



***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."



Welcome 2019!

Happy New Year, Finley's Brigade and Southern Friends. I am looking forward to a great year for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. 2018 saw some successes for Finley's Brigade, with recruitment of new members, marking graves of Confederate heroes, and a great Lee and Jackson Heritage event! One of our most notable achievements was the raising of the Second National Flag at The Natural Bridge Battlefield Park. Previously, flags, of any kind, were only flown on the re-enactment weekend. Now, the US, the POW, the State of Florida, and the Second National Flag fly year-round.

For 2019, we want to continue to recruit, work on the monument for Soldiers Cemetery, and mark the graves of Confederate Heroes. We will begin the year with another great Lee and Jackson Heritage Event on January 19th. Plan on being there! Two more goals for the year are:

1. Help get HB 97, the Monument Protection Act, passed. We need you to call your House Representative now. When the Senate companion bill is introduced, we will advise you to call your Senator. As the bill moves through committees, we will be asking you to call, write, or appear before Committee members.
2. We want to place a State Historic Marker at Camp Leon, just south of Capital Circle in Tallahassee. Our goal is to place the marker on the St. Marks Bike Trail, as Camp Leon sat on both sides of the old railroad. Camp Leon was a Camp of Instruction for many Confederate units and was occupied throughout the war.

So, there will be many opportunities for you to celebrate your heritage this year.

In the bonds of the South,

Kelly V Crocker

27th Annual Lee & Jackson Southern Heritage Event



Sponsored by

Finley's Brigade Camp #1614

Mary Ann Harvey Black, Confederate Rose Society

January 19, 2019

Social Hour: 5:00 p.m.

Supper/Program 6:00 p.m.

Location: Marzuq Shrine Temple 1805 N Monroe St Tallahassee FL 32303

Tickets: \$45.00 in advance Door Prizes and Silent Auction

Come embrace our Southern Heritage

Our Guest Speaker: Paul C Graham



PAUL C. GRAHAM is a native of Columbia, South Carolina and holds a Bachelor and master's degree, in Philosophy from the University of South Carolina. He is past president of the South Carolina Masonic Research and the former editor of The Palmetto Partisan, the official journal of the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was a contributing author to Understanding the War Between the States, and editor of a collection of accounts from the South Carolina Slave Narratives entitled When the Yankees Come: For South Carolina Slaves Remember Sherman's Invasion. Mr. Graham's writings have appeared in several publications including the Simms Review, the Palmetto Partisan, the Transactions of the SC Masonic Research Society, and the Abbeville Institute's Blog and Review. He is the co-founder of Shotwell Publishing, LLC and lives near old Granby, South Carolina, with his beautiful bride of over 20 years, Mrs. Suzette.

***For Tickets: Call Adjutant Thomas Williams at 850-942-2866 or
Commander Crocker at 850-339-3051 or kvcroadking@yahoo.com or
remit payment to Finley's Brigade
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Confederate Ancestor Memorial Request Form

Please include a \$15.00 donation per Ancestor Memorial. Please print name, rank & regiment/unit of your ancestor(s).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Request made by: _____

Your Confederate Ancestor's name will be published in the 2019 Lee/Jackson Event Program. Thank you for honoring your Confederate Ancestor.

New Florida Monument at Franklin, TN

On December 21, 2019 the Florida Division placed a marker, honoring Floridians who fought at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee.

The marker is on Winstead Hill, on property owned by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our marker is at the entrance of the Park and the first marker seen. The marker was designed by

FL Division LT Commander Calvin Hart. As you can see, Finley's Brigade is prominent on the monument. General

Finley was not at Franklin, but the Florida Brigade was known as Finley's Brigade for the rest of the war, and throughout time to come! Thank you to Camp 1614 and individual members of the Camp who helped make this marker possible.

Photo left: Florida Monument front

Photo below: Florida Monument back







Adopt-a-Road

Earlier in December, Finley's satisfied its quarterly adopt-a-road requirement with a solid showing of nine of our members. Whereas our last pickup was a smooth and easy job with little trash, we had more than an abundance of it this time. Thankfully many hands made for light work and we managed to give our section of road some much needed improvement. Thanks to all who came. Photo L-R: LT Jim Windsor, Chris Miller, Lawson Gerrell, Ned Roberts, Mark Bess, John Bess, Adjutant Tom Williams and LT Tim Cotton.



Soldiers Cemetery Work Day

On December 15, men of Finley's worked in Soldiers Cemetery in Quincy. Hurricane Michael left a lot of debris in our cemetery. We will probably be the only ones who realize the efforts put forth to honor the burial place of our heroes. Your work on the 15th, and throughout the year, save the City of Quincy hundreds of man-hours and thousands of dollars in maintenance costs. Plus, we keep our part neat and fresh, for visitors and family members.
Thank you.

Photo right: L-R
Don Turner,
Marshall Carroll,
Chris Miller, Scott
O'Steen, LT Jim
Windsor, Mark Bess,
and John Bess. Not
pictured: Stan Willis



Veterans Village

Our commitment to Veteran's Village is ongoing as ever, target items remain canned goods and toiletries.

The facility is in possession of a freezer and can accept some perishable meat. However, with the cold months moving in anything warm; coats, blankets, or socks are also in demand. Please direct all donations or inquiries to our liaison, Keith Lassiter at 850-567-0645 or greynole01@yahoo.com



Confederate Trivia of the Month **Collegiate Edition**

1. Robert E. Lee received a near perfect score in what language at West Point?
 - A. French
 - B. Greek
 - C. German
 - D. Latin
2. Patrick Cleburne failed the entrance exams of what medical school?
 - A. Trinity College
 - B. Columbia
 - C. Oxford
 - D. Cambridge
3. Edmund Kirby Smith has a dormitory named after him at what university?
 - A. George Mason University
 - B. University of North Florida
 - C. Louisiana State University
 - D. University of West Florida
4. While a student at West Point, what future confederate took part in the 1826 "Eggnog Riot"?
 - A. John Bell Hood
 - B. Robert E. Lee
 - C. A.P. Hill
 - D. Jefferson Davis
5. Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens was educated at what college?
 - A. William & Mary
 - B. Franklin College
 - C. Yale
 - D. Virginia Military Institute

See last page for answers



Upcoming Event: Soldier's Cemetery Memorial Service

As usual, Finley's Brigade and the Mary Ann Harvey Black, Confederate Rose Society will be putting on a service for Confederate Memorial Day this year in Soldier's Cemetery in Quincy. We are currently planning on conducting the event on April 6th around 3pm, as we draw closer to the event, more details will be finalized. If you came last year, please see about coming again. If you did not, consider joining the camp in this most solemn annual occasion.

2nd Lt.'s Comments: Resolution to Advance the Colors

One of our camp's best moments in 2018 was when we successfully raised the 2nd national over the monument at Natural Bridge. It was a long project, however we pulled through and now another southern flag is on year-round display in honor of our rebel heroes. We've had our time to celebrate this achievement, now as we head into the New Year the question is what comes next? Raising our banner felt good, and I would like to resolve that in this coming year we should do it again.

This is not a call for the mega flags such as the site in Havana or akin to those that our compatriots in North Carolina and other states have succeeded in raising in recent years. As laudable as these are, they are expensive and take considerable fundraising time and planning to pull off. Rather I am advocating that we place one 20-30-foot pole in the Tallahassee area be it Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, Wakulla, or any other nearby county. However, to do this, the camp will need help.

The first step will be finding suitable locations where we can fly our flags with the consent of either a government agency or private property owner, and where the pole will be visible. This may prove to be the hardest. I'm asking anyone who is interested in seeing new flags go up to help find and propose appropriate locations such as well-traveled roadside properties, cemeteries with a substantial grouping of confederate veterans, or friendly businesses. We are always open to supplying flags and funding a significant part of the pole if not all, depending on the circumstance. To make this work we will need money, and I am planning on returning to the Leon County flea market to sell the camp's wares the second weekend in January to help make that happen. If you are interested in helping and/or you have any ideas for locations, please let me know either via e-mail or at our camp meetings.

- 2nd Lt. Cotton



Meeting Dedication

January's meeting will be dedicated to **Private Allen Jefferson Rigsby** of the **Georgia State Guards**



Happy Birth-Month! **General James Morrison Hawes**

January 7th, 1824



Heritage Opportunities

January 8 – Regular Camp Meeting

January 19 – Lee Jackson Banquet 5pm

February 1-2 Stephen Dill Lee Institute at Birmingham, AL www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com.

February 12 – Regular Camp Meeting

February 15-17 – Battle of Olustee

February 23 – Adopt-a-Road at 8:30 am

March 1-3 – Battle of Natural Bridge – Finley's will have our Recruitment/Information display

March 12 – Regular Camp Meeting

April 6 – Soldier's Cemetery Memorial Service

April 9 – Regular Camp Meeting

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Crocker at commander@finleysbrigadescv.com or 850-339-3051.

For comments, questions, concerns, or submissions to the newsletter please contact the editor at 2ndltcommander@finleysbrigadescv.com

Trivia answers: A,A,C,D,B



(Compatriot Gunnery Sergeant Jeff Holliday of SCV Camp #47 in Beaufort, South Carolina displaying the SC secession flag while on deployment in Iraq)