



## 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*



### June Camp Meeting

**Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting on June 14th at the VFW.  
Social time at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.**



### New Life for the Havana Flag Site

**By Compatriot Stan Willis**



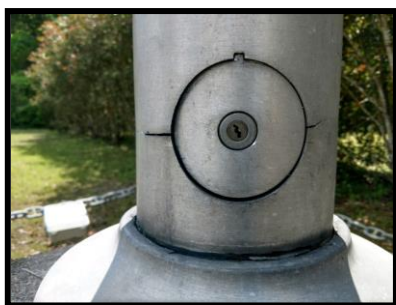
The "Havana Flag Site" located on the east side of U.S. Highway 27, north of Havana Florida stands only a mile or so south of the Florida-Georgia State Line. At that location, a small area of property was donated to the Florida Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans by a member of Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 for the site. The late **Compatriot Bill Beckham** donated the property which would be the "First" flag site in the state of Florida.

The flag pole was installed and the site completed sometime in 1999. A dedication service was held at the site in late 1999 by Finley's Brigade who had overseen the project and maintains it to this date. Over time, stress on the pole caused a crack to form near the bottom, adjacent to the key lock plate. Finley's Brigade **Past Commander Marshall Carroll** drilled a hole near the end of the crack in an attempt to stop the crack. However, the crack circled below the hole and continued to grow. A crack on the opposite side of the key lock plate then began to form.

In late April 2022, **Past Commander Kelly Crocker** checked on the site and found the cracks growing. At that time, the first crack had grown to just over three inches long and the other to just over two inches. At that time, it was decided that the flag should be recovered until repairs could be made. **First Lt. Commander Mark Bess** and I went to the site and recovered the flag. We both began to search for someone to repair the damaged pole. We settled on a **Mr. Bryan Fulford**.

At 10:30 AM on Monday, 23 May 2022 we met Mr. Fulford at the flag site and the repair began. At approximately 1 PM, First Lt. Commander Mark Bess and myself, assisted by Mr. Fulford raised a new 1st National Flag on the repaired pole.

**MISSION COMPLETE!**



## Order of Confederate Rose

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, to determine if there was enough interest to start up a local chapter of the Order of Confederate Rose. The Order is an independent support group to the Sons of the Confederate Veterans (SCV). Their mission is to assist the SCV with their historical, educational, benevolent, and social functions with special emphasis placed on the preservation of Confederate symbols. Support was overwhelming for the re-establishment of the Mary Ann Harvey Black Chapter #5. Fourteen applications were submitted at the meeting and a current member-at-large pledged to transfer to the new chapter. The following leaders were elected at the meeting:



President – **Lisa Bess**  
Vice-President – **Rose Ann Roberts**

Secretary – **Wilma Scofield**  
Treasurer – **Mary Ann Laird**

The order is primarily comprised of ladies (Roses) although they welcome membership and support from men (Thorns) and children (Rosebuds). Membership is available simply by application with no requirement for Confederate lineage.





## Grave Keepers Report – Remembering Our Ancestors

Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess



Another Confederate Veteran has a marker in the Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee Fl. The stone was set on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The work never ends. Keep the pride alive.

**Charles F. Sellier** enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Florida Infantry Regiment (CSA) in 1861. He served in Pensacola Florida and fought in the battle of Santa Rosa Island. After transferring to the artillery, he fought again at Olustee with the Florida Light Artillery. He survived the war and mustered out as a Corporal at the close of hostilities.

Everyone will now know he had a life, was someone, and he was a Confederate soldier.

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 thanks, Commander Ned Roberts, 1st Lt. Commander Mark R. Bess, 2nd Lt. Commander John W. Bess, Adjutant Thomas Williams III, Compatriots Gerald Bell, Mark Rominger, and Pat Adams for their work in making this happen.

The work never ends as we try to document the forgotten graves of Confederate soldiers. Join us as we strive to keep the pride alive.



Please email Compatriot Mark Bess at [saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com](mailto:saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com) with any questions.





## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplin Keith Lassiter

- **Resilience**—the ability of a person to adjust to or recover readily from illness, adversity, major life changes, etc... --
- the ability of a system or organization to respond to or recover readily from a crisis, disruptive process, etc...

Back in January, I ask that we reflect on the word VIRTUE. The word for May is RESILIENCE.

Why is it that a poor country boy from Havana, Sawdust, or Salem would leave the warmth and love of his home to fight against overwhelming odds in a strange place far away from his home? Devotion for sure but, how does he continue to get up after being knocked down? How does he continue to fight while starving? How does he, in bitter cold, wear tattered rags and boots full of holes—if he has any at all? Yes, devotion took him there, but RESILIENCE kept him there. All the time; through all the deprivations, hardships, and sorrows, he did his duty; he remained faithful. He knew that he may never return but, he also knew that there was something bigger than himself to consider.

Just as the poor Confederate soldier from Florida, the Lord Jesus left the love and splendor of His home to go to a far-away place to fight against overwhelming odds (as numbers go). He was born in a manger with only animals attending His birth; raised in a humble home among common people; began His public ministry among people who rejected Him and His message; was deserted by His friends; was beaten almost to death by a government that hated Him; was disavowed by the religious leaders; was sentenced to death by a cruel politician; and died a terrible agonizing death. He knew ALL of this would definitely happen before He left His home; yet He went willingly, not considering Himself; there was something bigger in the Father's plan. I have heard in church that MY sin nailed Jesus to the cross and, I know that to be the truth. What I want to add is His love for ME kept Him there.

We should take a lesson from the Confederate soldier and the Lord Jesus. No matter how badly the world treats us and no matter how badly we are outnumbered (we have always been outnumbered and always will be), we need to keep getting up; we need to keep fighting; we need to keep doing the right thing; we need to finish the task; we need to remain faithful. We need to remain RESILIENT.

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.

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Deo Vindice



## Tallahassee Veterans Village

Veterans Chairman: Reginald Roddenberry

Greetings compatriots!

The month of May has been indeed blessed towards our veterans at the village. We had donations of women's white dress shirts, boots and shoes. Also, there were donations of single bed sheets to the village. Plastic cups, bowls and coffee cups were donated as well.

We look forward to some cash and more donations next month. Bring your donations to the meeting on Tuesday and I will make sure they get to the village.

Many thanks to all who donate to our beloved veterans!

Semper Fi

Compatriot Reginald Roddenberry



## Florida Division SCV Reunion 2022

The 52nd Florida Division Reunion will be held June 4, 2022. The Reunion will be at **220 NE 4th Avenue Trenton, Florida 32693**. Opening Ceremonies will be at 9:00am. The first business session will be at 9:30am. The primary business will be the Election and to fellowship with each other.

Camps must be present to vote. No proxy voting. The Nominating Committee will present nominees for each office. You may nominate/be nominated from the floor. Nominees without opposition will be elected by acclamation. We have prepared ballots ahead of time and anticipate a smooth transition

Many members will be attending and reports will be shared at the meeting on the 14th.



*Gentlemen, it has been a privilege to serve the Florida Division the past four years. We have had some successes and some failures. It is time for a man with new energy and fresh ideas to advance the Florida Division. See you in Trenton.*

Kelly V Crocker

Commander Florida Division





## Commander's Guidon

Commander Ned Roberts



My Fellow Compatriots –

May was a good month for Finley's Brigade.

- We issued certificates to recently elected officials: **Mark Bess**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander, **John Bess**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander and **Keith Lassiter**, Chaplin.
- We welcomed **William Vinopal**, a prospective member.
- We laid a headstone for **Charles F. Sellier**, Confederate Veteran.
- We fixed the damaged flagpole at the Havana Flag site.
- We had an organizational meeting for re-establishing a local chapter of the **Order of Confederate Rose**.



Congratulations to all who re-activated the Mary Ann Harvey Black Chapter, Order of Confederate Rose. I look forward to working with the Chapter officers and members. Together we will make a difference in preserving our Southern heritage and our ancestor's good name.

June will be another busy month.

Florida Division Reunion will be held on June 4 at State Headquarters in Trenton. This is an election year. We will be voting for a new Division Commander since **Commander Kelly Crocker** has decided not to run again. Additionally, we will be voting on all Lt Commander and Brigade Commander positions, as well as Division Staff officers. The Order of Confederate Rose will be holding its State Reunion across the street at the same time.



We have a Natural Bridge Road Clean-up scheduled for June 11. Meet me and your fellow compatriots in the parking lot at 7000 Natural Bridge Rd at 8:30 AM.

Lastly, Veterans Village Cookout is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. We need a lot of people helping with this. This is a fun and fulfilling event. So please mark this date on your calendar.

I hope to see you at the June Camp Meeting on the 14th!



## Dates in History of the War – 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

**Jun 4<sup>th</sup>** - Florida Division Reunion, Trenton Florida, starts at 9:30am

**Jun 11<sup>th</sup>** - Natural Bridge Road clean-up, starts at 8:30am

**Jun 14<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with meeting at 6:45 pm.

**Jun 25<sup>th</sup>** - Veteran's Village Cookout

**Jul 12<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with meeting at 6:45 pm.

**Jul 19-23** -SCV 127<sup>th</sup> National Annual Reunion – Cartersville, Georgia

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with meeting at 6:45 pm.

**Sep 13<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with meeting at 6:45 pm.



## Birth Days

Douglas Croley – June 3

Joel Sapp – June 17

Michael Thomas – June 17

Harold Avery Jr. – June 29







# GEORGIA 2022



## SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS 127<sup>th</sup> National Annual Reunion



### The Atlanta Campaign Battlefield Tour Reunion

**July 19 to 23, 2022**

Clarence Brown Conference Center  
Cartersville, Georgia

Hosted by: William J. Hardee Camp #1397  
and Kennesaw Battlefield Camp# 700

THREE DAYS OF BATTLEFIELD TOURS FOLLOWING THE 1864 ATLANTA CAMPAIGN WITH SOME OF THE MOST INTACT TRENCHES AND FORTIFICATIONS IN THE COUNTRY. FOURTH DAY CLIMAX SEE THE 1886 CYCLORAMA THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA.

July 20, Battlefield Tour of Chickamauga.



July 21, Battlefield Tour of Ringgold Gap, Resaca & Dalton.



July 22, Battlefield Tour of Kennesaw Mountain & Cheatham Hill.



July 23, Personal Tour of the 1886 Cyclorama of the Battle of Atlanta.

