



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



April Camp Meeting

**Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting on April 11th at the VFW.
Social time at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.**

Natural Bridge Battle Reenactment

The Natural Bridge Battle Reenactment was held on March 4th and 5th at the Florida State Park east of Woodville Florida. Finley's Brigade played a big part in the activities and shared the message of the Sons of Confederate Veterans message with many of the participants and guests.

Here are some of the pictures taken from the event:



This was the home base for the event. There was literature, flags, raffle items, soldier vittles and every other thing we could think of to offer interested individuals. A table was dedicated to Family Research. Historian **Stan Willis** had quite a few who accepted his offer for assistance.

Some of the hardy souls who served are seen here: **Adjutant Tom Williams, Pat Adams, Reggie Roddenberry** with backups, **Jim Windsor, and Gerald Bell.**



**Adjutant Tom Williams and Chaplain Keith Lassiter
ready for battle!**



**Sunday morning Services were offered under the Dogwood Tree by Captain
John E. Butler from Hudson Florida**



Finley's Brigade Honor Guard made a fine showing as they marched to the Confederate Monument.



In what one long-time SCV member described as “the best induction ceremony” he has seen, **Philip Denmark** was sworn into Finley’s Brigade by Chaplin Lassiter at the monument at Natural Bridge on Saturday, March 4.



Proudly standing by his side were Chaplin Keith Lassiter, Compatriot Chris Miller, Compatriot Robert Crisler, Inductee Philip Denmark, Compatriot Mike Browne, Compatriot Gerald Bell and 1st Lt Commander Mark Bess.



1st Lt Commander Mark Bess enlisted Compatriots Mike Browne and Robert Crisler to join with Chaplin Keith Lassiter in cannon duty on the front lines.

FLORIDA DIVISION SCV GUARDIAN



1. Purpose:

The purpose is designed to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and through its implementation will provide the preservation of their final resting places and will document for future generations their sacrifices.

2. Eligibility:

Any Florida Division camp member in good standing, who is at least 12 years of age and who has demonstrated his desire and ability to serve as a GUARDIAN. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in the program to honor our ancestors and to protect their final resting place.

3. DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (A) He shall care for and protect the grave(s) of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the gravesite is kept clean and well-maintained year-round. He shall perform these duties personally unless he is physically unable because of health reasons. At no time shall these responsibilities be passed on to another without the approval of the GUARDIAN committee for the Florida Division.
- (B) He will be responsible to appropriately mark the grave, so it is designated as a final resting place of a Confederate Veteran. This can be by stone, plaque, Cross of Honor, etc.
- (C) He will also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is worn, damaged or destroyed.
- (D) He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of four times a year to include Confederate Memorial Day or at least a week prior. He shall place a wreath or a small Confederate flag or both on the grave.

4. APPLICATIONS, REVIEWS & APPROVAL:

- (A) **Multiple Gravesites:** GUARDIANS may care for more than one gravesite and will be recognized by the Guardian Review Committee. Cost of additional certificates are \$3 each.
- (B) **Forfeiture of Guardian position:** A Guardian who cannot meet the requirements of his position due to relocation, health or other reasons must notify the Review Committee. All fees are non-refundable.
- (C) **Bequeathing of GUARDIAN position:** A Guardian may transfer his responsibilities as a Guardian to another SCV member in good standing with the prior approval by the Review Committee. There is a \$10.00 fee for transferring the Guardianship. This fee will cover the new Guardian's membership pin and certificate. If he is already in the Guardian program, there will be a \$3.00 fee to cover the certificate designating the new guardianship he is undertaking.
- (D) **Revocation of GUARDIAN status:** The Review Committee may revoke the status of a participant in the Guardian program if he fails to carry out his duties and responsibilities as outlined. The committee reserves the right to inspect, with or without notice, any GUARDIAN'S Confederate Veteran's gravesite to confirm compliance with all the rules and regulations specified in the program.



FLORIDA GUARDIAN PROGRAM APPLICATION**Turn Application in to Camp Commander**

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____ Ancestor: _____

GRAVESITE DETAILS

Confederate Veteran's Name: _____ Rank: _____ Unit: _____

Born: _____ Died: _____ Condition of Gravesite: _____

Location of Grave: (Include Name of Cemetery, City, State & Country) _____

Marker on Grave denoting Confederate Service: _____ Cross of Honor: _____

Documentation of Confederate Service: _____

I affirm that all the information here is true and accurate.**I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veteran's grave in accordance with the GUARDIAN PROGRAM rules for as long as I am able.****In the event I cannot carry out my duties, I shall notify the Review Committee immediately.****I also understand that the Review Committee can revoke my status as a GUARDIAN for good cause.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Camp Commander: _____ Date: _____

Mail the completed forms to the attention of:
Florida Guardian Program/ Florida Division, SCV
3428 Laura Street
Tallahassee, FL 32305
Make checks payable to Florida Division, SCV

*******DO NOT WRITE ON LINES BELOW*******

Application Approved: _____ Disapproved _____ Date: _____

Approval Signature: _____

Chaplain's Corner



Over the last few nights, the evening news has been reporting the news in Ukraine and reminding us that it was one year ago that hostilities commenced. Remembering that I wrote about this last year, I reread my comments. After reading them, I thought, "How timely!" and I decided to do a reprint. I do this, not to be lazy, but to "call to arms" the faithful and to ask that we rededicate ourselves to the things mentioned in the last paragraph. At the Lee-Jackson Banquet a month ago, I relayed something my pastor said to us while preaching. Do ya'll remember the "No mores" I talked about that night? Let's sit on the sidelines and let others tote the load "No more!" Enjoy the reprint!

March 24, 2022

Much has been said lately about Russian President Vladimir Putin and his dictatorial leadership style, not only in regard to events in Ukraine, but also in Russia. Putin is KGB. Everyone knows that. His desire is to restore the old Soviet Union. Every US president since 2012 (when Putin became Russia's leader) has been keenly aware of this fact. He has blatantly targeted and "murdered" civilians in Ukraine and imprisoned—or worse—his own people (who oppose him) in Russia. There is an obvious disregard for any semblance of law or morality in his Machiavellian mindset. No one dares oppose him; he has all the power of the government at his disposal. All that matters to him is the restoration of the USSR.

Surely, I cannot be the only one who recognizes the distinct parallel between Russia's Vladimir Putin and America's Putin—Abraham Lincoln. It is so very obvious and cannot—and MUST NOT be missed! Lincoln was a tyrant in every sense of the word. He set out to dismantle the Constitution—article by article and clause by clause. His sole object (as he stated [laughable were it not nauseating]) was to "save the Union." Lincoln imprisoned or banished people in the North who disagreed or dare speak against him or his policies. Lincoln targeted and murdered multiple thousands of civilians in the South, labeling them as enemies and traitors. Wait a minute! Didn't he say that this was one and not two separate countries? If that were the case (and it wasn't), that would mean Lincoln was killing his own people, and civilians at that! Oh, the hypocrisy! How Machiavellian! All this for the purpose of "saving the Union." I find it inexplicable that this is not on every television and radio station. Why hasn't it been taught in every school? How can anyone castigate Putin yet glorify Lincoln? How can anyone say they love the Constitution and hold up Lincoln as a champion of representative government and civil liberties?

The Bible tells us that we should beware when men call evil good and good evil. Gentlemen, that is the world in which we live. It is no wonder that politicians say and do despicable things, and the major media outlets are complicit. There is no wonder that revisionist history has been taught in our government schools for years upon years. Sadly, our private secular and even Christian schools embrace the heretical doctrine of what is referred to as "established truth." The ungodly song *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* is played every Sunday in Christian churches all across the United States. What a travesty! One only needs to research the origins of the song or its writer to ascertain the intended meaning. It too, just as the "established truth" in our history books, is embraced as wholly American and oh so patriotic. Compromisers have watered down the truth of the gospel; accepted immorality as just an "alternative lifestyle"; established works in place of faith; placed pedophiles in pulpits; and replaced the preaching of the Word of God with dramas and something called "interpretive dance." In place of repentance and faith, recipes and full bellies are the norm today.

With the indoctrination completed, is there any wonder why a nation of sheep follows the shepherd (politician; school board/superintendent; preacher) straight to the slaughterhouse? The "dumbing down" of the populous through politics, communication, education; and even religion has led us to this point. Anyone who dares to call this evil, EVIL (which it is) is labeled a troublemaker, conspiracy nut, or worse. Anyone who dares to speak the truth is today a purveyor of hate, a racist, or some other hurtful term. Gentlemen, we are the holdouts. We are the modern-day Jose Wales of this country. We are the ones who love our country (not the government). We are the ones who still believe the truth. We

are the ones who are trying to teach this truth to others. May God help America if we fail. I want to say something here, and I trust you all will be in agreement with me on this matter. I am so very proud to be a Southerner and a descendant of many Confederate soldiers. I am so very honored to be a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and in particular, a member of Finley's Brigade Camp 1614. I am so very humbled to serve all of you as the chaplain of our camp. Even more than this though, I am so very grateful that on Tuesday, September 5, 1989, God reached way down, heard my prayer, and welcomed me into His family. More than anything else, I am happy to be a Christian first. As a Christian, I could not be part of this wonderful organization called the SCV if I did not believe that it is Christian based, just as the Confederacy was. The Confederacy was dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Constitution. The perversion in the North of the Holy Bible and the Constitution could no longer be tolerated, and the South left—legally—constitutionally. When Lincoln commenced hostilities, the South was defending more than just its homeland. The South was standing on the righteousness of the Word of God and the best form of government any nation has ever known—the Constitution (as it was in 1861). Let us pledge ourselves to this same proposition. Let us commit ourselves—more than ever—to teaching the truth to all who will hear.

Deo Vindice

Chaplain Keith Lassiter

Thought for this month: God never told the lost man to go to church, but He commanded the church to go to the lost man.

My duties as Chaplain include assisting members in need. With that in mind, please let me know if you are aware of any who are sick, bereaved or in need of any services we may offer. Contact me as indicated below.

Chaplain Keith Lassiter

(850) 567-0645

greynole01@yahoo.com



Tallahassee Veterans Village

Veterans Chairman: Reginald Roddenberry

Many thanks to my compatriot fellows for their monetary donations this past camp meeting! Also, so many thanks to the Order of the Confederate Rose (OCR) ladies for their great donations.

The following are the listed donations received from Camp 1614 and the OCR:

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| 1. \$69.00 cash. | 4. (1) container Dish Washer Packs. | 6. (1) large Quilt. |
| 2. (3) sets Full Bed Sheets. | 5. (1) container Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner. | 7. (1) bag |
| 3. (1) box Q Tips. | | |

If any compatriot wishes to donate goods for the village, please either call or text me so I can pick them up. You can bring anything to our next camp meeting.

I have not yet found any village veteran who wishes to be interviewed but I will continue to ask them. Also, I have not made any contact with the Publix organization about donations for the village.

If any of you wish to join my committee, you would be most welcomed. I need help and assistance from each of you.

Commander's Guidon

Commander Ned Roberts

April is Confederate History Month

On Saturday, April 22 the Camp will be holding its annual **Confederate Memorial Day Remembrance** at Soldiers Cemetery in Quincy. The Memorial Service will start at 11:00 AM, with setup starting at 9:00 AM. Soldiers Cemetery is a major project for Finley's Brigade, and over the years we have spent a lot of hours, blood, sweat and tears over the years fixing up the cemetery. We need all Camp members to attend this event. Food will be served after the Memorial Service.

The Anna Jackson UDC Chapter will be holding it's **Confederate Memorial Service** on the following day, Sunday, April 23 at the Old City Cemetery in Tallahassee. Again, I am requesting all Camp members attend, so that we can show Tallahassee some Confederate Pride. Service starts at 3:00 PM, setup is at 1:00 PM.

April is a good time to rededicate ourselves to The Charge given to us by Lt General Stephen Dill Lee. Always remember that, to your strength will be given the defense of their name and guardianship of their history.

We can make a difference if we emulate our beloved ancestor's virtues.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

Apr 11th - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.
Apr 22nd - Confederate Memorial Day Remembrance-Soldiers Cemetery, Quincy FL 11:00AM
Apr 23rd - Confederate Memorial Service – Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee FL 3:00PM
May 9th - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.
Jun 3rd - 53rd Annual Florida Division Reunion. Trenton FL. Starts at 9:30AM

Special Announcement from the CIC

April is Confederate History Month. It is a month to celebrate all things Confederate. We have so many things to celebrate and remember. Have a memorial service, a headstone dedication or any such event. All of the camps, brigades and divisions that will be having an event, please announce it so others may attend.

May will be announced as Military Appreciation Month.

June will be announced as Law Enforcement Appreciation Month.

Please plan ahead and show our appreciation, honor, and respect. Please announce any programs and events that will be taking place. You can do so on social media, SCV_Chat, local newspapers and flyers. Take pictures during the events and post them. Document your activities and send them to General Headquarters so we can announce the good works our organization is doing and what an asset will be to our local towns and communities.

Your humble servant in The Cause,
R. S. Jason Boschers
Commander-in-Chief



MARY ANN HARVEY BLACK
Order of Confederate Rose Chapter #5

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Tickets \$5 or 5 for \$20
Drawing June 3, 2023, Trenton FL

Ready for your display, your holster, or the firing range!

This is your chance to win this beautiful reproduction

1851 COLT SHERIFF'S MODEL

It is a 36 caliber, black powder, fully functional pistol.

Tickets will be available for purchase at
the Lee/Jackson event (January),
Natural Bridge event (March)
and anytime by contacting

Lisa Bess

239-240-9095

Lisabess21@icloud.com

The drawing will be held at the Florida Reunion in Trenton on June 3, 2023.

Need not be present for drawing as long as your contact information is on the stub.



The 53rd Annual Florida Division Reunion

220 NE 4th Ave Trenton, Florida – June 3, 2023

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: *Members Only*

If Postmarked by May 15th _____ X \$30.00 \$ _____

After May 15th _____ X \$40.00 \$ _____

Ancestor Memorials: _____ X \$5.00 \$ _____

Total remitted \$ _____

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

We will have an Awards Luncheon and no Evening Banquet

NOTE: We will not be able to take meal reservations received after May 20th

NAME: _____

Guest: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

CAMP NAME & NUMBER:

Please Mail Registration Form & Check to:

Commander Calvin Hart

4884 Victoria Chase Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32257

Please Make Checks Payable To: SCV Florida Division Inc.

