



***Camp Cresset
Finley's Brigade
Camp #1614
Havana, Florida***



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“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.”



Camp Meeting Dedication

The March Camp Meeting will be dedicated to the honor and memory of 1st Lieutenant Henry Thompson Lindsey, Company C, 54th Alabama Infantry Regiment who was Compatriot Jay Lindsey's 2nd Great Uncle.

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



Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event



Bad Things Happen – Good Things Happen
John Howell, Chaplain
Finley’s Brigade, SCV Camp 1614

BAD THINGS HAPPEN – GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO REPLACE THE BAD. As we go through life, we make many decisions, some good, some not so good, and some just downright awful. How do we handle the results or consequences of all these decisions? Well, let us break this down further.

1. Good decisions usually bring forth good results. When you decide and accept that this was a good decision, then think about what made it a good decision. Maybe it just feels good and you are proud of the results. Perhaps it looks good on the surface. So the logical next step is to decide what the obvious part of the decision was that made it ultimately a good decision. Here are some ideas.
 - a. You just felt good inside before and after you made the decision.
 - b. You weren’t thinking how or why you really made the decision, but the results were pleasing to you.
 - c. FINAL ANALYSIS: Now you archive the results in your “I did good” mental file and move on with your life.
2. Some decisions reveal to you that you just plain ‘goofed’ and as a result, you earned the consequences of the bad decision that you made. So what do you do?
 - a. Just try to forget about it and move on.
 - b. Attempt to hide any connection you had with the bad decision.
 - c. FINAL ANALYSIS: Analyze the results – why was it bad? Did my faulty decision hurt someone else? What can I do to avoid this type of decision and its subsequent results from ever happening again? If I hurt someone as a result of my bad decision, what can I do to rectify the result? Maybe I can’t reverse the results of this bad decision, but I can help to alleviate some of the resulting pain to the person I hurt.

So let’s review this situation.

1. You made a good decision, resulting in a good conclusion.
2. Store the positive results in your memory bank.
3. You made a bad decision, resulting in a bad conclusion.
4. This required another decision to correct the damage that was caused by it.
5. This bad decision has now been changed to a good decision or better situation than what it was earlier. How is it possible to make this correction? Well, for one, praying to God to give you the strength and courage to turn a bad decision into a good one should be first and foremost. Now you have created a good decision to help make better what at first seemed to be a bad decision that created hurt towards someone, but you turned to God and prayed that he give you strength and courage to correct the damage the bad decision had created, and so he did. So you see, what you could not do on your own, you accomplished it anyway with God’s help. Once again, the devil was sent back to his own hiding place called HELL! God has helped you to win another battle in his precious name.

Remember: Bad things happen – Good things happen
You have replaced the bad things that happened with good things.



Aviator Howard Hughes
Could Have Been a Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
By Norm Dasinger

The world famous motion picture producer, the creator of the 'Spruce Goose' airplane, the inspiration for comic book personality Tony Stark (the father of superhero Ironman), the successful and super wealthy business tycoon, the boyfriend of Katharine Hepburn, the man that set the modern airspeed record of 352 mph in 1935, the speculated financier of the Watergate break-in 1972, an insane recluse as his life came to a close and best remembered today as the character portrayed by Leonardo DiCaprio in a recent movie, was the great grandson of Confederate General Richard Montgomery Gano. Yes, Howard Hughes was eligible for membership in the SCV!



Howard Hughes



General Richard Montgomery Gano
Great-Grandfather of Hughes

Gano, like his great grandson, was rich. He had moved from Kentucky to Texas in 1859 and made it big in the land and cattle trading business. In 1860, he resigned his seat in the state legislature and would soon form the 'Grapevine Volunteers' for the Confederate State Army. Their initial assignment would be back in Gano's home state serving with cavalry General John Hunt Morgan in Kentucky. Eventually, Gano would fight in the Indian Territory (modern day Oklahoma) in the battles of Second Cabin Creek and Poison Springs. After the War, he became a man of God and served as minister to churches in Kentucky and Texas. He and his sons accumulated over 55,000 acres in Texas before he died in 1913. Big Bend National Park was formed with much of Gano family land as its nucleus. When the landing gear retracts following take off on your next airplane trip, you should remember the great-grandson of a Confederate soldier, Howard Hughes. He was the first commercial airline designer to make them standard in the industry.

It may be strange, but it is important to acknowledge our modern-day connections to the Civil War are really not that far removed from our daily lives.



Work Days – Remembering Our Ancestors

Natural Bridge Mile Cleanup Report – Reggie Roddenberry

On Saturday morning, February 29th, the following compatriots made it to the morning mile cleanup in preparation for the Natural Bridge Reenactment weekend. Commander Roberts (taking photo), JR Miller, Lee Norris, Jim Windsor, Ellis and Anthony Harvey, Mark Bess, Keith Lassiter and Mel, Reggie Roddenberry, Gerald Bell, and Thomas Williams.



Cemetery Cleanup Report – Chris Miller

Midway/Beard Cemetery, Saturday, February 22nd. Attendees were Commander Roberts, Lee Norris, Mark Bess, John Bess, and Chris Miller. We cleared the brush and picked up limbs, mowed and weed eaten the rest of the cemetery. I am currently working on a list of cemeteries so we can have a monthly/bimonthly rotation of clean ups, but that's not to say if a cemetery needs our help we won't do it. Once it warms up some, we are going to have a headstone cleaning day at a cemetery that is yet TBD. There will be more workdays soon so stay tuned.



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

Color Guard Report – 2nd Lt. Commander Lee Norris

Color guard had no events for February. We have two new members: Compatriots Mark Bess and Reggie Roddenberry. We are always in need of more members and the Camp is currently offering loans to assist those that need help in purchasing uniforms.

Events in March:

Sunday, March 8th – Camp's Color Guard will provide service at UDC Natural Bridge Memorial Event.



Commander's Guidon

For the next couple of months I need all members of Finley's Brigade to assist with multiple service opportunities that are on our busy calendar. Everyone can help!

Beginning with the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Natural Bridge, that is scheduled for the weekend of March 6 – 8. We need your help setting-up and manning our information table and the Florida Confederate Memorial Wall. This is the excellent opportunity to teach our Southern Heritage and show our Southern Pride to others. Please come out at least Saturday or Sunday to work the table and Wall.

The Woodville Founders Festival is the following weekend on Saturday, March 14, and we need Compatriots to speak with potential recruits. If you can't make it to Natural Bridge, then come to this.

The Soldiers Cemetery Memorial Service in Quincy is scheduled for April 4, so plan for a cemetery workday on March 28. All Camp members are strongly encouraged to attend Memorial Service. This is one of the Camp's major project, and is your opportunity to show respect to those that fell for the Cause.

As you can see, there are a lot of opportunities coming up to serve and honor our Ancestors. Let's do it!

Respectfully,
Ned Roberts



Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event

The Lee-Jackson dinner was another huge success and a great time had by all. The food was great, the speech on Finley's Brigade was excellent, and there were a lot of laughs as well as some serious bidding going on for all of the items that were auctioned off.







Dates in History - March

March 4, 1861 – the First National Flag (Stars and Bars) hoisted over Confederate Capital, Montgomery
March 11, 1861 – Brig. Gen. Braxton Bragg assumed command of all CSA forces in Florida.
March 9, 1862 – Battle of Hampton Roads between USS Monitor and CSS Virginia.
March 26, 1863 – The Confederate Congress passes act authorizing the impressment of any property or slaves for the Army's needs.
March 31, 1864 – Skirmish at Palatka, FL.
March 4, 1865 – President Davis signed bill into law creating the Third National Flag
March 6, 1865 – Federal troops are repulsed at Battle of Natural Bridge near Tallahassee, FL by West Florida Cadets and other Southern troops.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

March 6-8 – 155th Anniversary and Reenactment of the Battle of Natural Bridge.
March 10 – Monthly Camp Meeting at SCV at 6:30. Speaker will be Compatriot JR Miller discussing Peace Talks.
March 14 – The Woodville Founders Festival where our camp will be manning a booth.
March 28 – Soldiers Cemetery Clean-up/Workday – 8:30 AM.
April 4 – Confederate Memorial Day at Soldiers Cemetery in Quincy, FL will be held at 3pm with Guest Speaker Pat Godwin.
April 26 – UDC Confederate Memorial Day Service, Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee – 3pm.
June 5-7 – SCV Florida Division Reunion at Ocala, FL.
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.

