



## 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."*

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, UCV Commander General*



## January Camp Meeting

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the VFW.  
Social time at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.



## Lee/Jackson Southern Heritage Event



We are excited that the guest speaker for the **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee & Jackson Southern Heritage Event** will be the SCV Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers.

Jason joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2004 and served as the Commander of the Sam Watkins Camp #29, Columbia Tennessee, from 2008 until 2010. In 2008, he became the editor for the **Forrest Escort**, the newsletter for the Tennessee Division SCV, and served in that post until 2016. He has served the Army of Tennessee as both Councilman and Commander for the National SCV. He was the past Vice-President of the Maury County Museum located in Mt. Pleasant Tennessee.

Jason is a board member for the Forrest Boyhood Home and for the Sam Davis Home. In addition to his position as Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief and Property Chairman of the National Sons of Confederate Veterans, he also serves as the Chief of Staff for the Tennessee Division and Adjutant for the Sam Watkins Camp. He recently retired, after 36 years, from the computer field. On Valentine's Day of 2022, he and his wife, Linda, will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Please make your final plans to attend this celebration of Southern Heritage. Take an opportunity to welcome Jason and enjoy the festivities.

## **Last chance for ad and memorials for the Southern Heritage Event**

The January meeting will be the last opportunity for you, or your friends, to purchase ads or memorials in the booklets that will be distributed at the annual Lee & Jackson Southern Heritage Event on January 29, 2022. Ads will be generated by copying a business card and enlarging it about 200 percent. Ads will be transferred to the camp's web site where they can be viewed all year. Each ad is \$125. Ancestor memorial requests are \$10 each.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the meeting or on-line. The cost of tickets is \$45 each.

Checks are acceptable at the meeting but, if you would like to use a credit card, please send me an e-mail requesting how many tickets, memorial requests or ads. Using our Square account, I will forward to you an invoice that you can pay on-line. Square Accounting will then inform me of your payment and deposit the funds into our banking account. You also may forward a check in the correct amount to Finley's Brigade, P.O. Box 16006, Tallahassee, FL 32317-6006.

It is my hope that you will graciously support this major fund-raising campaign of the camp. Feel free to contact me if further information is needed at [twilliams1946@comcast.net](mailto:twilliams1946@comcast.net)



## **Grave Keepers Report – Remembering Our Ancestors**

Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess

I hope everyone had a joyous and stress-free holiday. There is not much to report since everyone was involved with holiday activities. We continue to monitor and maintain our various grave sites. The work never ends. There are some exciting plans for the new year. We are going to address Old City

Confederate Section, apply for additional headstones, and continue our C.E.R.T. training.

Speaking of C.E.R.T., Compatriot Gerald Bell suggested at the November meeting that the memorial at Natural Bridge Battlefield State Park, was in need of a good cleaning. I was able to speak with the resident Ranger, Mark “Sparky” Stevenson about it. After explaining the methods and materials we use for cleaning such memorials, we were granted permission to demonstrate our processes.

On Wednesday, December 29, Historian Stan Willis, Chaplain Keith Lassiter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander Randy Nichols and I ventured forth to address a small section on the North side of the memorial.

I am pleased to report that our efforts were received very well and Finley’s Brigade has been granted authority to give that special edifice a good scrubbing. I am coordinating with the park for use of a lift to safely reach the uppermost areas as well. As soon as I get a firm date, I will announce it. The park personnel and I agree, this should be started as soon as possible in preparation for the re-enactment.

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



## Color Guard

Compatriot Mark Bess

On December 05, the Color Guard presented the Colors at the headstone dedication of **Thomas Lane** in Union Cemetery, Colquitt Georgia. Sons of Confederate Veterans camps from all around honored Confederate Veteran Thomas Lane, who was from Miller County Georgia. Killed in the battle of Peachtree Creek near Atlanta in 1864, he is believed to be buried in “The Ditch” in Atlanta.

This area is now known as the Oakland cemetery. Established in 1850, it has 6,900 Confederates buried in its grounds, including 5 generals. It is Atlanta’s oldest cemetery. The first soldiers were buried at Oakland as early as September 1863, following the Battle of Chickamauga. Soldiers who died in Atlanta while seeking treatment for wounds, or who died from a disease, were also buried there before the Battle of Atlanta. During that battle, Union soldiers vandalized the cemetery, stealing nameplates, and breaking into crypts. They even exhumed Confederate dead in order to place Union corpses in their coffins.

In Veteran Lane’s honor, the headstone was placed next to his wife.





## Black Eyed Peas and the South

If you are planning to celebrate the New Year in the Southeast, it is most likely that you will be offered black-eyed peas in some form, either just after midnight or on New Year's Day. From gala gourmet dinners to small casual gatherings with friends and family, these flavorful legumes are traditionally, according to Southern folklore, the first food to be eaten on New Year's Day.

### **Why Are Black Eyed Peas Good Luck?**

The practice of eating black-eyed peas for luck dates back to the Civil War. Originally, they were used as food for livestock and later as a food staple for slaves in the South. Because of their lowly reputation, the Union Army troops of General Sherman ignored the fields of black-eyed peas while razing or stealing other crops. During the harsh winter, the Confederate soldiers survived on the remaining black-eyed peas, promoting this humble and nourishing legume into a symbol of fortune and prosperity in the American South.

### **What Does Tradition Say You Should Eat with Black Eyed Peas?**

Today, the tradition of eating black-eyed peas for the New Year has evolved into a number of variations and embellishments of the luck and prosperity theme including:

- Served with greens with the peas representing coins and the greens representing paper money. In some areas, cabbage is used in place of the greens.
- Cornbread, often served with black-eyed peas and greens, represents gold.
- For the best chance of luck every day in the year ahead, one must eat at least 365 black-eyed peas on New Year's Day.
- Black-eyed peas eaten with stewed tomatoes represent wealth and health.

Adding a shiny penny or dime to the pot just before serving is another tradition practiced by some. When served, the person whose bowl contains the penny or dime receives the best luck for the New Year.





## **Chaplain's Corner**

Chaplin Keith Lassiter

The Word of God says in Colossians chapter 2 and verse 19:

<sup>19</sup> And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

The head holds the rest of the body together. This is true not only in the “body of Christ,” but in many things (the human body; a football team; a school; an organization; etc...). How interesting this is. The principle laid out for the church works across the board. The quarterback gets all the attention in a football game. If the center never hiked the ball, the quarterback would never touch the ball. In addition, if the offensive line doesn't block, the quarterback will be ineffective for the entire game. The point is that every single individual on a team, in an organization, or in a church are ALL—each one— important and needed by the rest of the team, group, or church. Each person is placed in the right positions to insure the (fill in the blank) operates smoothly and efficiently. Notice what the Bible has to say about this in 1 Corinthians chapter 12.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.<sup>5</sup> And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.<sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.<sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.<sup>8</sup> For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;<sup>9</sup> To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;<sup>10</sup> To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>11</sup> But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.<sup>12</sup> For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.<sup>14</sup> For the body is not one member, but many.<sup>15</sup> If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?<sup>16</sup> And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?<sup>18</sup> But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.<sup>19</sup> And if they were all one member, where were the body?<sup>20</sup> But now are they many members, yet but one body.<sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.<sup>22</sup> Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:<sup>23</sup> And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.<sup>24</sup> For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.<sup>25</sup> That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.<sup>26</sup> And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

If an organization is nourished by the head and runs efficiently it WILL grow. It WILL bear fruit. It WILL thrive. It is an immutable fact of nature, like water freezing at 32\*. The variable is its (church; team; organization; etc...) members. Will they be willing to be made a tool fit for the Master's hand? Will each member strive for unity? Will each member lift up the other members? Will each prefer the others above himself? Whether a Christian or not, this principle never fails. It only takes a spirit of unity in the body.

Another example is a vehicle. One may remove the catalytic converter or even replace the intake manifolds with headers. The vehicle will run, and even sound really good, but it will NOT run the way it was designed to run. Injure one of your knees, and your back may get out of alignment. That in turn will lead to pressure on other parts of the body. My losing one arm is a classic example. The other arm was overworked, and as a result, the rotator cuff of that arm was injured and needed surgery.

In closing, I would like to repeat the questions mentioned in a previous paragraph. It is my desire that we ALL answer these honestly and reflect on our honest answers. I know that I need to improve in these areas. I have not arrived, gentlemen. There is only One who is perfect, and it is in Him that all my hope and confidence rests. May He help me to be all I can for Him most of all, but also for you, Finley's Brigade, in which it is my distinct honor to serve as your chaplain. May the Lord bless me to NEVER do anything to disappoint any of you.

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Deo Vindice,



## **Tallahassee Veterans Village**

Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

Hello compatriots,

I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and want to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!

The month of December was a good month for the Veterans' Village (see below). A friend of Don and Cathy Turner has taken upon himself the mission of helping support the Veterans' Village with constant donations—some of which are included in the list of donated items below. He also wants to do a cookout for them. Gentlemen, if we will only spread the word, others will help us too. Thank you, Don and Cathy, for your networking—in addition to your loyal support.

Remember, the Lee-Jackson Banquet is approaching quickly. PLEASE overload me with donations at the banquet! Let's outdo our previous two banquets' donations!

Items donated are as follows: blankets and comforters—value--\$540; sweaters; dress shirts; dress pants; ties; shoes; women's clothes—value--\$840; coffee; sugar; hot chocolate; laundry detergent; seven blankets—value--\$260; blankets; clothes; backpack; radio; food—value--\$950; food and blankets—unknown value  
May the Lord bless you gentlemen,

Keith Lassiter  
Deo Vindice



## **Commander's Guidon**

Commander Ned Roberts

My Fellow Compatriots –

As we start a new year, let us all reflect upon what this Camp accomplished last year.

The Grave Keepers became an established unit – we have a trailer, a couple of lawn mowers, and equipment. A lot of us are certified in cleaning headstones, and we used this knowledge on cleaning a State Park monument. We have erected numerous headstones on unmarked graves of Confederate Veterans so that they won't be forgotten. We have done a lot, but there is a lot still to do.

We need to remember our friends, love ones and fellow Compatriots who crossed over the river this year. At times it was very rough, but their memories live in all of us.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your continuing support of Finley's Brigade.



### **Dates in History of the War – 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 11<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>** – Lee & Jackson Southern Heritage Event. Social Hour starts at 5:00 with Dinner/Speaker at 6:00.

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

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** - Natural Bridge Road Cleanup at 8:30 AM. Meet at intersection of Natural Bridge Road and Old Plank Road.

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>– 6<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Natural Bridge Reenactment.

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





## **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee & Jackson Southern Heritage Event**



**Sponsored by**

**Finley's Brigade Camp #1614, Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**January 29, 2022**

**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: Lt Commander-In-Chief Jason Boshers**



**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).

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Requested by – name & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return Ancestor Memorial Request Form to 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 2022 Lee-Jackson Event Program. Thank you for honoring your Confederate Ancestor.