



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."



February Camp Meeting

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled on February 9th at the VFW.



General Beauregard Lee: The Southern Groundhog

By J.R. Miller

Groundhog Day was officially held on Feb 2, 2021 the day is steeped in tradition and superstitions brought over from the Germanic peoples of the old world. I leave an excerpt from history.com on the beginnings of what is now Groundhog Day.

Falling midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, February 2 is a significant day in several ancient and modern traditions. The Celts, for instance, celebrated it as Imbolc, a pagan festival marking the beginning of spring.

As Christianity spread through Europe, Imbolc evolved into Candlemas, a feast commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the holy temple in Jerusalem. In certain parts of Europe, Christians believed that a sunny Candlemas meant another 40 days of cold and snow.

Germans developed their own take on the legend, pronouncing the day sunny only if badgers and other small animals glimpsed their own shadows. When German immigrants settled Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th centuries, they brought the custom with them, choosing the native groundhog as the annual forecaster.

General Beauregard Lee is the only “Southern Whistlepig” that I am aware of. He lived at Yellow River Game Ranch in Gwinnett Co. Georgia for almost three decades. When the ranch closed he was relocated to Dauset Trails Nature Center in Jackson Georgia where is resides at his antebellum home.

In 2011, PolitiFact reported General Lee to be more accurate than Punxsutawney Phil, boasting a 60% national accuracy for an early spring between the years of 2001 to 2010, compared to Phil's 30%.¹ General Beauregard Lee is a direct descendent of General Robert E. Lee who from what I have researched became to old and to fat and retired in 1991.

Oh by the way General Beauregard Lee predicted an early spring for 2021 and a few days later my truck was cover in fresh pine pollen.



Southern Recipe of the Month

Oven Fried Chicken

Mark Bess

Ingredients:

- 1 Chicken cut up
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 2 tsp garlic pepper
- 1 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp paprika
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¾ tsp baking soda
- Olive oil

Directions:

Preheat Oven to 350 degrees. In a baking pan, whisk together flour, garlic pepper, sugar and paprika. In a medium size bowl, whisk together buttermilk, eggs, baking powder and baking soda until smooth. Dip each piece of chicken into buttermilk mixture, shaking off excess. Roll in flour mixture and then dip into buttermilk and flour mixture a second time. Place in baking pan and drizzle with olive oil. Bake about 50-55 minutes or until chicken is golden brown.



Work Days – Remembering Our Ancestors

Cemetery Cleanup

Chairman: Mark Bess

We did a cleanup at Beard / Davis Cemetery 2-20-21 with Randy Nichols, Me, John Bess, Ned Roberts and Jay L. On 2-25-21, I, Randy Nichols and Stan Willis did a survey of “Geddies” Cemetery. At least two confederates are interred there, one being an ancestor of Marshal Carrol. A date for cleanup TBD. Ned has been working closely with a representative of the private plantation land the “Bannerman” and “Lamonia” cemeteries are located on. Date TBD to gain access to survey and determine appropriate response for preservation. Several members will be attending the headstone training course in Jacksonville, March 20. No clean ups have been scheduled until after the memorial at Natural Bridge and the training course in Jacksonville. Most likely no clean ups will be scheduled until April. Our trailer, equipment, and supplies are in working order and ready to go to go. Suggestions are welcome for signage on the trailer.

Please email me at saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com with any questions.

Natural Bridge Road Cleanup

Eight Compatriots showed up at the Natural Bridge Road Cleanup on February 27. All had a good time.



Beard Cemetery Work Detail



Natural Bridge Rd Work Detail



Tallahassee Veterans Village

Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

Hello gentlemen,

Spring is almost here, and the cold weather is almost gone. The need for blankets is no more; HOWEVER, the need for food is still the most urgent need for the Veterans' Village. Dry or canned food goods are the cheapest and safest to transport, and they will keep for long periods of time. Is it possible for you to pick up a case of canned foods or several bags of dry foods (rice; black-eyed peas, pinto beans; etc...) and bring to our next meeting? I will have a gift for whoever brings the most. Please save your receipts for two reasons:

1. It will let me know how much we are donating as a group and individually
2. It will let me know who wins the prize each week

I also want to be more "on top of" your donations for tax purposes. I will get more forms and hand them out at our meetings. If you do not wish to keep up with your donations for tax purposes, that is fine, but PLEASE save your receipts and bring them to me each month. I will be speaking with Tori next week, concerning a possible future hamburger/hot dog cookout on the premises of Veterans' Village around Memorial Day, July 4th, or Labor Day (NOT on the holiday weekends but the weekend before or after the holiday weekends). One more thing: I am going to ask that we hold off on any more donations of clothes or shoes/boots at this time. We may resume this at a later date--preferably during colder weather. Toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste/toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner; soap; etc... are still needed, but again, FOOD is what is needed most. Thank you for all your past support, and please keep up the good work. A few dollars a month does a lot of good. I would like to challenge all of you to bring \$10 worth of food or \$10 cash to each meeting. That amount of food would feed them for a long time, and it wouldn't hurt us either. Thanks again! We are doing a good thing here men. This is a noble and VERY worthy cause. These men--and women are veterans! I think that says it all.

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



Commander's Guidon

My Fellow Compatriots –

The Florida Division Reunion is scheduled for June 4-6, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Ocala. This is a very informative meeting, so please try to attend. Go to Division website – flscv.org – for details.

The National Reunion will be held in Metairie-Kenner, Louisiana on July 21-24. See flyer above for info.

Respectfully,

Sons of Confederate Veterans



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Dates in History of the War - March

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 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 6th – Memorial at Natural Bridge Battlefield Park – Camp Members at 9:00 AM, Memorial at 11

March 9th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW – 6:00 PM

March 20th – Headstone Cleaning seminar in Jacksonville, FL by Kirby Smith SCV Camp – 8:00 AM

April 13th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW – 6:00 PM

April 25th – Anna Jackson Chapter, UDC Memorial at the Old City Cemetery – 3:00 PM

June 4th – 6th – 2021 Florida Division Reunion, Ocala, FL

July 21st – 24th – 2021 SCV National Reunion, Metairie-Kenner, Louisiana

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

