



CAMPTALK

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October 2012 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, FL

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from menu 7:00 – 8:00 Program 8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting.

Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month.

Male descendants of men who served the Confederacy, their wives and others interested in the War For Southern Independence are invited to attend.

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COMMANDERS CORNER

Please note that our November meeting will be 15 November (3rd Thursday) and December will be 13 December (2nd Thursday).

I would like to thank all of you who have paid your dues. So far we have had 90% of our members pay their 2012-2013 dues. If you haven't paid please do so very soon as the final due date to get monies into National HDQ is the 31st of October.

In Service to The South, Kevin Atchison Commander Camp 1387

Editors Note: An opportunity for me to travel with son Jeff to Kentucky to view the season colors and visit son Lee came up for me. Sorry that trumps the usual full newsletter so this month is a bit lean. We will have full coverage in November. Don Young

EVENTS

06 Oct Fall Officers Call
11 Oct E-board meeting
13 Oct Rededication of CSA Monument at Olustee Battlefield
20 Oct Division Executive Committee meeting Ocala
25 Oct Oct Camp meeting
27 Oct Lt. Don and Miss Lee's Halloween Costume Party – everyone invited
10 Nov Melbourne Veterans Day Parade
11 Nov Massing of the Colors
15 Nov Camp Meeting 3rd Thursday - ELECTIONS
01 Dec 12th and 14th Brigade Awards Banquet Davie FL
13th Dec Camp Christmas Social and Awards 2nd Thursday

PROGRAM

The Hidden Lincoln

Teachers and historians have been guilty of creating, and continuing the Lincoln Myth. How were the real Lincoln's words and action avoided in our textbooks? Why did we never learn his real thoughts and plans about race? Why did he provoke the War? What made him think he could arrest and imprison innocent citizens? Why did he issue an arrest warrant for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? Why did he encourage Sherman's genocidal attack on Southern women and children? In a thought-provoking presentation George Khoury brings the best research to the public that has shocked and amazed!

ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE FLORIDA SOCIETY

Is giving away a 46" flat screen television

Drawing to be held November 18, 2012

Do Not have to be present to win.



Single - \$ 5.00 per ticket

6 Pack - \$ 25.00

12 Pack - \$ 45.00

24 Pack - \$ 85.00

TV to be purchased with raffle proceeds, balance of proceeds to benefit the Various projects undertaken by The Sons of Confederate Veterans FL Division.

Miss Lee is selling these tickets at the Camp meetings and at 452-3207

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We ask that your thoughts and prayers be with Camp Chaplain Tim Cobb, compatriot Bob Weaver and Camp friend Dick Lee during their present health issues.

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Camp Shirt Project

Our new camp shirts have been ordered. If you missed placing your order the Camp is buying a limited number of shirts for future members that you may purchase. Call compatriot Rick DeBord 321-631-7258.

Nominating Committee and Camp 1387 Election Process

Camp 1387 Nominating Committee Chairman Gerry Carson for 2012 has presented the following candidates for the officer term 2013-2014.

1. Commander, Kevin Atchison
2. Adjutant, Rick DeBord
3. Lt. Commander, Don Young
4. 2nd Lt. Commander, Rick Still
5. Treasurer, Tom Watkins
6. Chaplin, Tim Cobb

Our elections will be held during the 15 November meeting with new officers being sworn in at the 13 December Christmas Social and Awards Meeting. Floor nominations will be accepted.

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Fall Officers Call Florida Division Southeast Region SCV

Gentlemen –

October Fall Officer's Call for the Southeast Region Florida Division SCV was held 06 October. Please note that 6 out of our 10 Camps were represented, 4 were not. Two of the 4 absent were covered by the 14th Brigade Commander.

1. 102 Orlando Not Represented
2. 471 Miami Present
3. 1387 Melbourne Present
4. 1395 Ft. Lauderdale Not Represented, 14th Brigade Commander Present with announcements
5. 1516 Kissimmee Present
6. 1595 Ft. Pierce Present
7. 1599 West Palm Not Represented, 14th Brigade Commander Present
8. 1630 Ocoee Not Represented
9. 1680 Vero Beach Present
10. 2120 Christmas Present

10th and 12th Brigade Commanders were not present.

All agenda items were discussed.

Items discussed in depth and detail were:

1. Flags Across Florida, background and present status.
 - a. Finish Tampa as soon as weather permits.
 - b. 1516 and 1630 would like contact from Division FAF chair. Both have projects in mind and need information and assistance.
2. Division Adjutant information requests and guidelines.
 - a. All happy to see this battle being fought.
 - b. All have unhappy stories of past few years.
3. Florida automotive license plate background and present status.
 - a. Develop 2-3 alternate designs.
 - b. Camps review and vote on new design.
 - c. Work out new approach to Legislature and proceed with caution.
 - d. Avoid costly litigation if possible.
 - e. Don't quit, regroup.

In Service of The South,

Don C. Young

Lt. Commander Southeast Region

Florida Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Veterans Day Events

Saturday 10 November 2012 Honor America is sponsoring the annual Melbourne Veterans Day Parade. Camp 1387 will muster at 0900 for a 1000 hour step off.

We will muster on Melbourne Ave. starting about where the overhead railroad trestle runs across the creek along side US 1 just south of 192. The route is a bit less than 2 miles and runs through old downtown and on to the Liberty Bell Museum. All of that should sound familiar as it is the route followed by parades for several years.

We do not have a float available for those who can not walk, but we will have a vehicle for anyone who may need to fall out. We will have a Color Guard, riflemen, decorated convertible and probably some Mechanized Cavalry.

We always have a good time at the Melbourne events with very receptive crowds and supportive shouts from the sidewalks.

Sunday 11 November 2012 Camp 1387 will participate in the Massing of The Colors at the Cocoa BCC campus sponsored by The Military Order of the World Wars Chapter 170. We will muster at 1400 and step off will be 1500. Participants must be in Confederate uniform and only 4 are required.

Please RSVP with Don Young or Kevin Atchison

Tenth Brigade Cemetery Workshop by Mary Ann Langford, Kim Cullars and Don Young



Lecture Group



14th Brigade Commander Mike Mitchell presents

Uncovering A Confederate Soldier –

On the weekend of September 21-23, we had the privilege of doing the 10th Brigade cemetery workshop in Orlando presented by Mike Mitchell. The workshop was in the older section of Greenwood cemetery located in the Orlando area. We met at a Denny's for a two hour lecture. The lecture was extremely interesting and much too short. It was so good to meet so many like minded people who have an interest in keeping our Southern heritage alive. There were people from the SCV, OCR, and the UDC in attendance. We felt like we had made lots of new friends.

Bright and early Saturday morning we were at the cemetery. Mike showed us some areas that needed work and let everyone chose the project they wanted to work on. Since no one chose to work on the much neglected shrubs in the Confederate section, I started working there and shortly was joined by Bill.

At lunch the OCR ladies of Christmas, FL Chapter 21 served us lunch, a delicious pulled pork sandwich. Then it was back to work. Late in the afternoon Bill was raking and he uncovered a bronze grave marker that belonged to a Confederate veteran. The marker was under about 2" of dirt, vines and leaves. Bill was so surprised to have uncovered a Confederate marker he just stood there in amazement. I read the name on the marker, O.P. Preston. I read it again only faster this time, O.P. Preston - and the O.P. ran together to make Opie. I yelled "Bill found Opie" and everyone came running to see. There were 3 Confederates uncovered that weekend, but Opie is our favorite.



Montaghue Plot



Bill Lanford at right – OP is just to his right

After the weekend when I got home to my computer, I decided to find out more about O.P. Preston. Here is what I found. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Cabell) Preston who moved from Virginia to Missouri. They had 9 children, of which O.P. was the 5th. For reasons known only to his mother she named him Ouachita Pushmataha Preston. All her other children have the usual ordinary names. His name intrigued me. At first I thought his mother may be of Native American ancestry, but as I began to do my research I soon found out that was not true. I found out Ouchita pronounced (WOSH-i-taw) is a county in Texas, as well as a mountain range in west central Arkansas and southeastern Oklahoma. His middle name Pushmataha was for a well-known Choctaw Indian who sided with the Americans in the war of 1812, which earned him the name "Indian General". Pushmataha went to Washington in 1824. While there he died and was buried with full military honors in the Congressional Cemetery. As you can see his name may sound strange to us today, but it would have had a meaning to the people of his era.

O.P. married Jane Eliza Pitts who is buried next to him. They had one child, Lambeth Preston. O.P. served as Captain of Co. D. & M, 27th Texas Cavalry, during the war. After the war in 1866 he moved to the Orlando area and became Orlando's second doctor. Finding a Confederates final resting place is awesome in itself, but finding out who they were and what they did makes them real.

I hope everyone reading this gets a chance to do a Cemetery Workshop sometime. Maybe you'll find your own Opie.

Your Roving Reporter - Mary Ann Lankford

Montague Family Plot



"Young" compatriots from Camp 1387. The Montague's plot curb was buried in ground cover as was the family member marker above. Three pickup loads of over growth and ground cover was removed, the curb uncovered, dirt filled in around markers and CSA Cross painted.



Cleaning and painting CSA Crosses

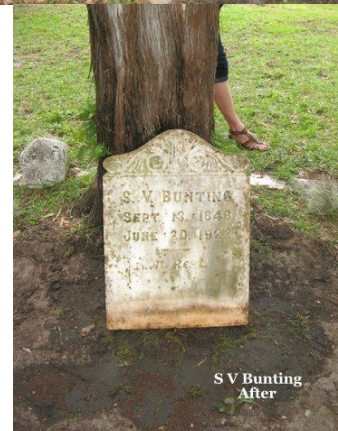
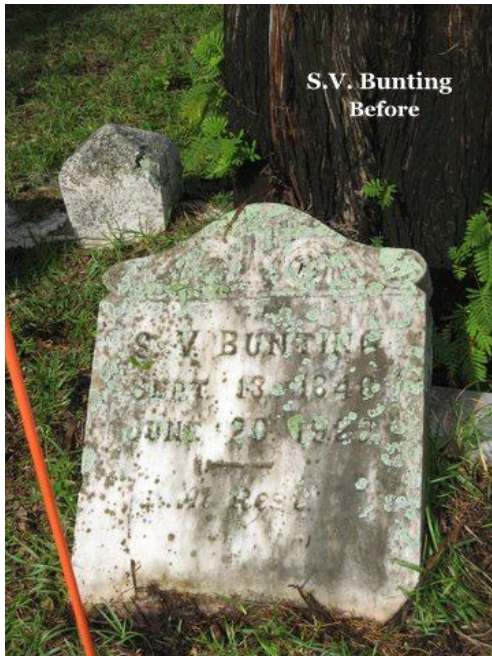
Joelle Rowe and the OCR roses provided a BBQ lunch on both days in addition to getting involved in the gravesite restoration. We cleaned and restored several Iron Crosses, reset headstones that had toppled over, cleaned masonry, and even removed a headstone that was embedded in a tree and reset it. Although it was a lot of work, it did not seem so as we enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. As everyone was leaving I heard several people express that, "they were tired, but it was a good tired."



SCV members represented Capt. J.J. Dickison Camp 1387 of Melbourne, William Henry Harris Camp 1395 of Ft. Lauderdale, Gen. E.M. Law Camp 1323 of Bartow, Munnerlyn's Cow Cavalry Camp 2120 of Christmas, Capt. Bluford Sims Camp 1630 of Ocoee and C.S.S. Florida Camp 102 of Orlando. The 10' X 20' flag was provided by Camp 2120 and drew a lot of people in to see what we were doing. We created a lot of positive impressions.

Excerpt from article by Kim Cullars

S.V. Bunting CSA



Our Confederate Dead Marker for CSA section



Marker was very uneven



Marker removed

Rt. Camp 102 Commander Kim Cullars



Even small stones are heavy



Replaced with new concrete base
Camp 2120 Adjutant Robert Phelps

Retiring Old Flags

Thanks to Mike Mitchell the SCV now has an appropriate written ceremony for retiring flags.