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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



September Camp Meeting

**Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting on September 13th at the VFW.
Social time at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.**



Nathan Bedford Forrest: Master Tactician



The son of a blacksmith, born July 18th, 1821, **Nathan Forrest** came from Chapel Hill, an untamed area of Tennessee. Forrest had practically no schooling but went on to become one of the highest-ranking generals of the Civil War. Like him or not, he was a smart man. But he did not suffer fools gladly, and that included those few who were senior to him. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant General in the Confederate States of America.

There are many stories of Forrest saying what he thought, but those are for another day. Here is an example of a Union officer who became very upset after he surrendered to Forrest. It was April of 1863 and a force of Union cavalry under Colonel Able Streight had orders to cut the Confederate railroad south of Chattanooga. Forrest chased the Union boys for 16 days, catching up with them at Rome, Georgia. Forrest only had 500 men with him, so he maneuvered around to make it look like he had far more. Streight finally surrendered his 1,700 soldiers. But when the colonel realized that he had conceded defeat to less than a third his number, he demanded that his surrender be reversed so he could battle it out. That demand went nowhere, and it was probably for the best anyway, since Forrest was known for defeating forces greater than his own in open battle.

There is also a story, from after the war, of a Yankee officer with whom he was in business. The officer came to his house one day, and as soon as Forrest's horse saw the blue uniform, the horse attacked him, trying to bite and kick him. One of Forrest's men saw what was happening, came over and saved the officer. The Yankee officer told Forrest that it was no wonder he won so many battles, since his horses fought for him with as much fury as his men did.

Shortly after the end of the war General Robert E. Lee was asked who he thought was his greatest general. Lee replied, "Sir, a gentleman I have never had the pleasure to meet,

General Nathan Bedford Forrest."

"General Forrest, I wish to congratulate you and those brave men moving across that field like veteran infantry upon their magnificent behavior . . . No one can speak disparagingly of such troops as yours."

D. H. Hill, at the Battle of Chickamauga



Forrest began using a 12-star pattern, with the center star removed, so that when his enemies saw it, they would know it was Forrest on the field. His Color-bearer, Sgt Perkins, said his commander used the 12-star battle flag to strike fear into his opponent: psychological warfare that worked!



August Awards Presentations

Finley's Brigade, Camp 1614, members exemplify why we are **Florida Division Strong!**
Commander Ned Roberts presented several awards from the State and National level.



1st Lt. Commander Mark R. Bess and Compatriot JR Miller receive the "Distinguished Service Medal"



Past Commander Kelly Crocker receives the
"Graves Award"



Historian Stan Willis receives the "Dixie
Award"




1st Lt. Commander Mark R. Bess receives the
"Heritage Defense Certificate."

I have been ashamed of many things in my life, but the recollection of my course as a Confederate soldier has been for forty years, my chief joy and pride! If ever I was fit to live or willing to die, if ever I was worthy of my father's name or my mother's blood, if ever I was pleased with my place, suited to my rank, or satisfied with my sinful self—it must have been whilst I was marching under that white-starred cross upon that blood-red banner against the invaders of my native Southland. For that I want no forgiveness in this world or the next. I can adopt the saying of my great Commander, General Lee: "If all were to be done over again, I should act in precisely the same manner; I could have taken no other course without dishonor."—

John Richard Deering, Company K, 12th Mississippi Infantry

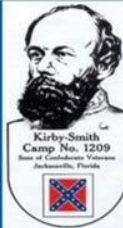
Please join us for a
FLORIDA DIVISION EVENT
 LEE AND JACKSON CELEBRATION DINNER
 Sunday January 15, 2023
Special Guest Speaker: Commander-in-Chief Jason Bosher
 5:00 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy
 10367 Midtown Pkwy, Jacksonville, FL 32246 St. Johns Town Center
 Questions Call Cmdr. Calvin Hart (904) 226-1837 or email: calvinhart@bellsouth.net



Event will include a Gourmet Four Course Meal
 This will be an opportunity for Florida Membership to Show our
 Commander-in-Chief Support
 Learn About the Future Plans for S.C.V.
 Festive Ambiance & More
 Join the Excitement of Coming Together for this Celebratory Event

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KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209
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First Course - Choice of Appetizers and Salads
 Crispy Zucchini Fritte - Strips of zucchini hand battered with Japanese bread crumbs and fried to a golden brown, served with a zesty lemon aioli cream sauce.
 Tomato Caprese - Sliced tomatoes topped with fresh mozzarella and basil, drizzled with a balsamic glaze.
 Caesar Salad - A traditional Caesar salad of romaine lettuce, croutons and shaved parmesan. Served with caesar dressing.
 Italian Tossed Salad - Iceberg lettuce, arugula, kalamata olives, red onions and pepperoncini. Served with Italian vinaigrette.

Second Course - Choice of Pastas
 S Fettuccine Alfredo - Fettuccine tossed with garlic in an Asiago cream sauce.
 Mom's Lasagne - Meat Sauce - Pasta sheets layered with ricotta cheese, crumbled meatballs, Italian sausage and marinara. Topped with provolone cheese and meat sauce.

Third Course - Entrees - Choice of Entrees
 Oven-Roasted Pork Loin, Balsamic Cream Sauce - Pork tenderloin served in a portabella and balsamic cream sauce; served with garlic mashed potatoes, portabella mushrooms and crispy onions.
 Tilapia - Filet of tilapia lightly coated with parmesan and sautéed with capers, tomatoes, sage and lemon butter. Served with orzo and spinach.

Fourth Course - Choice of Desserts
 Apple Crustada, Caramel Sauce - Granny smith apples baked in a pastry crust dipped in cream and crystallized sugar. Served with caramel sauce and a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream.
 Cheesecake, Seasonal Fruit - Cheesecake topped with fresh berries and whipped cream

LIMITED SEATING

Please Send In Your Reservations As Soon as Possible
 Your Attendance Is Required to Make This Event Successful
 Entire Tables Can Be Reserved/ Business Attire



Dinner and Guest Speaker ----- \$50.00 per person

Please fill out form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Guests: _____ X \$50.00 = _____

Mail this form along with payment made out to SCV Kirby-Smith 1209:

Calvin Hart

4884 Victoria Chase Ct

Jacksonville, FL 32257

Questions call: 904-226-1837

Grave Keepers Report – Remembering Our Ancestors

Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess



Wow!!! What a year this has been so far, and we aren't done yet.

Through long hours of research, gleaning records, searching newspaper articles, cemetery records, family bibles, WPA (Work Progress Administration) records, and some interesting conversations with the US. Veterans Administration, our efforts have paid off.

I am proud to say that for the year 2022, the Finley's Brigade "CSI" Confederate Soldier Investigators) have successfully secured and installed no less than twenty five markers for unmarked veterans. Since we look for them on both sides of the conflict, we have one for a Union officer interred in Old City Cemetery. These men will now have a proper marker for their final resting place. As Commander Croker is fond of saying, "In fifty years, no one may know that I/we had anything to do with obtaining these markers, but people will know, they are buried here and that they were Confederate Soldiers!"

We did suffer one rejection letter from the VA, but we will appeal and seek a marker.

Please join us Saturday, September 10, 2022. We will be at Old City Cemetery at 10:30am, to install no less than seven markers. We will have a guest in attendance as well. **Jim Willenbrink**, The Grand Master of Florida, Independent Order of Odd fellows, will be present for the setting of the stone for **Milford Bull**, a member of Leon #5, IOOF lodge in Tallahassee.

Hope to see everyone there.



Color Guard



Commander Robert Daffin, Theophilus West Camp, has requested Finley's Brigade Color Guard to take part in their annual "Battle of Marianna" memorial event. This year's memorial will begin with a remembrance service at Riverside Cemetery, located at the corner of Bertram and Franklin St, Marianna, FL 32448, Friday, 06:00pm (central time), September 23rd.

The memorial event will continue Saturday, Sept 25th, at the town square, corner of Caledonia and Lafayette St. (4409 Lafayette) at 10:00am (central time).

As we have historically, Finley's has been asked to provide the "Colors" and the bell for the reading of the last roll. I encourage anyone who is able, to attend and show your support.

This will be the first memorial since the passing of Theophilus West camp's adjutant, **Mark Rosborough**. Mark was an ardent supporter of our Confederate ancestors and an avid living history enthusiast. Mark was an integral part of this event. His absence this year will be evident.

Unfortunately, I am scheduled for surgery on the Sept. 22nd and will be unable to attend. Quartermaster Larry Thomas will be in-charge of the detail.

Theophilus West camp has always had high regard and great praise for Finley's Brigade Color Guard, we will continue to represent Finley's Brigade and our heritage in the professional and reverent manner we are known for.



Chaplain's Corner



*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”
--Psalms 133:1*

I was thinking today of all that we as a camp have accomplished over the last year and, this particular verse came to mind. Below is a list of things that we, as a camp, accomplished TOGETHER (thank you Mark Bess for the list).

For the year 2022, we have researched, applied for and received, 15 VA headstones, maintained 3 cemeteries, recovered 1 abandoned cemetery, conducted the first Confederate funeral at Tallahassee National Cemetery, and been the first Confederate Veterans group allowed to clean a Confederate monument in a State Florida State Park.

I was amazed that we got all this done in only eight months—not to mention the road clean ups and the mowing/tree work/mechanical work/etc... that has been done that no one even knows about other than God and the individuals who do all this, and I assure you, there has been a lot of this going on and, several members are involved in making this happen.

Have you ever considered how badly the war would have been prosecuted had only say South Carolina, Mississippi, and Florida helped each other? Could units from Virginia in Gettysburg have held out without help from units of other states? Could Georgia alone have stopped the invading blue hoard? I thank God that we have pulled together and helped one another in these efforts, just as our ancestors did during the war to stop tyranny from reigning over their (and our) beloved South.

Just as the South had to band together to accomplish great things, a church too MUST have unity and no “discord amongst the brethren.” A church divided will bring hostility and ineffectiveness from within and derision from without. Gentlemen, our camp in particular and the SCV in general, will yield the same from within and without if we do not band together in a spirit of unity and love for each other! These are perilous times and, we are hated more than ever and more openly than ever. I truly love each and every one of you men. It is my fervent prayer that we will love and help each other in EVERY way. Together, we can accomplish much!

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
(850) 567-0645
greynole01@yahoo.com

Deo Vindice



Tallahassee Veterans Village

Veterans Chairman: Reginald Roddenberry


I am proud to announce that the following donations have been delivered to the Veterans Village. Thank you, one and all, for your donations towards caring for our military veterans. This is a very special offering we all donate towards those who made the call to duty in military service such as many of us have done as well! Please continue to help out our military veterans with your donations of goods and money. Believe me, they appreciate everything we do for them.

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| 1. 16 pairs of white short socks.
2. 4 cans of soup.
3. 13 pairs of women's shorts.
4. 34 women's tops.
5. 5 women's jackets.
6. 3 pairs of women's pants. | 7. 9 women's sweaters.
8. 1 ladies nightgown.
9. 1 ladies slip.
10. 3 women's skirt.
11. Cash contributions: \$53.00 – check number 2582 |
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Commander's Guidon

Commander Ned Roberts



**31st Annual Lee & Jackson
Southern Heritage Event**

Sponsored by

Finley's Brigade Camp #1614, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Mary Ann Harvey Black Chapter #5, Order of Confederate Rose


January 28, 2023

Social Hour: 5:00 PM Supper/Program: 6:00 PM


Jackson Lodge No 1
2818 Apalachee Pkwy
Tallahassee, FL 32301


Tickets: \$35 in advance Door Prizes and Auction

Guest Speaker: Mr. Ron D. Rissler
Author of "The Blood of Stonewall"



For tickets contact:
Adjutant Thomas Williams, 850-942-2866,
Adjutant@finleysbrigadescv.com
or
Commander Ned Roberts, 850-591-9221,
Commander@finleysbrigadescv.com





It's never too early to buy your tickets for 31st Annual **Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event**, scheduled for January 28, 2023. **Mr. Ron Rissler** will be discussing his best-selling book – *"The Blood of Stonewall"*. This year's banquet will be held at the Jackson Lodge No. 1, on Apalachee Parkway. Tickets are \$35 this year, reduced price from previous years. Ancestor memorials are available for \$10 for each Confederate ancestor you want to list. Contact any Camp Officer for tickets or show up at September's Camp Meeting.

We need everyone to help make this Lee-Jackson Event a huge success. Please contact any businesses you know that might be interested in buying an ad in the Event Program. Ads are \$125 which includes a business card ad in the program and on the Camp's website. We also need door prizes, so ask that restaurant or business you always attend if they will give the Camp a couple of gift cards. We are a 501c3 organization, so any donation is tax deductible.

On Saturday, September 10, we will be picking up trash along Natural Bridge Road. Meet me and your fellow Compatriots at the vacant real estate office, 7000 Natural Bridge Rd at 8:30 AM. After the clean-up, we will go to Old City Cemetery to install headstones and remember our Confederate Veterans.

I hope to see you at the September Camp Meeting on the 13th. Going to be a good one. **Quartermaster Larry Thomas** will be doing a presentation on **The Immortal 600**, which was postponed from the August Camp Meeting.



Dates in History of the War – September

September 14, 1861 – At Pensacola, the USS Colorado chased and destroyed the privateer, CSS Judah.

September 17, 1862 – Battle of Antietam, Maryland or also known as Battle of Sharpsburg.

September 19, 1863 – The two-day battle of Chickamauga, Tennessee begins.

September 2, 1864 – Atlanta, Georgia falls to Sherman's Army.

September 14, 1865 – Several Southeastern Indian Tribes sign peace treaties.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

Sep 10th Natural Bridge Road clean-up / Headstone installations – Start at 8:30 am.

Sep 13th Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with meeting at 6:45 pm.

Sep 20th Order of Confederate Rose meeting- Crossway Baptist Church – Start at 6:00 pm.`

Oct 11th Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with meeting at 6:45 pm.

Nov 8th Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with meeting at 6:45 pm.



Birth Days

Timothy Deaton 9-1

Mark Bess 9-2

Eugene Roberts 9-5

John Booth 9-8

Donald Turner 9-8

Michael Grissom 9-9

Daniel McCall 9-17

Mark Rominger 9-19

Jason Freeman 9-24

Thomas Williams 9-25

