



## ***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*



## **May Camp Meeting**

**Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting on May 9th at the VFW.  
Social time at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.**

## **Cadet Captain John Wesley Wethington**

**Commander Kelly Crocker**

**John Wesley Wethington** was born January 15, 1847, near Waukeenah, in Jefferson County, Florida. He was the eldest son of Abner and Mary (Adams) Wethington. As a young boy he attended the Waukeenah Academy where Samuel Pasco was the Head Instructor. Pasco, and pretty much the whole school, enlisted on July 23, 1861, at Monticello, in Captain Girardeau's Company, (**The Jefferson Rifles**) which was later designated as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Florida Company H.

Wethington and Company H left Monticello and were sent to Fernandina, FL, where they were officially mustered into Confederate service on August 10, 1861. Company H remained in Fernandina until February 1862. Company E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> was also formed in Monticello and joined Company H, at New Smyrna, Florida. Here, Wethington and the others from Jefferson County felt their first "heat of battle" as they defeated a small US Naval force attempting to land. By May, Wethington would be stationed at Mobile, AL.

Travelling from the east coast of Florida to Mobile was quite a trip. They first went to Jacksonville and boarded the train for Quincy. They then marched to the Chattahoochee River, boarded a steamer to Columbus, GA, and finally, took a train south to Mobile. The 3<sup>rd</sup> would leave Mobile on July 2, 1862, and boarded a steamer to Montgomery, AL, where they boarded a train to Atlanta, GA. They changed trains in Atlanta and boarded one to Chattanooga, TN, arriving there on July 27, 1862. By October, Private J.W. Wethington and the 3<sup>rd</sup> were heading to Kentucky.

On October 8, 1862, 15-year-old John Wesley Wethington was in the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Florida fought gallantly in the battle, fighting up-hill, finally taking the high-ground. Here, Wethington was shot in the left side of his face and in his left leg. According to doctor's statements in his pension application, neither bullet was

ever removed. Like many of the wounded at Perryville, he was captured and sent to the Yankee death camp, Camp Douglas in Cairo, Illinois. Wethington was eventually exchanged and once he was back to his command, he was discharged for being “underage”.

After his discharge, J. W. Wethington came back to Jefferson County. In 1863, he enlisted again in Captain Gwynn’s Company of the 5<sup>th</sup> Florida Cavalry. On February 20, 1864, J.W. Wethington was in the Battle of Olustee. After this battle, he enrolled at the West Florida Military Institute, in Tallahassee. He was appointed “Cadet Captain”. Just after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, Wethington was in his fourth battle at Natural Bridge.

When the Corp of Cadets marched up the Plank Road from Newport to the raging battle at the Natural Bridge, Cadet Captain John Wesley Wethington was leading them. Their Instructor, Captain Valentine Johnson, was there too. Can you imagine being 15 or 16, and looking at your leader, with a bullet wound on his face and leg? This being his 4<sup>th</sup> battle? Wethington was so admired that in later years when Cadets applied for Confederate pensions, many stated that they were in **Captain Wethington’s Company**.

After the War, John Wesley would take up farming. At age 23, he married Caroline in 1870 and they had four children: Daniel, Mary, John Abner, and Lucy.

John W. Wethington died on January 24, 1924. He is buried in the Waukeenah United Methodist Church Cemetery in Jefferson County.

If I could meet one of these Cadets, it would most certainly be John Wesley Wethington.



## Florida Trivia

**Waukeenah** was once a resting point for travelers using the **Old St. Augustine Road**, which started in St. Augustine and ended in Pensacola, Florida. The town is located 20 miles east of Tallahassee and 11 miles south of Monticello.

**John G. Gamble**, a noted banker, gentleman farmer and promoter from Tallahassee, had a plantation there and a post office located nearby. The post office was moved to the crossing of **Tallahassee and St. Augustine Roads** in 1841 and was initially called *Marion Crossroads*. In 1850, the Post Office began using the name of the plantation, as it does today.

There has been much speculation regarding the meaning of Waukeenah. With so many area sites named by the local Indians, it was presumed to be of the same origin. However, it is not an Indian word!

For some unknown reason, Mr. Gamble named his plantation after a Spanish woman from Pensacola. When the post office was renamed in 1850 and took the name of the plantation as its own, the name was Anglicized and spelled the way it sounded as *Wau-kee'-nah*.

The plantation was named *Joaquina*, a popular Mexican name whose root meaning is, “God Shall Establish”.



## **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. The 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 &amp; Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAVESITE DETAILS**

Confederate Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: \_\_\_\_\_ Condition of Gravesite: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Grave: (Include Name of Cemetery, City, State &amp; 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



*"I exhort therefore, that first of all, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we made lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

I used to love to listen to **Alexander Scourby** reading through the Bible on my early morning drives to college in Jacksonville. His daily radio segment always began with his reading the above scripture. Prayer... something that seems to be missing these days.

The greatest message I have ever heard was on this very subject, and this particular message just happened to be preached by my all-time favorite preacher—Bro. Ed Ballew from Cleveland, Tennessee. It is not very often one gets both at once, but this one time, God worked it this way. While I have no intention to rehash Bro. Ed's sermon, I am going to share some things with you that the Lord laid on my heart about prayer, but I will add a few points about prayer that Bro. Ed made in his sermon. I promise that I will credit him when I do. His words are underlined.

The first thing I notice about prayer is that it is sorely lacking in the day and age in which we live. Even (sadly) our churches seem to have relegated it to something printed on the back of a bulletin or at the end of a service. It is simply a formality... something we just do because "we have always done it like this." God deliver us from dead formality and a pitiful prayer life, especially as it relates to our churches! People really don't even know how to REALLY pray these days. In the book of Luke, chapter 11 and verse 1, the disciples asked of Jesus, "*Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.*" People have to learn how to pray. Circumstances may be the catalyst for teaching us HOW to REALLY pray. Which leads to the next point.

The other thing is that prayer only SEEMS to be needed when one needs or wants something, or if one is in serious trouble. It's "Give me one of these, and I'll take two of them, and give me, give me, give me." Bro. Ed said in his message, "The doctors may put one of your young'uns on that four-wheeled cart and roll him/her through those operating room double doors, and when those doors close and you've gone as far as you can go, God will say, 'You're in the classroom now, boy!' The doctor may say, 'We've done all we can do,' and God will say, 'I thought I'd bring you in here to teach you a thing or two about prayer.'" You see, prayer AINT just running into the presence of God and blabbing off some little "tinker toy" (Bro. Ed's words) prayer and saying, "Answer, answer, answer!" No! Prayer is deliberate. Prayer is earnest.

In addition to it lacking or using it in emergencies, prayer has also become "mechanical." This type of prayer is weak; it is anemic. I mentioned that prayer is deliberate and earnest. Bro. Ed's text came from the book of Romans chapter 8 and verse 26. "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*" I remember, years ago now, I got word my little girl was sick—bad sick. My wife took her to the hospital. I was at work in the woods a good way off from Palatka (where we lived). I remember swinging by our house on the way to the hospital to grab some things to take to the hospital. When I got to our bedroom, our bed became an altar, and I "grabbed hold of the horns of the altar!" I wet that altar with bitter tears, as I cried out to the Master! There was no "tinker toy" prayer; there was no "blanket prayer" (God bless everybody, amen); No! It was deliberate! It was earnest!

Furthermore, there seems to be no expectancy when prayer is made. Why would we ask God for something and not expect Him to answer? True, His answer might be "No," but He always answers. The "Royal Telephone" (Jer. 33:3) states, "*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*" Amen! I believe that! Years ago, back when a lot of people didn't have automobiles, many of the men who were farmers around the area where I grew up, rode their horses and gathered at the church to pray for rain, because there hadn't been any for some time. Before they went inside to pray, they threw their saddles under the porch to keep them from getting wet. Expectation!!! Bro. Ed told the story of when his daddy had been sick... for weeks. He said that they didn't have a lot



of money, so the neighbors gathered up the money to bring in a fancy doctor to see him. Bro. Ed said that the doctor told his momma that he was sorry, but there was nothing he could do. The doctor's words were, "I'm sorry to tell you, Mrs. Ballew, but your husband will be dead in the morning." Bro. Ed continued, "He patted me on the head and told me, 'You're gonna have to be a big boy.'" Bro. Ed said that he noticed his momma didn't get upset too much. She just said, "Thank you, doctor." He went on to say that, after the doctor left, his momma told him, "Ed, you stay here, I'm gonna go over yonder and pray awhile." He said she went over the hill where that broom was raising on the side of the mountain and fell down on her knees. He said that all he could see was her hands raised. He said, "That old saint said, 'Oh! Oh God!' Those men sitting outside waiting for my daddy to die bowed their heads. 'Oh! Oh God!' Then, she began to talk to Him. She told Him how she'd appreciate it if He'd allow her husband to live, so he could raise her two boys the right way. After a while, she got up off her knees a shouting! I ran back in the house at the foot of Daddy's bed; he hadn't opened his eyes or spoken a word in weeks, and he opened his eyes and said, 'Is that your momma a shouting, boy?' Yes, I said yes, yes it was Momma a shouting!" You say, "What brought that about?" God said, "Call on me and I will answer thee!" I ask again, "Why is there no expectation?" Maybe it's because we're not serious. We'd better get serious! Maybe, we don't think God is able. Do you know how silly that is?

So, prayer is lacking; prayer is only used in emergencies; prayer is mechanical and anemic; prayer is without expectation. Is there any wonder why our nation; our states; our communities; our churches; and our lives are a mess? As Bro. Ed said, "Show me your prayer life, and I'll show you where you stand with God!" Do you need something from God... a closer walk with Him; power to witness for Him; healing; understanding; coping with a great loss; help with marital issues or financial problems; wisdom to advise a wayward child or to make an important decision? Why not talk with Him about it? Have you tried handling everything yourself? Have you gotten advice from non-Christian friends or relatives? Let me ask you something else. Do you want to see things change for our organization? Politicians should not be the place to begin. Find your way to an old-fashioned altar!

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

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## Hunley Award

Finley's Brigade 1st Lt. Cmdr. Mark Bess presents the Hunley Award to **Cadet Sgt. Colton Jones** at Holmes County High School, Bonifay Florida, on April 20, 2023.

The **H. L. Hunley Award** was created by the South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, to recognize deserving Junior ROTC cadets who have demonstrated the qualities of Honor, Courage, and Commitment to his or her unit throughout the school year. The award honors the crews of the Confederate submarine **H. L. Hunley**, the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel in combat.



## **Tallahassee Veterans Village**

Veterans Chairman: Reginald Roddenberry

I wish to thank those of you in Finley's Brigade who donated items for our Veteran Village. Also, many thanks again to the OCR for all those wonderful donations to our veterans in the village! I keep asking for volunteers to join my "committee" of Veteran Village!

Below please find the list of donations to be delivered to the village on Friday, April 21st:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. (10) cans of coffee                | 9. (1) Night gown            |
| 2. (4) bags of coffee                 | 10. (1) kitchen mitt         |
| 3. (3) containers of creamers         | 11. (4) dish cloths          |
| 4. (4) boxes of single serve creamers | 12. (2) toilet paper covers  |
| 5. (1) small bag of toiletries        | 13. (5) hot pads             |
| 6. (2) pair of women's pants          | 14. (2) blankets             |
| 7. (2) dish towels                    | 15. (2) twin flat bed sheets |
| 8. (1) pair of ladies flip flops      |                              |

Again, any camp or OCR members who wish to donate anything to the Veteran Village, please call or text me. I can either pick them up from you or you can bring them to the next camp or OCR meetings!

No monies were collected at this time.

God Bless our veterans!



## **Commander's Guidon**

Commander Ned Roberts

My Fellow Compatriots –

I appreciate all the Camp members who helped with setup and cleanup at the Memorial Service at Soldiers Cemetery. We had about 35 faithful Southerners show up for a beautiful service. Commander Kelly Crocker and Chaplain Keith Lassiter kept to the agenda and ran a smooth program, while Compatriot Stan Willis had a great dedication to Private Seaborn Jordan. As usual, the Color Guard looked like a well-oiled machine. I appreciate members of Quincy Young Guards showing up and helping. Thanks to the Ladies of the OCR - Mary Ann Harvey Black Chapter 5 - for bringing deserts – and a big thanks to my wife Rose Ann and daughter Torey for serving the food.

If you plan to attend the Florida Division Reunion, then get your reservation in now. A lot important business will be covered in Trenton.

I hope to see you at the May Camp Meeting!



## What a Wonderful Day in Dixie!!!

On Saturday, April 22, Finley's Brigade, Camp 1614, hosted our annual Confederate Memorial celebration in the "Soldiers section of Eastern Cemetery in Quincy Florida.

The service included the reading of the names of the men known to be buried in the Soldier's section. Finley's Historian, Stan Willis, gave a dedication to **Private Seaborn Jordan**.

The **Mary Ann Harvey Black, Chapter #5, Confederate Rose Society**, ladies in mourning, were escorted by the Honor Guard to place roses on the memorial. A volley of salute was fired, followed by a rendering of TAPS.

Compatriots **Jimmy Jim Darby**, and **Devan Schnatz**, from the **Quincy Young Guards, Camp #703** assisted in the Honor Guard and firing line. Wakulla Sons Of Confederate Veterans "Wakulla Guards Camp #742" **Chaplain Rhett Strickland** represented his camp.

The event was followed by a bar-b-q lunch, prepared by Finley's Commander Ned Roberts and wife Rose Ann Roberts.

What an incredible day of camaraderie, remembrance, and honor!



**This is why we are "Florida Division SCV Members" strong!!!**





## Confederate Memorial Service

Lt Commander Mark Bess

On Sunday, April 23, Finley's Brigade supported the **Anna Jackson Chapter #224 UDC** with their Confederate Memorial service in **Old City Cemetery**, Tallahassee. We dedicated the new markers of three men who were killed at the battle of Natural Bridge: **J.B. Ellis, John Grubbs, and Eli Triplett**.

The markers were unveiled, and first-person obituaries were read. It was a beautiful and moving day!



*My name is Eli Triplett, Jr. I was born in January 1839 in Madison County, FL. I was the youngest son of Eli Triplett, Sr., and Elizabeth Cone. I had 4 sisters and 1 brother. My father served in the Second Seminole War and was killed by Indians in 1839, right after I was born. My mother remarried and I had 2 half-sisters.*

*I enlisted in the Confederate Army on November 29, 1863, age 24, at Camp Simkins, Florida. I was initially assigned to Gamble's Florida Light Artillery by Colonel Carraway Smith. Later, I was assigned to Company F of the 5<sup>th</sup> Florida Cavalry by Lieutenant Charles E. Dyke (of Gamble's Artillery). In addition to my regular soldiers pay, I was paid for the use of my horse.*

*We didn't have the rapid communications systems you have today, but when they telegraphed us that the Yankees were coming to St. Marks, headed for Tallahassee, we knew we had to stop them.*

*Once they came in at the lighthouse and started their march, we did everything we could to defeat them. We even took down the bridges across the river. Some stinking deserter told them about the river running underground at Natural Bridge, so they decided to cross there. We marched all night to cut them off and started fighting at 4 in the morning.*

*Unfortunately, I was shot through the head and died instantly on March 6, 1865, but my boys kept on fighting and ran those Federals all the way back to St. Marks where they hopped on their ships and left. We kept them from taking Tallahassee!*

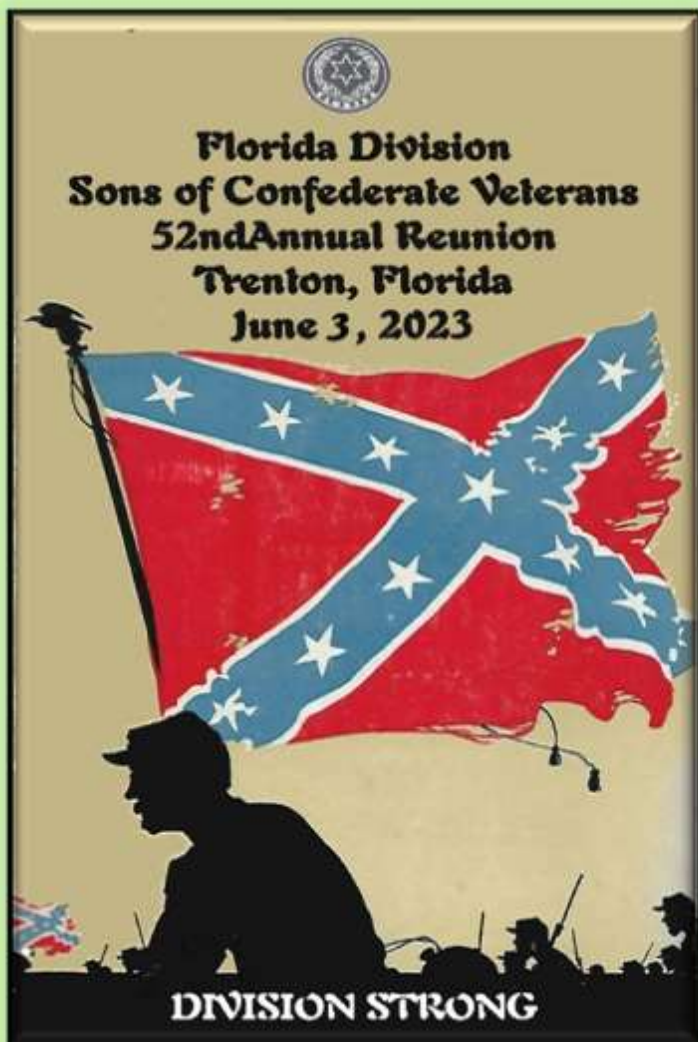
*After the battle, my body was put on an ox cart, taken to Woodville, and returned to Tallahassee on the train. I was buried in the City Cemetery. If I had a grave marker, it has long since disappeared. My grave has been unmarked for many years.*

*Thank you for remembering me and giving me this handsome grave marker.*



## Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

- May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Setting of 4 gravestones - Wewahitchka Florida – 11AM CDT  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 6:45 PM.  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>** - CSS Chattahoochee Memorial Service – Chattahoochee Florida  
**Jun 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Florida Division Reunion. Trenton FL. Starts at 9:30 AM  
**Jun 13<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 6:45 PM  
**Jul 11<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 6:45 PM.  
**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 6:45 PM





## **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.**





**Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Florida Division**

Calvin Hart, Commander

Rick Roberts, Adjutant

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**Amendments to Division Charter for 2023  
REV8**

**1. Remove title of Legionnaire and change to Friends of the SCV to comply with National. Change Proposed by Commander Calvin Hart Florida Division and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. commander David King 1.21.23 Completed**

**ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS - Current**

The membership of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Florida Division, Inc., shall consist of all persons who are members in good standing of Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the State of Florida and all those persons who shall, in the future, become members in good standing of Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the State of Florida.

A. A special membership category is available for non-qualified individuals at CAMP LEVEL ONLY. Non-qualified status pertains to one with no proven Confederate veteran ancestor, one who has difficulty identifying a Southern heritage, or one who has no Southern heritage.

B. The non-qualifying individual, hereinafter known as a "CONFEDERATE LEGIONNAIRE", may affiliate with a Camp of his choice, provided an invitation is extended by the Camp. He may be assessed CAMP DUES ONLY. He may be issued a Camp membership card, with his membership status clearly imprinted thereon. He may attend Camp and Division meetings and activities. He may separately subscribe to The Florida Blockade Runner, and Confederate Veteran magazine.

C. The "CONFEDERATE LEGIONNAIRE" may NOT VOTE on any Camp matter or business. His name MAY NOT APPEAR on official Division or National Rosters. He MAY NOT WEAR official SCV personal accessories, i.e.: membership pins, medals, ribbons, etc. HE MAY NOT HOLD OFFICE.

D. The Florida Blockade Runner circulation manager will affix a symbol to the "CONFEDERATE LEGIONNAIRE" subscriber's name, to avoid counting him as an official member.

E. The Sons of Confederate Veterans offers a special membership category, known as "Cadet," membership, which is available to Camps as an elective option. "Cadet" members within the Florida Division may subscribe to The Florida Blockade Runner upon payment of a discounted subscription fee of \$5.00 (Five Dollars), due and payable at the time of joining, and annually thereafter with their renewal of National dues. Camp Adjutants shall inform the Division Adjutant whenever they are adding a "Cadet" member to the Division rolls or paying a subscription fee on behalf of a "Cadet" member.

### **ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS Proposed**

*The membership of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Florida Division, Inc., shall consist of all persons who are members in good standing of Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the State of Florida and all those persons who shall, in the future, become members in good standing of Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the State of Florida.*

*A. Special membership category is available for non-qualified individuals at CAMP LEVEL ONLY. Their membership must be current and in good standing within the "Friends of the S.C.V.", the S.C.V. national program ". The "Friends of the S.C.V." is a non-qualified status pertains to one with no proven Confederate veteran ancestor, one who has difficulty identifying a Southern heritage, or one who has no Southern heritage.*

*B. The non-qualifying individual, hereinafter known as a "Friends of the S.C.V.", may affiliate with a Camp of his choice, provided an invitation is extended by the Camp. He may be assessed CAMP DUES ONLY. He may be issued a Camp membership card, with his membership status clearly imprinted thereon. He may attend Camp and Division meetings and activities. He may not attend the business meeting of the Florida Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He may separately subscribe to The Florida Blockade Runner, and Confederate Veteran magazine.*

*C. The " Friends of the S.C.V " may NOT VOTE on any Camp matter or business. His name MAY NOT APPEAR on official Division or National Rosters. He MAY NOT WEAR official SCV personal accessories, i.e.: membership pins, medals, ribbons, etc. HE MAY NOT HOLD OFFICE.*



## **2. Past Division Commanders to serve 1 term on General Executive Council consecutive to time in office. Proposed by Kelly Crocker 1.7.23 Completed**

### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

1. a. Elective Officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Florida Division, Inc., shall be: Commander, five Lieutenant Commanders (I-V), Brigade Commanders, Adjutant and Treasurer.

b. The remaining Officers include (but not exclusively) the Chief of Staff, Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, Parliamentarian, Chief of Protocol, Chaplain, Inspector, two Historians, Surgeon, Genealogist.

c. Editor and Assistant Editor of The Florida Blockade Runner will be Appointed by the Division Commander.

d. Duties of Appointees will, to the extent possible, follow the qualifications in Section 12 of the SCV Standing Orders.

e. An Assistant Adjutant may be appointed at the discretion of the Division Commander.

f. In the event of the death or resignation of the Commander or any of the Lieutenant Commanders, the Lieutenant Commanders will advance one position and the Division Commander will appoint a new fifth Lieutenant Commander. The officers advanced or appointed will serve in that position until the next scheduled election in an even numbered year. In the event of the death or resignation of any other elected or appointed officer, the Division Commander will appoint a replacement to serve until the next scheduled election in an even numbered year.

2. Each Division Convention, with due consideration being given to the recommendations of the new Division Commander, shall subdivide the state of Florida into such Brigades as it deems advisable. Each Brigade Commander will appoint an Inspector (second in command) and an Adjutant to assist him in his duties. To the degree possible, the Brigade Commander, Inspector and Adjutant shall be from different Camps.

3. These officers shall be elected at the annual state meeting of this organization, falling in the even numbered years (1996, 1998, 2000...) and shall serve a two-year term. These officers shall serve until the next annual state meeting falling in an even numbered year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

a. The Commander, Adjutant and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year.

b. Lieutenant Commanders (I-V) and the Brigade Commanders in his area shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the Camps which comprise the affected Lieutenant Commanders area they are in. The vote will be by written ballot.

*Proposed Amendment to Article V*

*4. The Executive Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Florida Division, Inc., shall be composed of: The Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, five Lieutenant Commanders (I-V), the immediate Past Division Commander, Chief of Staff, and Aide-de-Camp(s).*

*Justification: Clarifies who is on the Division Executive Committee. SCV National and many camps include the Immediate Past Commander on their Executive Committee.*

*5. The Commander may appoint such other Officers and Committees as he may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this organization.*

**If Amendment passes, item number 4 will be changed to item 5.**

**3. Add suspension of Camp Charter for camps that are delinquent on dues after September 15th. Proposed by Adjutant Rick Roberts 1.5.23 Completed**

**ARTICLE VII - ANNUAL REPORTS - Current**

**In accordance with Article XII Section 1 of the SCV Constitution each Camp shall make an Annual Report to International Headquarters by July 1 of each year. Each Camp shall forward a copy of their report to the Florida Division Commander**

*Proposed*

*1. In accordance with Article XII Section 1 of the SCV Constitution each Camp shall make an Annual Report to International Headquarters by July 1 of each year. Each Camp shall forward a copy of their report to the Florida Division Commander.*

*2. In accordance with Article XI Section 4 of the SCV Constitution each Camp shall make payment of their annual Division dues to the Treasurer of the Florida Division by July 31st of each year. Payments received after the prescribed date will be considered delinquent. Currently there is no late fee for Division dues. However, any camp that has not made payment of Division dues for the minimum number of seven members by September 15th shall have their camp charter suspended and members will be transferred to the Florida Division Headquarters camp.*

**4. Change wording of centrally located for Division reunion. Proposed by Commander Calvin Hart and Lt. Commander Roy Hudson.**

**ARTICLE V- ANNUAL MEETINGS**

**Currently Reads:**

The General Reunion (Convention) or annual meetings, shall be held as near the center of the State as practical, and at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Division Commander.

*Proposed Change*

- 1. The Florida Division Reunion or annual meetings can be hosted by the Division, or any Camp in the Division upon approval of the Commander and the General Executive Council (GEC).*
- 2. The Florida Division Reunion shall be held within the State of Florida as practical, and at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Division Commander and approved by Executive Board.*
- 3. The meeting should try to consist of a business meeting during the day and a social event in the evening (optional).*
- 4. Hosting Camps should try to use an appropriate venue including or having nearby hotel accommodations.*
- 5. Camps hosting may charge a reasonable fee (approved by Executive Board) for registration and may keep any profit from the event.*
- 6. All Final plans and bids for the event must be approved by the Division Commander and the Executive Board.*
- 7. Main meeting room that can accommodate 105 persons. Water will be provided for the meeting room during business meetings at no charge. The main meeting room will be set up with the head table and chairs in place no later than 4 PM on the day before opening ceremonies. This will allow time for color guard rehearsal, room set-up with flags, installation and testing of any audio-visual equipment etc. the evening prior to opening ceremonies. The main meeting room shall have a head table with seating for 6 persons. There shall be a lectern in the center of the table. Power strips for laptops will be provided. Power cords should not run across the raised dais where the head table is set up. They should run under the dais and the power strips should be under the table. A distance of at least 8 ft. from the edge of the table where people sit to the back of the raised dais will be provided. Host Camp will provide security at the direction of the Commander concerning admission to the main meeting room.*
- 8. Vendor room. The Host Camp may provide a room for vendors at the reunion. Vendors should be in an area that is open to the public. It is permissible for the vendors to utilize hallways in addition to the vendor room with the permission of the Host Camp and the hotel and or convention center.*

9. *Credentialing Area -. Host camp will work with the Executive Board regarding space requirements. Florida Division Adjutant is responsible for Credentialing at the reunion. The Host Committee will provide security at the direction of the Florida Division Commander concerning admission.*
10. *Voting Room- a separate area shall be provided for voting on Constitutional Amendments and Standing Order Amendments every year and for the Division races in election years. Voting for army races will take place in the meeting room. The Division Commander will organize any elections or other items requiring voting in the Division Meeting. The Division Adjutant will direct the Host Camp as to the requirement of the voting room area for amendments and the officer positions.*
11. *Registration: An area is required for reunion registration. Note- The Host camp is responsible for all aspects of registration. The Executive Board will provide to the Host Camp the copies of the annual Reports. One copy of the Report will be placed in the registration packet of each registrant.*
12. *Hotel or convention center layout- host Camp Bidders will submit room designs, square footage, seating capacity and proximity to the host hotel, as well as proposed function for each room. Bidders will also note any applicable parking fees.*
13. *Host camp will ensure only SCV members attend business sessions. It will be prominently printed in the convention program that only members shall attend business sessions.*
14. *The Host Camp will have a representative report to Executive Board meeting designated by the Division Commander a minimum of once per year to update the Executive Board on reunion preparations.*
15. *If the Host Camp wishes to create a separate corporation as the entity responsible for*
16. *Any corporation created by the Host Camp to run the convention will in its articles of incorporation state that all documents created or received by the corporation regarding the convention will be the property of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Host Committee.*
17. *Copies of all contracts entered into by the Host Camp will be sent to Executive Board within 15 days of their signing. After officially receiving the reunion bid by a vote of the membership, host will have a contract with hotels and or convention centers within four (4) months and will notify the Division Commander of its signing. Specific flag policies will be discussed and agreed upon between, Hotel, Host camp and Florida Division executive Board..*
18. *The amount of the registration fee to be charged for the reunion will be stated in the bid submitted to the Executive Board. No bid may be approved by the Executive Board without the registration fee being disclosed to the Executive Board when the bid is voted on.*
19. *Within 90 days of the close of the convention, the Host Camp will forward to the following a complete list of the number of registrants and their family members who attended the convention.*

*20. The Host Camp shall host the events defined in these Guidelines. They have no obligation to host any other event that is not defined in the Guidelines but may do so at their discretion.*

## **5. What Heritage Defense money can be spent on Proposed by Mark Sizemore**

The Florida Division will follow the guideline provided by the SCV National and included in the 2016 SCV Heritage Defense Manual. The manual is published on the SCV National website all camps and members to review.

As such Heritage Defense will, first and foremost, be a local camp driven process. Local camps will be supported by Division staff. The division will provide an annual Heritage Defense budget. The budget will be at least 10% of the annual membership dues. The budget will be provided to local camps for Heritage Defense and associated tactics and strategies.

After the annual reunion, the Florida Division Commander will request, from all Division Camps, a proposal for use of the Heritage Defense Budget. Requests are to be submitted to the Division Commander no later than September 1. All requests will be reviewed and awarded by vote of the Executive Committee of the Florida Division. The total award in any given year can be no more than the annual Heritage Defense budget. Any unused portion of the Heritage Defense budget will be returned to the Florida Division general budget after all awards are paid.

Acceptable requests should follow the tactics and strategies that are provided in the SCV Heritage Defense Manual. No request will be accepted that would jeopardize the SCV 501c3 status.

Should the SCV National update the SCV Heritage Defense Manual, a vote by the Executive Committee of the Florida Division can incorporate the new manual and associated information without an additional vote by the Florida Division.

### **Awards Manual Change GEC vote**

1. Limit the Milton Medal to two recipients a year
2. Add certificates to Milton and Ulmer awards

