



**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."***



### **December Camp Meeting**

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the VFW, with social hour starting at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45.



### **Grave Keepers Report – Remembering Our Ancestors – Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess**

#### **Compatriots**

I am pleased to report that November was a productive month. We submitted for and received two V.A. Headstones for lost soldiers. Erastus A. Clark, 5<sup>th</sup> Florida Infantry, and Charles F. Blake, Dykes Battery, Florida Light Artillery's, final resting places are now prominently marked in Old city Cemetery and will not be forgotten.

Speaking of Old City. I want to take this opportunity to speak to everyone about the Confederate Section. Commander Crocker has done countless hours of research into the records of that area. Through the ravages of time, neglect, and careless grounds maintenance personnel, it is a shameful sight. I am asking every member of Finley's Brigade to join together and return the Confederate Section to the glory it deserves. Just like our brave ancestors, we must commit treasure, blood and toil to this project. It won't happen overnight, and I may not see its completion in my lifetime, but a journey of a thousand miles start with but one step.

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



### **Tallahassee Veterans Village – Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter**

Compatriots:

I trust you all had a glorious Thanksgiving with those you love. I pray that we all—each one of us—remain in a spirit of thanksgiving for ALL the Lord has done for us. Where oh where would we be without Him? I am thankful for 1. The Lord Jesus 2. Being born in America (the Southern part) 3. Being associated with all of you gentlemen!

As was discussed in last month's report, I am still asking that you hold off on donations until the Lee-Jackson Banquet. I am begging you though to surpass what we have done the last two years at the banquet. With that being said however, I will still take anything you donate up until that time.

During this month, we have collected: \$20 cash; bag of towels and wash cloths; towel sets; shower curtains; sheet sets; winter coats; pots and pans—value--\$1130; four boxes of food—value--\$40; frozen scrambled eggs; hams; boxes of cookies; pre-packed food products; seven boxes of food stuff—value--\$600.

I want to thank Mark Bess, Stan Willis, and Don and Cathy Turner for their continued support. Please remember our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Be there and bring a friend. I would also ask that you consider assisting me with this position as liaison to the Veterans' Village. If you have a heart for service (and for veterans), please see me at the meeting or e-mail me at [greynole01@yahoo.com](mailto:greynole01@yahoo.com). Get involved in YOUR camp, compatriots!

I appreciate you all, gentlemen. Until our next meeting, Deo Vindice!

If you have any questions, contact Compatriot Keith Lassiter at [greynole01@yahoo.com](mailto:greynole01@yahoo.com) .



### Color Guard – Sergeant at Arms: Mark Bess

Compatriots,

November had one big event for our Color Guard. We were invited to, and participated in the Monticello Veterans Day Parade. The weather was perfect, the crowd enthusiastic, and the camaraderie excellent. I, Compatriot Jim Windsor, Compatriot Rob Crisler and Quartermaster Larry Thomas proudly carried the four flags most recognized in the Southern Cause. Commander Ned Roberts and his wife, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander Randy Nichols and his wife, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Bess handed out flags to revealers while Compatriot Gerald Bell pulled the Finley' Brigade trailer. I look forward to participating next year, and many after.

On Veterans Day, Finley's Brigade, with the help of Save Southern Heritage, placed a wreath at the memorial in front of the old capital in Tallahassee. The wreath was prominently displayed all day and was then placed at Soldiers Cemetery in honor of those unknown compatriots who died in Quincy during the war. Forward the Colors!

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### **German Confederates**

**By J.R. Miller**

#### **Johann Heinrich August Heros von Borcke**

Born at **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress** July 23, 1835 and died Berlin May 10, 1895, von Borcke was a member of the old Pomeranian Von Borke family and the son of Theodor von Borcke and Therese who was born Adloff (Not a Typo). His first wife was Madalene Honig and his second wife was Tony Honig, his first wife's younger sister.

Von Borke became a Prussian cavalry officer in 1855, served with the [Guards Cuirassiers](#) and until 1862 in the 2d Brandenburg Dragoons. He immigrated to the Confederate States in 1862 and soon arrived in Richmond and was appointed by Secretary of War George W. Randolph to Jeb Stuart as a Captain. Due to his physical appearance he stood out amongst commissioned and the enlisted. His giant sword was a Solingen straight sword which aided in is persona.

He was involved in the famed ride around McClellan army which brought much attention to the cavalry arm of the army and also helped to promote Von Borke to the rank of major. Von Borke was detached for a short time to escort the body of John Pelham aka "The Gallant Pelham" to Richmond Virginia.

At the Battle of Middleburg, Von Borke received a rather nasty neck wound which knocked him out of action for some time. He partially recovered and was attached to staff duty for a time and was at the Battle of Yellow Tavern where his commander (Jeb Stuart) was mortally wounded.



Later Von Borke was again promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was given official thanks from the Congress of the Confederate States. Then President Jefferson Davis sent him to Great Britain on a diplomatic mission.

After the war Von Borke returned to Prussia and fought in the Austro-Prussia War who served as a staff officer for Prince Friedrich Karl and was awarded the Order of the Red Eagle. He retired in 1867 due to war wounds and published his memoirs "Memoirs of the Confederate War for Independence" In 1884 he came back to the Southern States and visited many of his old friends.

He eventually returned to Giesenbrügge where he flew the Confederate Flag on his estate. He died of sepsis due to the yankee metal that he received at the Battle of Middleburg. He is buried in [Giżyn, Poland](#). His headstone was destroyed by the Red Army during WW2 but was replaced by the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2008.



### **Lee/Jackson Southern Heritage Event**

Gentlemen,

This is a reminder that we have two monthly meetings left (12/14/2021 & 01/11/2022) before our annual Lee/Jackson Event on January 29, 2022, to purchase tickets, ancestor memorial requests and ads. The cost of tickets is \$45 each, ancestor memorial request is \$10 per ancestor, and the cost of an ad is \$125.

If you would like to use a credit card please send me an e-mail requesting how many tickets, memorial requests or ads. Using our Square account I will forward to you a invoice that you can pay using your credit card. Square Accounting will then inform me of your payment and deposit said amount into our banking account. For ads, please forward a business card that we can include in our event booklet that is handed out at the event. You can also pay at one of the afore-mention meetings or forward a check in the correct amount to Finley's Brigade, P.O. Box 16006, Tallahassee, FL 32317-6006.

Feel free to contact me if further information is needed at [twilliams1946@comcast.net](mailto:twilliams1946@comcast.net)



### **Commander's Guidon**

My Fellow Compatriots –

We are less than two months out for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event. Tickets are available now, so if you haven't bought yours yet please do. Also, remember your Confederate Ancestor by listing his name in the souvenir program. If you know any businesses that want to place an ad or donate door prizes, please contact me or 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Bess. We need your help in making this another successful fund-raiser for the Camp. Lt Commander in Chief Jason Boshers is our guest speaker, we need a good showing from our Camp members, so please buy a ticket and come.

We will need help setting up and cleaning up after the event. Your help is appreciated.

Coming in March, we will need all hands on deck for the Natural Bridge Reenactment. We will have a booth handing out recruitment information and selling merchandise. Again, your help and assistance is appreciated.

Thanks for making 2021 a productive year for the Camp.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts



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



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

**January 29, 2022**

**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: Lt Commander-In-Chief Jason Boshers**



**For tickets contact:**

**Adjutant Thomas Williams, 850-942-2866,  
[Adjutant@finleysbrigadescv.com](mailto:Adjutant@finleysbrigadescv.com)**

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**Commander Ned Roberts, 850-591-9221,  
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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 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 2022 Lee-Jackson Event Program. Thank you for honoring your Confederate Ancestor.





### **Dates in History of the War – December**

December 20, 1861 – Two British Troop ships head for Canada due to tensions of the Trent Affair.  
December 13, 1862 – Battle of Fredericksburg, VA.  
December 7, 1863 – The 4<sup>th</sup> Confederate Congress meets in Richmond.  
December 20, 1864 – Savannah, GA is evacuated before Sherman's Army.  
December 18, 1865 – The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery was put into effect.



### **Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities**

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – Natural Bridge Road Cleanup at 8:30 AM. Meet at intersection of Natural Bridge Road and Old Plank Road.  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.  
Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event. Social Hour starts at 5:00 with Dinner/Speaker at 6:00.  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.  
Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Natural Bridge Road Cleanup at 8:30 AM. Meet at intersection of Natural Bridge Road and Old Plank Road.  
Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Battle of Natural Bridge Reenactment.  
Mar 8<sup>th</sup> - Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Ned Roberts at [commander@finleysbrigadescv.com](mailto:commander@finleysbrigadescv.com) or 850-591-9221.

