



***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."***



### **Camp Officers and Executive Committee**

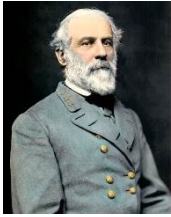
During the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting the following Compatriots were elected as Officers of Finley's Brigade:

Commander Ned Roberts  
Adjutant Thomas Williams III  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Larry Thomas  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Lee Norris  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Marshall Carroll  
Chaplain John Howell

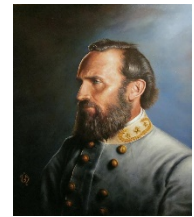
In accordance with Camp By-Laws, Past Commander Kelly Crocker was appointed to Executive Committee along with Past Commander Graham Smith. In double assignments, Thomas Williams III was appointed as Treasurer, and Lee Norris was appointed Color Guard Sergeant. Additionally, Jay Lindsey was appointed as Editor and Hunley Award Coordinator, and Chris Miller was appointed as Cemetery Committee Chairman.

More assignments and appointments will be announced in weeks to come. There are many important positions that need to be filled. If anyone has an interest in serving the Camp and the Cause, contact Commander Roberts.

**The December Camp Meeting will be dedicated to the honor and memory of 4th Sgt William Pharoah McKenzie of the South Carolina 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment**



# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee & Jackson Southern Heritage Event



Sponsored by  
Finley's Brigade Camp #1614, Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Mary Ann Harvey Black, Confederate Rose Society

February 1, 2020

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

Marzuq Shrine Temple  
1805 N. Monroe St  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tickets: \$45 in advance    Door Prizes and Auction

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Jonathan C. Sheppard**

Dr. Sheppard is the Executive Director at Mission San Luis: Florida's Apalachee-Spanish Living History Museum. He is the author of *By the Noble Daring of Her Sons: The Florida Brigade of the Army of Tennessee* and Contributor & Editor of *A Forgotten Front: Florida during the Civil War Era*



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**CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR MEMORIAL REQUEST FORM  
FOR LEE-JACKSON SOUTHERN HERITAGE EVENT**

Please print name, rank & regiment/unit of your ancestor(s).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by – name & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return Ancestor Memorial Request Form to Compatriot Keith Lassiter or Commander Ned Roberts or mail to P.O. Box 16006, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Please include a \$10 donation per Ancestor.

Your Confederate Ancestor’s name will be published in the 2020 Lee-Jackson Event Program. Thank you for honoring your Confederate Ancestor.

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## **Harbert Family Obelisk Being Restored**

On the weekend of June 26 & 27, 2010, several graves were vandalized in Tallahassee's Old City Cemetery. Among those damaged were the graves in the Family plot of Captain Ephraim Crockett Harbert. The Harbert Family marker was a 4-piece, 10-foot obelisk, in the center of the plot, with names on four sides of the base; of Captain Harbert, his wife Rebecca, daughter Anna Harbert Keith, and her husband Wallace Ney Keith. Captain Harbert's grandson J W Keith has his own marker in the plot and it was also damaged.

The July 2, 2010 Tallahassee Democrat included a small report on page 5A that reported vandalism of about \$50,000. The alleged vandals were never punished and reportedly had connections with local law-enforcement.

Captain E C Harbert joined the Confederate Army on May 15, 1861 and was elected Captain of Company K 6<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. He is described as: 6' 2" tall, Blue eyes, light hair and fair complexioned. On September 19, 1863, during the Battle of Chickamauga, Captain Harbert was shot in the right upper chest and in the left leg between the knee and ankle. After spending almost a year in the hospital, he was finally discharged.

He moved to Tallahassee, FL just prior to 1900 and bought the Mostyn Farm, about ¾ mile Northeast of town, in 1902. Captain Harbert lived with his daughter and son-in-law until his death on June 18, 1912. Finley's Brigade has begun the restoration of the Harbert Family Plot and completed Phase I on November 23, 2019. Hope you can assist us with Phase II – coming January 11, 2020.

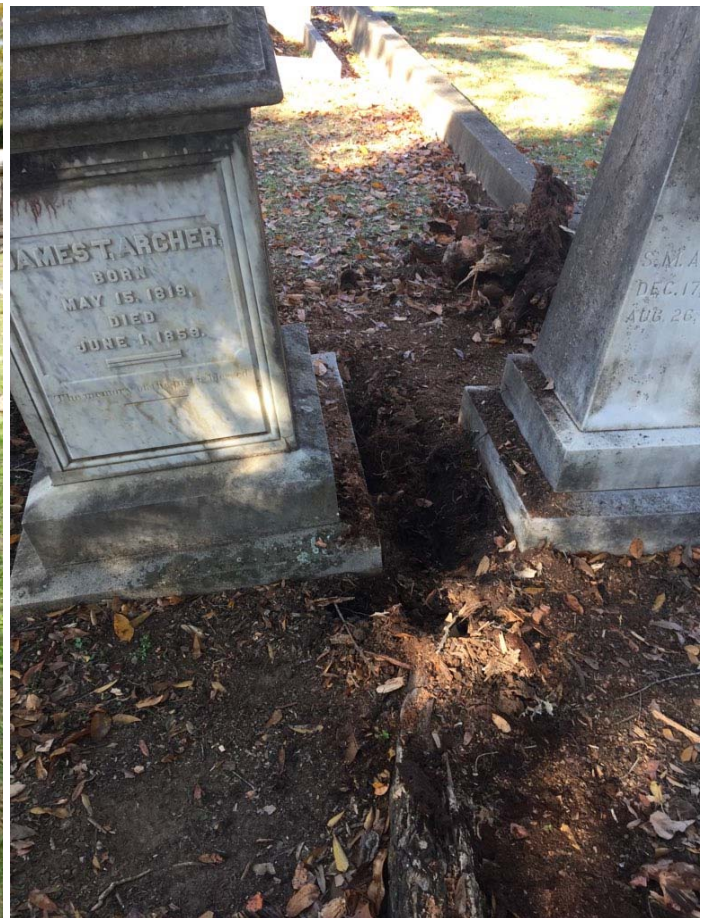


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## **Cemetery Work Days – Remembering Our Ancestors**

During the November 23 Tallahassee Old City Cemetery Work Day, Finley's Brigade worked on the gravesites of Corporal William W. Sanders, 2<sup>nd</sup> Florida Calvary, and James T. Archer, first Florida Secretary of State, along with the Harbert Family plot. Corporal Sanders' headstone was leaning, but was leveled out and restored. James Archer headstone had a cherry trunk removed – more work to follow.



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## **Tallahassee Veterans Village**

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**

November was a very active month for Finley's Brigade Color Guard.

First on the calendar was the Leon County Veterans Day Parade. The following week had two Grave side memorials for the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Wakulla County. Finley's Brigade Color Guard was honored to be part of memorials for Evelyn Stills of Crawfordville and Mildred Willis of Sopchoppy.

We need 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.



## **Finley's Brigade Color Guard Uniform Guidelines – Part 1**

The Finley's Brigade color guard has had a distinctive uniform for over a decade in its various memorial services, parades, and ceremonies. It consists of twelve parts: brogans, gaiters, trousers, suspenders, a belt, a cap box, a slung cartridge box, a haversack, a shirt, a shell jacket, gloves, and a kepi. The bare minimum anyone needs of these to march is five parts; a kepi, shirt, suspenders, trousers, and brogans.

Finley's would prefer all members of its honor guard to acquire the complete uniform however we understand that uniforms are not cheap and sometimes a half uniform is all one member may be able to acquire at a time. We also have some spare gear which we gladly distribute on a first come first serve basis for color guard members to use for the duration of their time with Finley's Brigade and during other events.

Additionally while this is the *preferred* uniform for our marching unit, we will *never* turn away anyone with a confederate uniform if they wish to march with us because they do not have the uniform prescribed below.



## *Commander's Guidon*

I am deeply humbled and honored to have been elected Commander of Finley's Brigade Camp 1614. I will devote my time and efforts to the defense of all Confederate Soldiers good names. Along with the newly elected and appointed Camp Officers, we will strive to be guardians of our Ancestor's history. With your support and assistance, we will make Finley's Brigade a beacon for the Cause.

I would like to personally thank Commander Kelly Crocker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Tim Cotton and 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Jim Windsor for their many years of service to this Camp. Thankfully they will still be around to provide support.

At this time, I am asking all Camp members to renew their commitment to preserving and defending our southern heritage. We have a lot of cemetery cleanups and gravesite restorations that will be scheduled in the coming months. Everyone can help at these events, even a Commander with a fractured elbow. So, please, consider assisting every now and then when called upon. Cemetery cleanups and gravesite restorations is a top priority for this Camp.

Additionally, we need to add new members to Finley's Color Guard. If you have been thinking about joining, now is the time act.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event is quickly approaching. The event will be on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Social Hour starting at 5:00 PM. Our guest speaker is Dr. Jonathan Sheppard, a noted author on the Florida Brigade of the Army of Tennessee. Tickets are currently available from any Camp Officer. The Ancestor Memorials for the event programs have been reduced to \$10 this year. There will be three major door prizes and some minor ones. Additionally, we will be auctioning a functioning replica Confederate pistol.

I look forward to serving and working with all of you. Together, we will make it glorious.

Respectfully,  
Ned Roberts





## **Dates in History - December**

December 20, 1860 - South Carolina secedes from the Union

December 26, 1861 - Battle of Chustenahiah, Osage County, Oklahoma, factions of Creek and other Indian nations loyal to Confederacy fought pro-Union Creeks

December 11-15, 1862 - Battle of Fredericksburg, General Lee defeats Northern troops under Maj General Burnside

December 15-16, 1864 - Battle of Nashville, Lt General Hood forces defeated by Northern troops under Maj General Thomas

December 22, 1864 - Savannah, GA falls to General Sherman during March to the Sea (Rape of Georgia)



## **Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities**

Dec 8 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW

Dec 14 – Adopt-a-Road at Natural Bridge Rd – 8 AM.

Dec 14 – Cemetery workday at Rhodes Cemetery, Woodville, FL – 10 AM

Jan 11 – Cemetery workday at Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee, FL – 8 AM

Jan 14 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW

Feb 1 – 28<sup>th</sup> Lee – Jackson Southern Heritage Event, Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Sheppard – 5 PM

Feb 11 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW

Feb 15 – Stephen Dill Lee Institute, Raleigh, NC

Apr 4 – Confederate Memorial Day, Soldiers Cemetery, Quincy, FL 3pm Guest Speaker Pat Godwin

June 5-7 – Florida Division Reunion

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.