as their King, God gave them Saul for forty years. Upon his death on Mount Gilboa, God established His kingdom with David as king. After forty years, David "slept with his fathers" and his son Solomon reigned. It was through Solomon that Israel reached its greatness. Upon his death, his son Rehoboam ascended the throne and utterly destroyed the

greatness of the kingdom. By one man began the greatness of Israel to begin its slide into idolatry; poverty; decay; lasciviousness, and servitude.

God veiled the country we know as the United States of America, until He had a people, sold out to Him, prepared spiritually to start a new world in which they could worship Him in spirit and in truth. The people from the old country could see a new world (by faith), but the journey to reach that point was hidden from them, just as Abram (now Abraham) saw by faith the nation of Israel having the “Promised Land” that God promised him. Think of being in the mountains and standing in the early morning hours on top of a peak. It is very foggy, and the only land you can see is another peak miles away. There is so much land between you and the other peak, but you are unable to see it. Why? The fog has hidden it all from you. All you can see is the point you want to reach—the end of the journey. In the case of America, not only was the way hidden, but the land itself was hidden from the old world: again, until God had a people prepared for Him.

America—built upon the Christian religion (it is in untold documents of this country)—became the crown jewel and envy of the world. I know of no other country to which people from all over the globe risk life and limb to come, in order to find liberty and a better life for themselves and their children. The Constitution, the law of the land, has been the compass that has never failed. Its needle always has, and always will, point north. Written by men who had insight only God Himself could have given them, the keenest minds from Georgia to Massachusetts labored to construct a document that would lead a nation and last for as long as God allows the world to stand. Thomas Jefferson of Virginia insisted there be a bill of rights for citizens, fearing an overreach by a possibly “too strong” central government, as well as a buttress for the individual (and independent) States against that central power. For over seventy years, it was revered. For over seventy years, it was not rejected; it was not “set aside”; not reviled. That is until America’s Rehoboam (destroyer of the Constitution and America) ascended the steps of the capital and took control of the reins of government. By one man, America began her slippery slope from the true form of government, bought by the blood of thousands of men—more noble than he—into the pit of idolatry; poverty; decay, and lasciviousness, in which Israel found herself.

Notice the words of Judah’s King Abijah to the army of Israel in verses 3-4. He states that God gave the kingship over the nation of Israel to David and his issue “for ever.” He goes on to say that Jeroboam, the son of Nebat (king of Israel) has “risen up against his lord.” In America, one rose up against the Constitution and went about to establish his own law of the land, in 1860.

In verse 7, King Abijah tells the army that Jeroboam gathered “children of Belial” unto him... children of the devil, unscrupulous men advising him, planting ideas in his head, purposely leading him in a direction away from God and His perfect ways. It is not that Jeroboam needed any encouragement to depart from the ways of God; it was already in his heart. Just as Jeroboam departed from the ways of God and gathered to himself bad advisors, Lincoln—already a usurper of power and an unashamedly ardent Whig—gathered likeminded, wicked and perverse advisors to him, in his quest to eviscerate the tenants of the Constitution. A direct quote from Robert Lewis Dabney in Greg Loren Durand’s book *America’s Caesar: The Decline and Fall of Republican Government in the United State of America*, says this about the subject:

“We all know that the professed purpose of the war party was to preserve and restore the Union over all the States. But the disclosures made above by Colonel Baldwin of the aims of the head of that party, are sufficient to prove that the real purpose was for other than the pretense — to enlarge and perpetuate the power of his faction. This had just seized the reins of Federal power by an accident, being in fact but a minority of the American people. This people had condemned it to a righteous exclusion from power for forty years. Its leaders were weary, envious and angry with their long waiting, and hungry for the power and the spoils of office. These cunning men were fully conscious that their tenure of power, won by luck and artifice, would be precarious and brief. The old party of Federal usurpation and centralization had dubbed itself, by a strong misnomer, the Whig party. The people, at ten presidential elections, or congressional issues, had rejected their project. At length, despairing of victory by its old tactics, it had thrown itself into the arms of the later born and despicable party of the Abolitionists, who had at last succeeded in their purpose of raising, in numerous States, their designed tempest of fanaticism. Thus the older and larger party gave itself away to the younger, smaller, and more indecent one; and by this traffic the two had won in

November, 1860, an apparent success, so far as to make its leader a minority President. The manipulators well knew their dangers from “the sober second thought” of the American people.”

Verses 8-10 really sum up Lincoln’s grand ideas of his preferred ways of governance and his thought that superior numbers was better than the foundation on which America was built (God) and the law of the land (the Constitution). Reread the words of Abijah (speaking to the army of Israel and their king):

⁸ And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with your golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

⁹ Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

¹⁰ But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business:

In verse 8, the “kingdom of the Lord” obviously can refer to the ways of the Lord, on which the country was founded, but notice the second part of the verse: “in the hand of the sons of David.” This is a direct mandate from God that the throne would be filled with a man of David’s seed. Israel violated this when they separated from Rehoboam and the two southern tribes. Again, if you will allow me to extrapolate, “in the hand of David” could refer to the law of the land—the Constitution. Also, “and ye be a great multitude”—superior numbers. Finally, “and there are with you golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods”...their pagan worship—the idolatry of Israel. Have you ever read the words to Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*? It is as ungodly as hell itself. In it, she deifies Lincoln! An analysis of the song’s background and meaning is putrid. Please explain to me why this trash is sung almost every Lord’s day throughout the South, or even in America in general. The South was overwhelmingly Christian and the North overwhelmingly not. Despite what some people say, there is no evidence that Lincoln ever repented and placed his faith in Christ. Quite the contrary is found—and in abundance. The extent of his blasphemy and blatant disregard for Christianity is the subject for another paper.

The North and its leaders had gone about making changes in politics, society, and religion: (see verse 9 and compare). The Presbyterian Church (and many others as well) is a prime example. The church split along sectional lines, along with the country. The Northern Presbyterian Church rejected established conservative norms that the Southern churches could not abide. The beliefs of northern clergy, as well as even their lifestyles, were accepted. This sounds a lot like “whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.”

Verse 10 however draws the contrast: “But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the Lord, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business.” God chose the tribe of Levi to be the priestly tribe and the sons of Aaron to be the priests. The Lord was their God. Judah rejected the apostasy of Israel, their false gods, and their ungodly priests. They also rejected Israel’s blasphemous and unsanctioned government. Judah stayed true to God in all these areas. Oh, to be sure, Judah was not perfect and would also depart from the ways of God, which would lead them into the Babylonian Captivity in 586 BC; however, I am focusing on this one instance in II Chronicles.

Conclusion:

As in the cases of Israel and Judah, America has gone through periods of rebellion against and returning to God. While the North continued its path away from God and His ways, the South endeavored to walk in them and follow the Lord. Likewise, the North made a stark departure from the Constitution, while the South was determined to stay the course. The North’s economy, societal norms, churches, and politicians all demonstrate this fact. The South overwhelmingly adhered to tried and true conservative social, economic, spiritual, and political principles. As one can see, the differences run much deeper and further outward from the simply economic differences, which we have been told repeatedly. It is time for America to once again return to reading—and reading outside the history books of our high school days. History books today are flawed with political correctness of every sort and tainted with the lens of trying to understand history through the prism of the twenty-first century’s norms. Even good history books though are only a place to begin. It is time to turn off *Dancing with the Stars* and *America’s Got Talent* and pick up a

book. The main book America needs to pick up, read, meditate on, and live out is the one that can change everything. Pick up the Holy Bible, America!

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." --II Chronicles 7:14

To submit a story, please send in a Word Document to Compatriot Jay Lindsey at jc071172@yahoo.com . FYI, I do publish the stories on a first come, first serve basis, unless the SCV Commander, SCV Div. Commander, SCV Brigade Commander, or SCV Camp Commander tells me otherwise. Thank you.



Answers from August Trivia

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? _____.
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on the _____ Show.
3. 'Get your kicks, _____.'
4. 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____.'
5. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'
6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '_____.'
7. Nestles makes the very best.... _____.'
8. Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.
10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and '_____'
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? ___ & _____.

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to _____.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.
16. Remember LS/MFT _____/_____?
17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The _____ Knows!
19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". Its name was the _____!
20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as its Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name?

ANSWERS:

1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
4. To protect the innocent.
5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, the Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy



Left side: Compatriot Mark Rominger receiving his 25 year service pin from 1st Lt. Comm. Larry Thomas.
Right side: Compatriot Stan Willis receiving the 'Dixie Club' award for recruiting 5 to 9 new SCV members from Florida Div. Commander, Kelly Crocker.

Commander's Guidon

My Fellow Compatriots –

First off, I would like to thank 1st Lt Commander Larry Thomas for running August's meeting while I was out. I appreciate all other officers helping out too.

Camp Elections are coming up at the November meeting on the 9th. You must be present to submit a ballot.

The dedication of Soldier's Cemetery Monument will be held on Oct 16th (start time TBD). We need ALL Camp members to show up for this dedication, so please try to make this important event.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts



Dates in History of the War – September

September 14, 1861 – At Pensacola, the USS Colorado chased and destroyed the privateer, CSS Judah.
September 17, 1862 – Battle of Antietam, Maryland or also known as Battle of Sharpsburg.
September 19, 1863 – The two day battle of Chickamauga, Tennessee begins.
September 2, 1864 – Atlanta, Georgia falls to Sherman's Army.
September 14, 1865 – The Seminoles, along with several other southeastern tribes, sign a peace treaty.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

Sep 14th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.
Oct 12th – 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
Nov 9th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.
Dec 14th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.

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

