



**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."



May Camp Meeting

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled on May 11th at the VFW, with social hour starting at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.



Old City Cemetery Cleanup

Volunteer Compatriots working and cleaning headstones at Old City Cemetery.





Graves Report – Remembering Our Ancestors

Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess

My fellow Compatriots,

Another month has passed all too quickly, but there has been much accomplished. 2nd Lt. Norris has been diligently and exhaustively working on headstones in the private section of Old City Cemetery in Tallahassee. He has made extensive progress with many of the neglected markers. He has been using the CERT techniques and supplies he personally purchased. Take a stroll through that area and you will immediately identify and be amazed at the impact his efforts have made. There has also been great progress made in the Confederate section. Division Commander Kelly Crocker, 2nd Lt. Norris, Scott Osteen, myself and Compatriot Randy Nichols re-aligned the stones in the Confederate section. Admittedly, Commander Crocker and 2nd Lt. Norris and Scott did the Lion's share, working several days in advance. The work required setting out stakes, stringing lines, probing for lost / buried pieces, digging holes, re-setting and leveling the stones. One of the lines of stones was a full two feet out of alignment. The Confederate section looks much more uniform now, but additional and extensive work is required. Many of the stones are broken, have sections missing, or their remnants are cemented to the ground. Many are beyond repair and ultimately will have to be replaced. Commander Crocker researched and purchased an adhesive, specifically designed for and recommended by the "Cemetery Conservators for United Standards" organization. This group is the "Go to" people when it comes to headstone repair information. We will attempt to repair some of the less damaged stones, but many are beyond help. We are still gathering bids for the replacement cost of these stones. I realize that restoring this section will be a long process. They have been there for 150+ years, but let's not take that long to restore it. I would hope that one day it will be as pristine as Soldiers Cemetery. Our scheduled work day on the 17th was a huge success. The inclement weather held off so we were able to accomplish all our goals for that day. Linda Granthum, Wilma Scofield, and Vicki Norris, from the Anna Jackson chapter UDC, joined us and came prepared to work. 2nd Lt Norris gave instruction / training on the CERT recommended techniques for properly cleaning the stones. Armed with that knowledge, brushes, scrapers, and spray bottles, the ladies and compatriots attacked the dirt with a vengeance. Everyone was working doing something, cleaning stones, pressure washing the stage, answering technical cleaning questions, or dragging hose. Oh! Did I fail to mention that after somewhat of a treasure hunt, we were able to scrounge up enough hose at the cemetery to reach the Confederate section from the only working hose bib at the front gate. A few spare parts, some trips to the hardware store, and a little profanity, we had hose. I hope it is still there when we return. In all we had nine people sharing the load to get the job done. Since April is Confederate history month, we were much busier than usual. In preparation for the memorial at the Soldiers section in Eastside cemetery, Marshall Carroll, Commander Roberts, Randy Nichols, John Bess and I, raked leaves, picked up trash, and cleaned every stone, to include several outside the fenced section. After all this hard work and effort, I would also like to announce that Compatriots Keith Lassiter, and Randy Nichols, have completed or exceeded the CERT required hours of training to be certified. Their names will be submitted to Commander Roberts for submission to CERT headquarters for certification. Congratulations men. As far as future projects. I would like to give Old City Confederate section a priority. However, rainy season is approaching and we should not neglect our other cemeteries. If you are aware of a cemetery in need of attention, please let me know. There are only 191 in Leon County alone, so we have a lot to choose from. With that number,

please keep in mind that we will not be able to address them all, and some we may not be able to access. But if you have one in mind that protects the remains your direct ancestor, I will do my best to get it addressed. As always, we should be actively searching to identify our Confederate dead. Tallahassee and the surrounding area was full of confederate veterans during and after the war. Many of the places we see here today, have confederate ties. Compatriot Stan Willis will amaze and mesmerize you with his knowledge in that area, I know he does me.

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



Tallahassee Veterans Village

Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

Hello compatriots:

Well, we are at the end of yet another month, and our May meeting (11th) is going to be on top of us before we know it. The need of the Veterans' Village remains the same—FOOD. Once again, I would like to challenge you to do one of the following:

1. Bring \$10.00 cash with you to the meeting
2. Bring \$10.00 worth of food with you to the meeting
(Canned or dry food will keep longer and is the most economical)

We average over twenty men and a few ladies at our meetings each month. If everyone did this (challenge), we would have over \$200.00 every month. That would feed these men and women, **who served our country**, for a good while. I am sorry to report that we did not collect anything at the April meeting. PLEASE, let's make up for it at this month's meeting, and let's put a positive face on the SCV for everyone to see! Please remember to keep your receipts and bring them with your donations each month. I want you to have a record of what you gave, and I want the camp to have a record of what we gave as a group. Compatriot Tom Williams has form to give you at every meeting.

I would also like to remind you that **we will be having a hamburger/hotdog cookout at the Veterans' Village on June 26th** at noon (if I remember correctly); however, our camp commander will announce the correct time at our May 11th and June 8th meetings. Remember, "Many hands make light work." I encourage all of you to come out and meet these men and women we are helping. May the Lord bless all of you for your efforts and continued support in this worthy and noble cause.

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



Hunley Award – Youth are the Future

Mark Bess

On April 16th, I had the honor and pleasure of presenting the Hunley award at the 37th Annual JROTC awards banquet, at the Holmes County High School, Bonifay Florida. Lieutenant Colonel Moore and First Sergeant Burlew are the instructors. The event was attended by approximately 160 persons.

Our recipient for 2021 was Cadet Sergeant Seth Crutchfield. The event was held in the school cafeteria and catered by the school cafeteria staff. We enjoyed a fine meal of Pulled Pork or Barbecue Chicken, Potato salad, baked beans, fresh rolls and sweet tea. We topped it off with Peach cobbler. We were informed by the cafeteria staff that they did not want any “left-overs,” and I certainly did my part to insure they didn’t. I was seated at the table with Cadet Sergeant Crutchfield and his parents. Immediately I found that Cadet Crutchfield, “Seth” to his friends, is an amazing young man. He is top of his class in academics, actively pursuing an appointment to the Air Force Academy, and aspires to be a Drone pilot. Polite, respectful, confident, and possessing an engagingly infectious smile, I am confident he will attain his goals.

As luck would have it, I was also seated with the 2020 award recipient, Ashton Hudson. Ashton was unable to receive his award in person due to the Pandemic restrictions, and regretfully had it mailed to him.

The other presenters included Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion, VFW, Free and Accepted Masons. Each presenter was afforded time to explain their organization and their respective award. I was the last presenter of the evening. My presentation explained the purpose of the SCV and membership opportunities. I went in depth about the history of the Hunley, her crew, along with the why and how the award is determined.

As icing on the cake, I did a short retro presentation for Cadet Hudson since he did not get to enjoy his award presentation last year. It was in all, a very enjoyable evening and I would encourage each compatriot to attend at least one event such as this. The caliber of these young men and women was refreshing. I left there with renewed optimism for our future.





Confederate Memorial Day at Soldiers Cemetery



Soldiers Cemetery Cleanup




Service Award Presentation – Adjutant Thomas Williams


Southern Recipe of the Month
Farmers Pork Chops
Tristy Nichols**Ingredients:**

- 4-6 Pork Chops
- 3 Medium to Large Potatoes, sliced
- 1 thinly sliced onion, optional
- Salt and Pepper
- Seasoning Salt

White sauce:

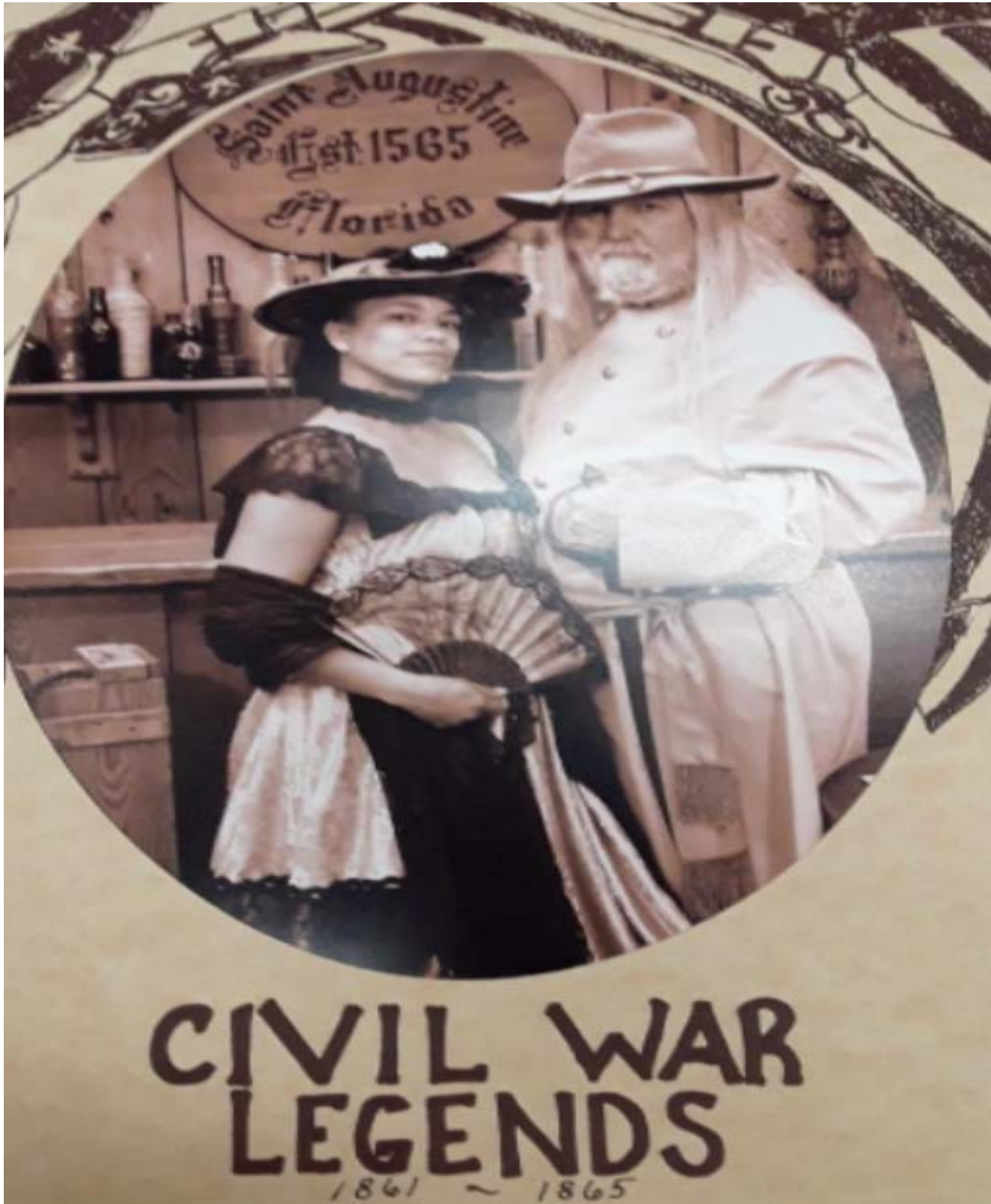
- ½ cup of Flour
- 4 cups of Milk
- 1 stick of butter

Directions:

Brown pork chops (lightly do not cook through). Add sliced potatoes to baking pan with optional onions and season with salt & pepper. Place pork chops on top & season with seasoning salt. Pour white sauce over & bake. For the white sauce, melt stick butter. Add 1/2 cup flour. Wisk until combined and bubbly. Add 1 cup at a time of milk while whisking until desired consistency. Bake at 350 for about an hour and till potatoes are soft.



Recognize this good looking couple?



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My Fellow Compatriots –

Are you happy and content with how Finley’s Brigade and the SCV is working? Are there some projects you would like to see worked on, or do you feel the Camp is over extended?

At the Camp’s May Meeting we will have an open discussion on the current state of Finley’s Brigade, and how we all can help improve things for the better. Bring your solutions and ideas.

I hope to see you there.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts



Dates in History of the War - May

May 6, 1861 – Confederacy recognizes state of war with United States.

May 11, 1862 – CSS Virginia (Merrimack) is scuttled by Confederate forces off of Norfolk, VA.

May 10, 1863 – Confederate General Thomas ‘Stonewall’ Jackson is killed in action at Chancellorsville.

May 7, 1864 – Union forces under Sherman begin march to Atlanta.

May 4, 1865 – Confederate forces under General Richard Taylor surrender in Citronelle, AL.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

May 11th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM

May 15th – UDC Memorial with our Honor Guard at Aaron Cemetery in Crawfordville, FL at 11 AM.

June 4-6th – SCV FL Division Reunion in Ocala, FL.

June 8th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM

June 26th – Camp Cookout at Veterans Village at 11 AM.

July 13th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM

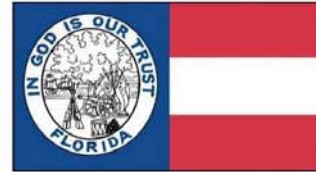
July 21-24th – SCV National Reunion in New Orleans, LA

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





*The 51st Annual Florida Division Reunion June
4-6, 2021 Ocala, Florida*



The 51st Florida Division Reunion will be held at the Ocala Hilton Hotel at 3600 SW 36th Ave Ocala, FL 34474.

The Hotel is located off Hwy 200 east of Interstate 75 (Exit 350). From Hwy 200, turn South on to 36th Ave between the El Torero Mexican Restaurant and Chili's Bar and Grill.

You may book rooms using the code SCV21 at \$119 per night. Currently, the on-line price is equal to or less than the group rate. You may call: 1-800-774-1500 or 352-854-1400

Due to restrictions set by the hotel, we will NOT be permitted to serve food on Friday Evening as in some years before. The hotel does have a bar and restaurant that will be open Friday evening. The hotel restaurant will also be open for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The restaurant is NOT currently open for dinner/lunch.

Vendor space is available. Camps, UDC Chapters, and OCR Chapters are invited to be Sutlers. Contact Division Commander Crocker for details. 850-339-3051 or Commander@flscv.org



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