



***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."***



## **August Meeting – Confederate Marines**

Compatriot Jay Lindsey will present a program at our August meeting on Confederate Marines. Jay is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, The Military Order of Stars and Bars, and a former US Marine. Come show your support by attending. Some members have not paid their dues yet; the August meeting is a good time to settle-up. Make your ancestor proud! We still meet at the VFW hall at 2769 West Tennessee Street in Tallahassee, FL 32304. The Post serves all you can eat tacos for \$5 on our meeting night. Come early and fellowship with your Compatriots.

**The August Camp meeting is dedicated to:  
Your Ancestors name here!**



### **The Heartland Campaign Part II.**

The great adventure/misadventure of the bluegrass state.

(Which by the way the only grass I seen was green.)

Perryville, Harrodsburg, Bardstown.

Ky.

The heartland campaign II commenced around 5:00pm on a Thursday. The trip was filled with adventure and misadventure. The misadventures started on I-10 around Marianna,



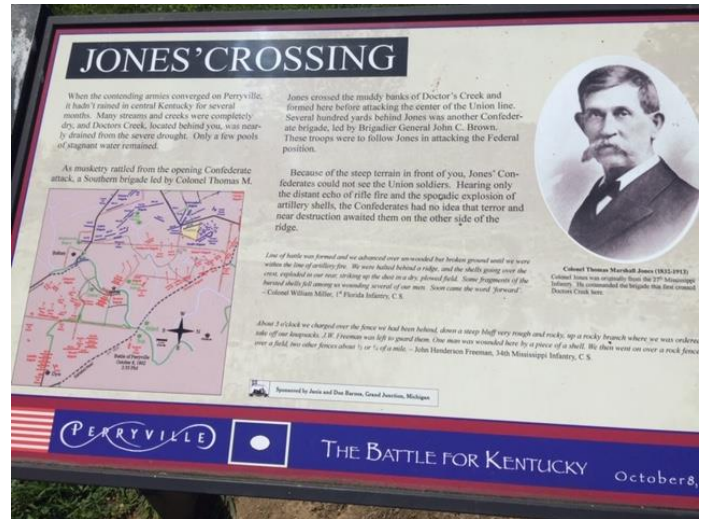
Florida when a tire decided to start to separate. After a tire change under 20min. which resulted in the jack penetrating the asphalt due to the heat, we were back on the road. However, the spare was not a good spare and after checking with several tire stores we located the correct tires in Dothan, Alabama. So, it was a race against the clock to Dothan. The folks there did a two-tire change in under 30mins. So, after a total delay of hour/hour and a half. We were back on the road and finally stopped in Springhill Tn at about 2:00am. After a quick nap and breakfast, we stopped at Winstead Hill to check out the new Fla. Monument

(Awesome Monument). Winstead Hill, Fla. Monument.

From Winstead we hot footed it up to KY. This where the big misadventure happened. Somewhere north of Bowling Green the time zone changed back to E.S.T. and it threw the gps named (Agnes) in total confusion. We pretty much did a two-hour circle in the middle of nowhere Ky. We finally arrived in Perryville and did a quick tour of the battlefield with two local SCV Members. It is sad to report the condition of the battlefield. Due to a contract with the state park service and department of natural resources, native grasses/flowers were planted on the battlefield (for wildlife) which has resulted in a very thick and overgrown mess. No kidding folks this stuff is 12ft. high in places all of it is over 6ft for sure. The park service mows about a 5ft wide path that is for foot traffic only and that is it. On these paths are various information markers. There is only one very short driving tour and there are hardly any information markers posted on this path. The driving path does top one of the hills that is about the center of the battlefield that does give the only good view of the whole battlefield. Atop is a cannon that marks a yankee battery position. This is the position that the Fla. Troops helped assault.

## Placard Describing Fla. Troops Movement at a ford at Doctor's Creek.

After the quick tour we met with park personnel about the placing of the monument. Again, unfortunately, the head of the park is retiring very soon. We were unable to talk to the park manager at the time. Those we did talk to did not know anything about any new manager. The park historian was not keen on our design or the location that would be in our minds more accessible to all the public. The location that the historian want is only accessible by walking down a hill and along a rocky creek bank which is in no way ADA accessible. The area which is proposed is the area where the Fla. troops did ford and assault the yankee position but not the position where the assault was stopped, that location is further up the hill and maybe on the other side of the crest. The museum on site and gift shop is the smallest I have seen yet. You can browse the whole building in 15mins I really should not waste words to describe it, it is that pitiful.



## Fla. Troops Position Across Rolling Hills Assault Yank Battery.







From there we went to Harrodsburg Ky to eat dinner at Old Owl Tavern at The Beaumont Inn which we got the last available table. It was outside but the weather was great, dinner was great, dessert was off the chain good. P.S. We might serve this at the Lee/Jackson.

The Old Owl Tavern.

After dinner and a trip to the local Confederate Cemetery, we discovered that all the rooms in town were already taken so we had to go to Bardstown Ky to get a room which was hard to find as well but we got one at a not so grand hotel.

The next morning, we had breakfast at a local eatery then we hit the following Bardstown museums:

Civil War Museum of the Western Theater:

Women's Civil War Museum:

Hal Moore Military Museum:

Braxton Bragg's Long-Range Rifle  
from the Mexican War





After that we started the trip back home and along the way we hit Octagon Hall just outside Bowling Green Ky. Octagon Hall was an impressive site and was pro-southern. We did not know it at the time, but the site is known for paranormal activity and several of the ghost shows have filmed there. (if you believe that sort of thing)

Octagon Hall

We then preceded back towards home and overnight in Spring Hill Tn. While at Spring Hill, we went to check on the progress of the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs in Columbia, TN. The Museum is scheduled to open August 2020. Then again, we started the long road back to Fla. Compatriot JR Miller





**Finley's has productive  
workday at the Beard/Harris  
Cemetery**

Compatriots Chris Miller, Ned Roberts, Mark Bess, Jim Windsor, Tim Cotton, Jay Lindsey, and Scott O'Steen made progress in cleaning up this mostly forgotten cemetery. This cemetery had debris from the last several storms. Job well done!

Photo right: before

Photo below: after



## **FRIENDS OF SOLDIERS CEMETERY MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM**

What a perfect way to honor a veteran, family, event or business with a commemorative brick. The bricks will be incorporated in Soldiers Cemetery around a monument bearing the names of men who died in Gadsden County hospitals 1861-1865

### **ENGRAVING INFORMATION**

4X8 brick contain three (3) lines with twenty (20) characters per line

8X8 brick contain six (6) lines with twenty (20) characters per line

Characters include all letters, numbers, punctuation and spaces

### **Price**

4X8 75.00 each,

8X8 110.00 each

### **Payment Method**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Card \_\_\_\_\_ Type AX MC Visa

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit on back \_\_\_\_\_

Credit or Debit? \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Friends of Soldiers Cemetery**

**4315 Lonnie Gray Rd Tallahassee, FL 32305**

**Phone 850-545-6804**

**Or e-mail to: [vacarroll@msn.com](mailto:vacarroll@msn.com)**

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## **Commanders Comments**

In about 3 months, I will step down as Camp Commander, after 6 years. I have served about 2 years too long. I am anxious and relieved at the same time, about stepping down. A new Commander will bring new energy to the Camp. I have received word that some members do not want to pay their dues, or that they do not want to pay all of their dues. This grieves me. Surely, your ancestor is worth \$5.25 per month! Those members who refuse to pay Florida Division dues will not be in good standing. SCV-IHQ will eventually remove those members from our Camp roster and transfer them to HQ Camp 584. I do not want to lose any members! Finley's Brigade new Commander will need every member to help make us successful.

Speaking of dues...In 2020, SCV National dues will be increasing to \$35 per year(that's another 42 cents per month). This was decided by the membership at the 2019 National Reunion in Mobile. Justification was that there hasn't been an increase in dues for 12 years and that the increase will be used to pay-off the debt of the new Museum. I cast the votes for Finley's Brigade at the Reunion, and we voted against the increase. However, the measure passed by an 80%-20% margin. If you are already a Life Member, then you will not pay the extra \$5.

August 10, 2019 at 9am, we will be at the Havana Flagsite for a flagging and do a little tree trimming. Bring your flag and show your Confederate Pride. We are expecting a visitor from another Camp, so let's show him how good we are.

The 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Marianna is coming up. I will be speaking at the Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, evening service at Riverside Cemetery in Marianna. Compatriot Dale Cox will be the Keynote Speaker at the Memorial Service held at the Confederate Monument on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Finley's Brigade Color Guard will assist with the Memorial Service on Saturday. All are invited to attend.

The next major event for the Camp will be the Tallahassee Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2019. This is not just for the Color Guard. You can help by towing the Camp Trailer or Float. If enough volunteer to ride(men and women), we can pull our float in the parade again.

I'm sure you have heard on the news about a bill that may be introduced in the Florida Legislature, that would remove the Confederate Monument from the grounds of the Florida Capitol. We will need everyone to assist with making calls and visiting the Capitol, when the time comes. If Lorraine Ausley is your representative, please call her now. She has jumped on the PC Bandwagon and is planning on supporting the removal of the monument; Even though, Ms Ausley went to Washington and Lee University and has at least one Confederate Ancestor from Florida. Get ready, because they are coming after us...again.

Y'all think about it,

*Kelly*

## **Camp Election Notice**

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 Sons of Confederate veterans will hold Camp Elections November 12, 2019 at our regular Camp Meeting. All Camp Offices are up for election. All appointments by Commander Crocker will cease on November 12, 2019. New appointments may be made by the new Commander or the Executive Committee.

Officers to be elected in November: Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> LT Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> LT Commander, Adjutant, and Chaplain. Color Guard Sergeant, Assistant Chaplain, Surgeon, and others may be appointed by the Commander or the Executive committee.



## **Tallahassee Veterans Village**

Finley's Brigade has been a sponsor of the TVV for many years. Veterans need food! Veterans need linens! Whoever brings the most to the August Camp meeting will win a free book! Bring a can good with you to the meeting! **The Veterans Village needs Can goods and Dry-food. Toiletries are always needed.** You may donate cash if you like. If you donate cash for the TVV and give it to the Camp...we will buy a gift card from Publix and give to the TVV.



## **Heritage Opportunities**

Aug 10 – Flagging at the Havana Flag-site 9am-until  
Aug 13 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW – Program: Confederate Marines  
Sep 10 - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW  
Sep 20 – Memorial service at Riverside Cemetery in Marianna, FL (sunset)  
Sep 21 – Battle of Marianna Memorial Service at the Confederate Monument in Marianna 10am CST  
Oct 8 - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW  
Nov 10 – Annual Captain Henry Wirz Memorial Service, Andersonville, GA 3 PM  
Nov 11 – Tallahassee Veterans Day Parade  
Nov 12 - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW – Camp Elections!!!!  
Dec 8 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW  
Feb 15, 2020 – Stephen Dill Lee Institute, Raleigh, NC  
June 5-7, 2020 – Florida Division Reunion  
July 15-18, 2020 – SCV National Reunion at St. Augustine, FL

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Crocker at [commander@finleysbrigadescv.com](mailto:commander@finleysbrigadescv.com) or 850-339-3051.