



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."

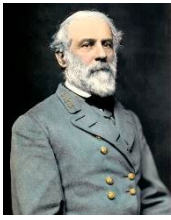


The January Camp Meeting will be dedicated to the honor and memory of 1st Lt. Commander Larry Thomas's father, Mr. Bobby L. Thomas, who passed away on December 29th in Sun City, FL.

Mr. Bobby Thomas was born on June 6, 1930, in Berlin, Georgia and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, achieving the rank of Major. He will be laid to rest at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on a later date to be determined.

Please keep the entire Thomas Family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

“Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees”.



28th Annual Lee & Jackson Southern Heritage Event



Sponsored by
Finley's Brigade Camp #1614, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Mary Ann Harvey Black, Confederate Rose Society

February 1, 2020

Social Hour: 5:00 PM Supper/Program: 6:00 PM

Marzuq Shrine Temple
1805 N. Monroe St
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tickets: \$45 in advance Door Prizes and Auction

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jonathan C. Sheppard

Dr. Sheppard is the Executive Director at Mission San Luis: Florida's Apalachee-Spanish Living History Museum. He is the author of *By the Noble Daring of Her Sons: The Florida Brigade of the Army of Tennessee* and Contributor & Editor of *A Forgotten Front: Florida during the Civil War Era*



For tickets contact:
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**CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR MEMORIAL REQUEST FORM
FOR LEE-JACKSON SOUTHERN HERITAGE EVENT**

Please print name, rank & regiment/unit of your ancestor(s).

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

Requested by – name & phone: _____

Please return Ancestor Memorial Request Form to Compatriot Keith Lassiter or Commander Ned Roberts or mail to P.O. Box 16006, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Please include a \$10 donation per Ancestor.

Your Confederate Ancestor’s name will be published in the 2020 Lee-Jackson Event Program. Thank you for honoring your Confederate Ancestor.



National Park Service Awards Millions To Protect Battlefields.

As reported by The Civil War Courier Nov. 2019 Vol. 32 issue 7.

About 4.6 million in grants have been releases by the National Park Service that will protect 783 acres for battlefields in the states of Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Kentucky:

Grantee: Boyle County Fiscal Court, Land Acquired, Perryville Battlefield, White Tract = 128.5 acres,
Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust and the Commonwealth Of Kentucky.

North Carolina:

Grantee: N.C. Dept. Of Natural and Cultural Resources, Land Acquired, Bentonville Battlefield, Denning Tract = 143 acres, Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust.

South Carolina:

Grantee: S.C. Dept. Of Archives and History, Land Acquired, Eutaw Springs Battlefield, Daniels Tract = 10.4 acres. Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust.

Grantee: Lancaster County, Land Acquired, Hanging Rock Battlefield, Horton IV Tract = 30.84 acres,
Project Partner: American Battlefield trust and Katawba Valley Land Trust.

Tennessee:

Grantee: Tenn. Historical Commission, Land Acquired, Shiloh Battlefield, Cotner Tract = 40.773 acres,
Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust.

Grantee: Tenn. Historical Commission, Land Acquired, Stones River Battlefield, O'Reilly Tract = 42 acres,
Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust.

Grantee: Tenn. Historical Commission, Land Acquired, Jackson Battlefield aka Battle Of Salem Cemetery,
Yarbro Farms Tract = 120 acres, Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust.

Virginia:

Grantee Vir. Dept. Of Conservation and Recreation. Land Acquired, First Battle Of Rappahannock Station,
Engl Tract = 219.26, Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust.

Grantee: Vir. Dept. Of Conversation and Recreation, Land Acquired, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek
Battlefield, Bullard Tract, 179.4 acres, Project Partner The Conservation Fund and Potomac Conservancy.

Pennsylvania:

Grantee: Commonwealth of Penn. / Penn Historical and Museum Commission, Land Acquired, Gettysburg
Battlefield, Lutheran Theological Seminary Tract = 7.32 aces, Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust
and Land Conservancy Of Adams County.

Grantee: Commonwealth of Penn. / Penn Historical and Museum Commission, Land Acquired, Gettysburg
Battlefield, United Lutheran Seminary Tract = .28acres, Project Partner: American Battlefield Trust and
Land Conservancy Of Adams County.



Work Days – Remembering Our Ancestors

On December 14, Lt. Commander Thomas, Compatriot Lindsey and Commander Roberts spent a cool morning walking Natural Bridge Road, picking up trash and doing community service road cleanup.



Later that morning, Lt. Commander Carroll, Lt. Commander Thomas, Compatriot Jason Turner, Compatriot Stan Willis and Commander Roberts raked and beautified grave sites at Rhodes Cemetery. A very productive and rewarding day for the Camp. Thank you to all who volunteered their time!



Tallahassee Veterans Village

Finley's Brigade has been a sponsor of the Tallahassee Veterans Village for at least 8 years, maybe more. Food is always needed; toiletries and linens are welcomed. The Director has suggested that we could give hotdogs as a food item, in addition to can goods. During the winter months, blankets are very needed item and are welcomed. Please contact Compatriot Keith Lassiter if you have any questions on donations.



Finley's Brigade Color Guard – Service with Honor

December, due to the holidays mainly, was limited in regards to functions and duties of the Color Guard.

For January, we have the Flagging Day at Havana, FL on New Year's Day at 10:00 am.

We need as many Compatriots to join our Color Guard Team and help represent Finley's. Drill classes will be scheduled in the near future, if you are interested please contact 2nd Lt Commander Lee Norris or any camp officer.

Finley's Brigade Color Guard Uniform Guidelines – Part 2

While there is a *preferred* uniform for our marching unit, we will *never* turn away anyone with a confederate uniform if they wish to march with us because they do not have the uniform prescribed below. The reason we insist on this particular pattern of uniform is that during ceremonies and parades it gives off a refined, elegant, and respectable dress appearance and helps distinguish our squad from re-enacting units which typically have every man wearing their own unique uniform. At living history events this is great and we encourage all of our members who want to, to obtain a color guard ensemble and then develop their own uniform based off their personal research or preference that they feel they can represent and explain. At these events it looks better for every man to have his own appearance, but for parades and ceremonies uniformity is superior. This guide will primarily focus on the elements of the Finley's color guard uniform.

- 1. Brogans** – Brogans are historical lace-up ankle boots or shoes worn throughout the 19th century by both civilians and as military issue footwear. The style of brogans worn is irrelevant as we have men wearing black and brown brogans in square toe and round toe designs.
- 2. Gaiters** – Gaiters are typically made of canvas and function as supplementary boot shafts which are buckled on as opposed to being actually part of the boot. They affix above the top of the brogan and have a stirrup piece which goes underneath the shoe. They typically end a little below the knee.
- 3. Trousers** – Trousers in a medium confederate gray or made from gray jean wool are an essential part of the uniform. While some of our members wear powder blue or civilian trousers at living history events, we prefer the gray for our color guard. That being said however, the color is the main sticking point and slight variations in trouser pattern are acceptable. Jean wool is lighter than most other confederate gray trousers, while it is more accurate is also more expensive. Some of our members wear reproduction canvas western pants in the proper color, this is also fine. Period trousers are worn at the navel. Thus if like many of us your gut extends out further than your waist then you will need to order a size or two up to compensate. Additionally on many of our members you will often see a light blue stripe extending up the side of the leg typically half an inch or so. This is a rank stripe denoting corporal. If you are wearing corporal chevrons on your shell as most of our members do, then it would be ideal though not mandatory to get them stitched on either at home

by buying wool tape or from the sutler. If you are dressing as a private with no chevrons then the rank stripe is not needed. A note on underwear, while you are more than welcome to go out and buy period correct long johns, modern underwear is fine.

- 4. Suspenders** – Good period suspenders, or ‘braces’ as they were historically referred to and often sold as are essential to wearing the uniform as they are what is used to actually hold up your pants. They will button twice on each side in the front and once on each side in the back.



Commander's Guidon

A new year and new decade is upon us, and now is the time to renew your commitment to honoring the memory of our ancestors.

Finley's Brigade has a lot scheduled in the coming months. Every member is asked to help when they can. All are welcomed at every Camp event – all help, no matter what type, is appreciated.

On January 11, the Camp will be working on Harbert Family Obelisk Restoration – Phase II in the Tallahassee Old City Cemetery.

On February 1, the Camp, along with the Mary Ann Harvey Black Confederate Rose Society, will sponsored the 28th Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event. Come join me and my family as we celebrate our Dixie heritage. Tickets can be purchased from any Camp Officer.

Additionally, in February, the Camp will have another Cemetery Work Day. More information will be announced at the January Camp meeting.

February 29 will be Natural Bridge Road Clean-up Day.

March 6, 7 and 8 is the Natural Bridge Reenactment Weekend, commemorating the 155th anniversary of the battle that saved Tallahassee.

As you can see, there are many opportunities in the coming months. Ask me or any Camp Officer on how you can serve the Camp and honor your ancestors.

Respectfully,
Ned Roberts





Dates in History - January

January 9-26, 1861 – Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana all follow South Carolina from the previous month and vote to succeed from the Union making a total of six states at this time.

January 18, 1862 – The territory of Arizona is formed by the Confederacy.

January 1, 1863 – The Emancipation Proclamation and the Homestead Act go into effect.

January 17, 1864 – Battle of Dandridge, TN where CSA forces push back Union forces from the area.

January 13-15, 1865 – Fort Fisher, outside of Wilmington, NC, finally falls to Union forces essentially closing off the last Confederate port to the outside world.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

Jan 1 – Flagging Day at Havana Flag site on North Hwy 27 – 10 AM

Jan 11 – Cemetery workday at Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee, FL – 8 AM

Jan 14 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW – 6 PM

Feb 1 – 28th Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event, Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Sheppard – 5 PM

Feb 11 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW – 6 PM

Feb 15 – Stephen Dill Lee Institute, Raleigh, NC

Feb 29 – Natural Bridge Road Clean-up – 8 AM

Mar 6-8 – 155th Anniversary of Battle of Natural Bridge

Apr 4 – Confederate Memorial Day at Soldiers Cemetery in Quincy, FL, Speaker Pat Godwin – 3 PM

June 5-7 – Florida Division Reunion

July 15-18 – SCV National Reunion at St. Augustine, FL

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