



***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."***



**June Camp Meeting To Be Held**

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Letter from a fellow Camp Chaplain  
By Madison Starke Perry Camp Chaplain  
Jimbo Talbot**

My Fellow Compatriots,

We are engaged in an unprecedented situation for most of us in recent times. We are not only battling an aggressive and deadly virus, but an era where the concepts of Honor Respect Charity Godliness and Compassion are disappearing at an exponential rate! We Southerners have traditionally held God, Family, and Country in High Regard! And contrary to popular belief and media representation I believe we still do!

We daily face partisan political sabotage of any measures designed to help our situation and or country, instead the goal seems to be to push a certain political agenda over the well-being of us all, and both sides are guilty to at least some extent. As we go about our daily lives please be mindful of the current situation, choose wisely your destinations, practice social distancing, be ever vigilant of sanitary measures, be mindful that all of us are involved in this together don't hoard essential items and be kind and courteous to everyone!

Lastly I ask each and every one of you to Honor Your Ancestors and Your Heritage by being Courteous Kind Respectful God Fearing and Loving! We have already been in a battle over loyalty to our heritage, now we must also battle to keep the country we love from falling apart!

Lord God we come to You Humbly and in Supplication asking for Your Hedge of Protection, Your Full Armor to enclose us we know you are the One Truly in Charge the Creator Our Lord and Savior! We place ourselves and our loved ones and all those we care about in your all knowing all loving hands that your will be done in all our lives! Amen!

Yours Truly in Honor, Christ, and Truth!

Jimbo Talbot, Chaplain



Howell Cobb  
September 7, 1815 – October 9, 1868  
By Compatriot J.R. Miller



Born in Jefferson County, Georgia in 1815 and son of John A. Cobb and Sarah (Roots) Cobb of Welsh ancestry, Howell grew up in Athens, Georgia and attended the University of Georgia becoming a member of the Phi Kappa Literary Society. After graduation, he passed the bar exam and became an attorney where he would eventually become the solicitor general for the western judicial circuit. On May 26, 1835, he married Mary Ann Lamar. The couple would go on to have eleven children, many of which did not survive to adulthood.

Cobb would become a member of the U.S. Congress serving in the 28<sup>th</sup> all the way through the 31<sup>st</sup> Congresses. He chaired the U.S. House Committee on Mileage of the 28<sup>th</sup> Congress and became the Speaker of the House in the 31<sup>st</sup> Congress at age 34. In 1851, he left the house and ran for Governor of Georgia which he won. He served as governor until 1853. He then returned to Congress and served with the 34<sup>th</sup> Congress and while there, President James Buchanan appointed him Secretary of the Treasury which he served until 1860 when he resigned.

Cobb became a leader of the secession movement in 1860 and served as president of the convention of the seceded states that assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, on February 4, 1861, which consisted of deputies to a "Congress of the Sovereign and Independent States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana". Due to the necessity of a constitution, they worked with considerable speed, reporting back to the convention on February 7. Copies were then made and distributed to convention members who spent relatively little time on debate. The Provisional Constitution was then unanimously ratified near midnight on February 8, 1861 and was signed by all present members at noon the day of Jefferson Davis's inaugural address on February 18, 1861.

The result of the convention was the Provisional Constitution of the Confederate States, which elected Jefferson Davis as President and established the P.A.C.S.A. (Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.) Cobb would serve as President of several sessions of the Confederate Provisional Congress until he resigned.

Cobb joined the Confederate army and was commissioned as colonel of the 16th Georgia Infantry. He was appointed a brigadier general on February 13, 1862 and assigned command of a brigade in what became the Army of Northern Virginia. In October 1862, Cobb was detached from the Army of Northern Virginia and sent to the District of Middle Florida. He was promoted to major general on September 9, 1863 and placed in command of the District of Georgia and Florida. During his time in Florida, he made Quincy his headquarters. Quincy at the time was an ideal place for a commanding general with its access to a major river, a railroad that had its beginning at said river, and vital communications were in place with food & clothing commissaries or depots present nearby. Everything that was needed was already in place up and running.



When Sherman's armies entered Georgia during the 1864 Atlanta Campaign and subsequent March to the Sea, Cobb was put in command of the Georgia Reserve Forces which fought one of the major battles at Columbus, Georgia on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1865. Just a few days later Cobb surrendered his troops to Union forces in Macon, GA on April 20, 1865.

Cobb declined to make any public remarks on Reconstruction policy pending receipt of a presidential pardon. That pardon came three years after the war's end. He promptly delivered a series of speeches in the summer of 1868, denouncing Republican plans for Reconstruction. He passed away of an apparent heart attack while vacationing in New York on October 9, 1868.

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## **Work Days – Remembering Our Ancestors**

May 16 – Old City Cemetery – Laid headstone for Ensign Phillip Seabury. Camp members in attendance were Commander Crocker, Lt Commander Norris, Lt Commander Thomas, Sergeant at Arms Mark Bess, Deputy Sergeant at Arms Anthony Harvey, Compatriot John Bess, Compatriot Jason Turner, Compatriot Stan Willis and Commander Roberts.



May 30 – Beard Cemetery aka Midway Cemetery. Attendees were Commander Roberts, Lt. Commander Norris, and Sergeant at Arms Mark Bess and Compatriot John Bess.





## **Havana Flagging Day – Remembering Our Ancestors**



## **Tallahassee Veterans Village**

Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Lee Norris

June – No Guard Services scheduled.

July – Guard Detail scheduled for National SCV Reunion.

We still need as many Compatriots to join our Color Guard Team and help represent Finley's. Drill classes will be scheduled in the near future, if you are interested please contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Lee Norris or any camp officer.



## **Commander's Guidon**

The Camp is back at work. This past month we had two cemetery work days and one Flagging. June will be equally busy, with Florida Division Reunion on Saturday, June 6 in Trenton, followed by our June Monthly Meeting at the VFW Post, and then Natural Bridge Road Clean-up on June 13. And let's not forget the National Reunion to be held in St Augustine, July 15-19.

I would like to wish the following Compatriots a Happy Birthday this month – Harold Avery, Doug Croley, William Lynn, Joel Sapp and Phil Smith.

Lastly, everyone needs to stay safe during this period of social unrest and mob stupidity. If you see anyone vandalizing a Confederate gravesite or monument, take a picture if you can, then contact the local law enforcement, and notify one of the Camp Officers.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts



## **Dates in History - June**

June 6, 1862 – Battle of Memphis, TN.

June 9, 1863 – Battle of Brandy Station, VA.

June 19, 1864 – USS *Kearsarge* sinks the CSS *Alabama* off the coast of Cherbourg, France.

June 1-6, 1865 – Federal expedition from Fort Barrancus in operations to Apalachicola, FL.



## **Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities**

June 6 – SCV Florida Division Reunion at Trenton, FL.

June 9 – Monthly Camp Meeting, VFW Post, Social Hour begins at 6 PM

June 13 – Natural Bridge Road Clean-up, 8:30 AM

July 14 – Monthly Camp Meeting, VFW Post, Social Hour begins at 6 PM

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](mailto:commander@finleysbrigadescv.com) or 850-591-9221.

