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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

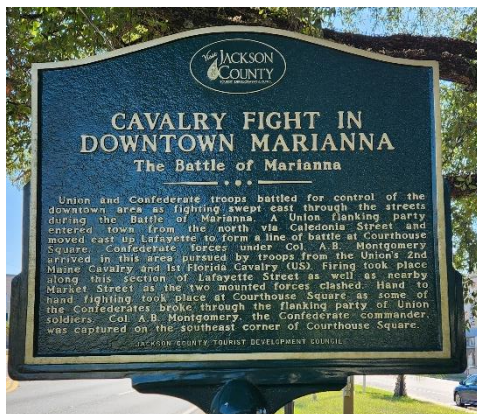


October Camp Meeting

**Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting on October 11th at the VFW.
Social time at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.**

The Battle of Marianna, Florida

Dale Cox



On September 27, 1864, a column of 700 Union soldiers attacked the small Northwest Florida city of Marianna. They had no way of knowing it at the time, but it was the culmination of the deepest penetration of Confederate Florida by a Federal force during the entire Civil War. It was also one of the most destructive. On their way to and from the city, the Federals raided farms, homes, and communities along a path longer than the route of Sherman's "March to the Sea."

A hastily assembled force of Southern reservists, "home guards" and volunteers tried to defend Marianna, igniting a battle so bloody and intense that some have called it "Florida's Alamo."

It was not another Alamo, of course, but it was a battle of significance far beyond its size. By the fall of 1864, Marianna was the largest Northwest Florida community still in Confederate hands. The telegraph line connecting Tallahassee with Montgomery, Alabama, passed through the city and it was the hub of a network of roads leading to the Gulf Coast, Pensacola, Georgia, and Alabama. These communication and

transportation links made Marianna a logical choice for the location of a Confederate military headquarters and commissary depot. They also contributed to its attractiveness as a target for Federal forces.

The strike on Marianna inflicted military and economic damage from which the region could not recover. Vast quantities of commissary and quartermaster stores were either seized or confiscated. More than 600 enslaved African Americans were liberated. Four hundred head of cattle were carried away, along with 200 houses and mules. Newspaper presses were damaged, stores looted and anything that might be of use to the Confederate war effort was destroyed. More than 10% of the population of Marianna was killed, wounded, or carried away to prison. According to economic data available from census records, it would take nearly 50 years for the region to recover economically from the damage inflicted during the raid.

Thus began the introduction to **The Battle of Marianna, Florida** written by author and historian **Dale Cox**. This “Expanded Edition”, published in 2011, is a “must read” for any student of the history of Northwest Florida and is used here by permission of the author.

JOIN US FOR THE HEADSTONE DEDICATION FOR

CAPTAIN THOMAS J. BRUTON

COMMANDING OFFICER, BRUTON'S LIGHT ARTILLERY

ATTACHED TO, 2ND FL. INFANTRY (GEORGIA, ALABAMA, FLORIDA)



DEDICATION WILL BE HELD, 01:00PM,
DECEMBER 03, 2022

OAK CITY CEMETERY, #420 CEMETERY
STREET,

BAINBRIDGE GEORGIA.

The city of Bainbridge has authorized three volleys fired in salute by cannon or muskets. Capt. Bruton has been without a proper marker for 146 years. Through the combined efforts and determination of SCV members in Florida and Georgia, Captain Bruton will have the honor he deserves. Period dress is encouraged

For any questions call:

1st Lt. Commander Mark R. Bess (239) 240-9086, Finley's Brigade.

Grave Keepers Report – Remembering Our Ancestors

Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess

Finley's Brigade once again follows the "Charge" given to us by **Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee**.

On September 10th, despite the rainy weather, Finley's Brigade members, Past Commander **Kelly Crocker**, Commander **Ned Roberts**, 1st Lt. Commander **Mark R. Bess**, Chaplain **Keith Lassiter**, Historian **Stan Willis**, Editor **Gerald Bell**, compatriots **J.R. Miller**, and **Mike Browne**, supported by, Anna Jackson UDC Chapter members, **Wilma Scofield** and **Linda Granthum**, with our guest, Florida Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Master **James Willenbrick**, set six Confederate veteran markers and one Union officer marker, in Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee.



These men now have a proper memorial to them and their lives, for future generations to observe.

May they now, Rest in Peace!



The Battle of Marianna Florida

On September 23rd and 24th, **Finley's Brigade Honor Guard** was pleased to assist the **Theophilus West, MD Camp 1346** in commemorating the Battle of Marianna Florida.



On Friday evening, we gathered at the Marianna Riverside Cemetery in full period-correct uniforms to lead in the beginning ceremonies. Corporal **Larry Thomas** was in charge of the detail which included Compatriots **Gerald Bell** and **Robert Crisler**. Historian **Dale Cox** was the featured speaker who reminded us of the extreme bravery of the small force of town folks, home guards and other volunteers who attempted to repeal an aggressive Federal force of 700 troops on September 27, 1864. Many of those brave souls found rest in this very cemetery. As the name of each of the deceased was read, Compatriot **Reggie Roddenberry** responded with the tolling of the bell.

The following morning found the Guard downtown where the United Daughters of the Confederacy had placed a wreath on the monument. Compatriot **Jim Windsor** joined the detail as we posted the colors and lead in the pledge and salute to the flags. The ceremony included **Jack Cowart**, Capitan of the **CSS Chattahoochee SCV Camp #2314**, as the featured speaker. After the reading of the names of deceased and the tolling of the bell, the colors were posted, and the ceremony was completed.



*In the past, Finley's has participated in the **Wreaths Across America** program in honor of our members who are interred at the **Tallahassee National Cemetery**. We now have seven members who are there:*

*Kenneth R Redding
Ellis R Smith
Charles O Smith
James R Marsh*

*John H Howell
R Scott O'Steen
Richard M Witt*

Would the Camp consider purchasing 7 wreaths this year? Seven @ \$15 each would be \$105. You could purchase them on-line and support the Historic Cemetery Preservation of North Florida. Any funds that HCPNFL receives will be spent in the Confederate Section of Tallahassee Old City Cemetery.

You can use this link:

<https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/172210> or mail order form and check to:

HCPNFL 2089 Padlock Place Tallahassee, FL 32303

In the bonds of the South,

Kelly V. Crocker

Past Commander Camp 1614



Chaplain's Corner



September 12, 2022

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 28:19

Adhhabuu waealamuu kula al'umam waeamaduhum biasm alab walabn walruwh alquds

Mataa 28:19

Much has been made over the course of this weekend, and rightfully so, concerning the events of 9/11/2001—this being the 21st anniversary of that awful day. Sadly, many Americans projected their anger from that event onto millions of innocent people who live in areas of the Middle East whose nations have been deemed as “hostile” toward the United States and our allies around the world. These people worship a god who is different from the God we worship. Their language, dress, and culture are much different than ours. To borrow a phrase from Bro. J. Verner McGhee, “May I say to you,” God sent His only begotten Son into this world to die for these people, just as He died for me—and you! WE were just as lost and undone as they who worship differently than we. The ONLY difference between “saved” people and “lost” people is that “saved” people have accepted the payment that the Lord Jesus Christ paid for us. Saved people are NOT better than lost people, just forgiven.

Even worse than projecting anger onto people of other countries is the sad fact that Christian and Jewish Americans looked at fellow Americans who are Muslim in a misguided light. May I remind all of us—this includes ME—that in 1861, our Confederate ancestors were also looked upon as “hostile to America.” They were treated as less than Americans and even less than human by many. The fact that THEY (Confederates) were in fact the true Americans, holding true to the Constitution and constitutional liberty. Lincoln’s blue hoard—the invaders, insurgents, and terrorists—were the ones polluting and finally destroying constitutional government in America and setting up a “Yankee Empire,” as the Kennedy brothers call it. Gentlemen, Christianity transcends national, cultural, racial, and ethnic boundaries. As my pastor says, “The Bible trumps the flag every time!” He says it like this: Many Americans try to equate being a good American with being a good Christian. It is a flawed premise. Try being a good Christian in Afghanistan. It would not be easy trying to be pro-American there!

So, to sum up all of this, let us remember that our Confederate ancestors and even our ancestors in the Revolutionary War, were considered “traitors” and “rebels.” They were looked on in derision. By default, we, their PROUD descendants suffer the same hatred from our fellow Americans. Please, let us remember that the people who hate us and the people who took action against us on 9/11/2001 are not every person who is Islamic. Many Islamic people are good Americans and are very grateful to live in this great country. Let us, as Christians, remember that Jesus died for our friends of other faiths, and let us pray that they come to the knowledge of the truth before it is too late for them. May they “see Jesus” in us! I encourage you to read the second scripture at the top again... or at least try. It is the same scripture as the first. The language is Arabic. It comes from a Bible translated into Arabic. Now, read EVERY word in the first scripture. I will retype it with emphasis on key words.

Go ye therefore, and teach ALL nations, baptizing THEM in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Shemeka Copeland, daughter of Blues great Johnny Copeland, sings a song she wrote entitled *Ain't Got Time for Hate*. That's good advice. Love will always conquer hate. That's what the Lord Jesus preached. That's what the Apostle Paul preached. It was good back then; it'll work today; and if the world stands another hundred years, it'll still be the message that changes hearts and minds... it'll change the world!

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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greynole01@yahoo.com

Deo Vindice



Tallahassee Veterans Village

Veterans Chairman: Reginald Roddenberry

Your response to my request for donations was outstanding! We literally had a trunk full.

Donations included 20 Women's items, a 45-roll package of toilet paper, a velvet plush blanket, numerous men's items including 200 pairs of shorts and 10 pairs of shoes. We also had 35 cans of vegetables, 5 cans of spaghetti and 3 bottles of ketchup. On top of everything else, we had \$50 donated.

What a marvelous outpouring of generosity from Finley's Brigade. I was proud to deliver these to the Village on your behalf.

Thank you for your support of those who gave so much to keep our country safe.



Dates in History of the War – October

October 9, 1861 – At Pensacola, 1000 CSA troops under Gen. R.H. Anderson and routed one union camp.
October 3-4, 1862 – Battle of Corinth, MS with CSA forces led by Gen. Van Dorn and Price were repulsed.
October 5, 1863 – USS New Ironsides is attacked and damaged by torpedo boat CSS David.
October 7, 1864 – CSS Florida is captured off of Brazil by USS Wachusett after claiming 37 prizes.
October 11, 1865 – Pres. Johnson paroles several CSA cabinet members.

Commander's Guidon

Commander Ned Roberts

Tickets for the 31st Annual Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event are on sale – if you haven't bought yours yet – do so now. This event is 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, a reduction in 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 October'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.

The Camp has been invited to participate in the **Monticello Veterans Day Parade**, to be held on Friday, November 11. This is a fun event, and the citizens of Monticello are very welcoming. Please plan to take part in this parade.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

Oct 11th Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:45 pm.
Nov 8th Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:45 pm.
Nov 11th Monticello Veteran's Day Parade,- tba-
Dec 3rd Bruton headstone dedication, Bainbridge GA 1pm
Jan 28th Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event, Jackson Lodge, Tallahassee, 5:00 pm.



Birth Days

Larry Thomas 10-6
 Clayton O'Steen 10-8
 Aaron Gaither 10-17

James Bailey 10-18
 Paul Kirby 10-21
 Herbert Cox 10-28

Scott Sutton 10-28
 James Windsor Jr 10-28
 George Pridgeon 10-31





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:

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Commander Ned Roberts, 850-591-9221,

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