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April 2015 MEETING

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

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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Commander Rick Debord has been forced to give up his efforts to hold office. Rick's serious health issues simply will not improve sufficiently for him to perform the duties of the office. Rick will continue in supporting camp events and attending meetings as his health issues allow. Thank you Rick for being one of us.

1st Lt. Commander Marc Thornton has filled the Commander's spot and the 1st Lt. Office (schedules programs) is open. We also need a Quartermaster to relieve Marc from those duties. If you are an established member or a new compatriot please consider becoming involved with the running of your camp.

Brevard County has withstood the latest attack on Southern Heritage with the naacp and the Space Coast Progressive Alliance trying to bully the Commission into rewriting the County Library Public Display policy. They voted to keep the existing policy.

Our first Hunley award was presented to an Air Force JROTC cadet at Satellite High School.

Camp 1387 was well represented at the South East Region Spring Officers Call with Commander Thornton, 2nd Lt. Rick Still and Miss June and Chaplain Tim Cobb attending. Also, 10th Brigade Commander Larry Rowe was present and attended our March meeting. It's good to see Larry recovering from last summer's home fire and getting back into SCV activities.

Our thanks to compatriot Larry Thornton for completing his John Wilkes Booth series in time for the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln shooting.

We had 4 members including Commander Thornton attend the St. Augustine Easter Parade. Our members and our float participated with an outstanding group of supporters from across northern Florida. Thanks to camp 1316 for inviting us. We are planning on doing it again next year. See the article within.

Our Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony will be Sunday 26 April and the plans and coordination between UDC Chapter 2406 and Miss June are wrapping up. The CMD service is our premier event each year to honor our ancestors. Y'all come.

Commander Thornton will be out (on a cruise) for the remainder of April and Past Commander Kevin Atchison will conduct the April meeting. Color Sgt. Rob Murray will also be out (also on a cruise) and acting Sgt. Don Young will cover the CMD event.

Past Commander and Editor Don Young for Commander Marc Thornton

EVENTS

01 April	CSA History Month Display at Liberty Bell Museum – Report in May Camptalk
04 April	Officers Call SE Region
05 April	St. Augustine Easter Parade
09 April	E-board meeting
18 April	Camp 2120 CSA Memorial Day Ceremony Christmas Cemetery-10am
23 April	Camp Meeting
26 April	Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony Melbourne Cemetery
14 May	E-board meeting
14 May	Cmdr. Young presents “Stonewall Jackson – The Early Years”, Camp 2120
28 May	Camp Meeting
05-7 Jun.	Florida Division Reunion

PROGRAM

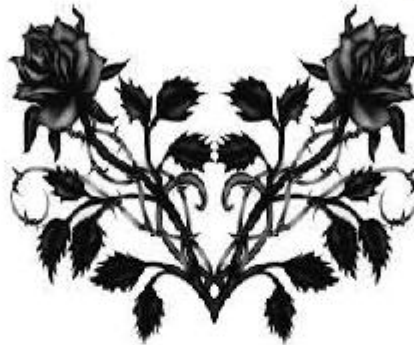
Richmond Oakwood Cemetery History and Update

Compatriot Don Young presents the history and development of Oakwood Cemetery; the final resting place of 17,200 CSA soldiers. In 2011 the Virginia Division SCV reached an agreement with the City of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia to take over the management of maintenance, restoration and enhancement of this historic cemetery. How's that working out for the city, state, SCV and our soldiers?

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY
~~~~~SERVICE~~~~~
SUNDAY

APRIL 26TH 2015

2:00 PM



MELBOURNE CEMETERY
710 East Hibiscus
(1/2 mile west of U.S. 1)

Join us as we honor our Confederate Ancestors with music, poetry and prayers. Our traditional military remembrance ceremony includes graves marked with Flags and Floral tributes, Color Guard with Bagpipes, Rifle and Cannon Salutes. We honor the Nine Confederate Soldiers who are buried here along with the Ten Union Soldiers who also rest here.

Please bring your own lawn chair and plan to stay for refreshments and social hour after the service. Please do not park between Hibiscus and the north edge of the gathering area. Color Guard will need the clear roads for marching.

For more info: 321-984-9967



Co-Sponsored by: The United Daughters of the Confederacy - Chapter 2406 and
The Sons of Confederate Veterans - Camp 1387

St. Augustine Easter Parade

This year's Easter Parade in St. Augustine was a spectacular event! The SCV-UDC-OCR-COC had an outstanding presence with about 30 participants and 5 subunits that stretched almost a block long!



Some of the St. Augustine UDC Ladies



Marc and Larry Thornton



Youngest in Color Guard



Must be ANV with those uniforms



Clement Lindsay

We started with Camp 1387's Color Guard Rob Murray, Marc Thornton, and Don Young supplemented by Camp 770's Clement Lindsey and his grandson. Next were 2 horses ridden by UDC and SCV. Then came the St. Augustine UDC with 9 ladies in period hoops riding in a white horse drawn carriage. The 4th unit was Camp 1387's float pulled by Camp 2120's Dick Lee's pickup with Camp 1316 Cmdr. Jim Kimbrough driving. On the float were UDC, Children of the Confederacy and SCV including 1316's Jim Davis Florida Division Commander, Our final group was the Mechanized Cavalry with participants from Camp's 1316, 2120, 1209 and the OCR.

Wow! What a diverse bunch of support from camps and groups all across north Florida. Many thanks to all who attended and helped us show our colors in a very positive light to 10's of thousands of Florida residents and visitors. Camp 1316 Adjutant Jimmy Edwards coordinated the invitations to participate to all the various folks, equipment and critters.

Go to this web link to view a slide show that gives a very good overview of the parade.

<http://staugustine.com/slideshow/featured/2015-04-06/easter-st-aug#slide-1>

Check out slides 34 UDC Ashley Hudson-with husband on horseback, 36, 39 Camp 1316 Cmdr. Jim Kimbrough, 41, 42 Camp 770 Cmdr. Clement Lindsey, 43 Camp 1387 Cmdr. Marc Thornton with his Dad Larry, 44 St. Augustine UDC ladies rode in a horse drawn carriage, 86, 87 Don Young in Color Guard, 114 Clements's grandson, 116 Clement.

Camp 1387 Hunley Award



Past Commander Don Young presented the first Hunley Award from Camp 1387 to Air Force JROTC Cadet Airman First Class Jessica Kight. Cadet Kight is a 2nd year member of the Raider Team and Element Leader in drill and ceremony presentations at Satellite Beach High School.

Brevard County Commissioners Vote to Continue Allowing The Study of American History in County Libraries.

Brevard County Commissioners voted 4-1 to keep the existing public library display policy. The existing policy is fair and reasonable.

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/03/31/brevard-will-not-change-policy-for-confederate-display/70717968>

Camp 1387 Melbourne started displays in the Eau Gallie branch and the main Cocoa branch about 16 years ago. In 2005-6 when CSA (Confederate Sons Association) formed, Camp 1387 stopped presenting at Cocoa and CSA has been there since – they do a good job. It is the CSA display that the naacp complained about.

The real news is **Space Coast Progressive Alliance**. To review them go to <http://www.scpaflorida.com/about-scpa> . One hundred and sixty years ago individuals from the same cesspool – I mean gene pool - were those who preached that the EVIL SOUTH must be exterminated – every man, women and child. The SCPA has all appearances of being an outright antisouthern hate group. These individuals impress as true haters and **zealots**.



Hatred of the South Is Hatred of America

(We revisit this classic column by Buchanan each year during [Confederate History Month](#).)

"This was recognition of American terrorists."

That is CNN's summary judgment of the 258,000 men and boys who fell fighting for the Confederacy in a war that cost as many American lives as World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq combined.

CNN reflects the hysteria that seized Obamaville on hearing that Gov. Bob McDonnell (in 2010) had declared Confederate History Month in the Old Dominion. Virginia leads the nation in Civil War battlefields.

So loud was the howling that in 24 hours McDonnell had backpedaled and issued an apology that he had not mentioned slavery.

Unfortunately, the governor missed a teaching moment.

Slavery was indeed evil, but it existed in the Americas a century before the oldest of our founding fathers was even born. Five of our first seven presidents were slaveholders.

But Virginia did not secede in defense of slavery. Indeed, when Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated, March 4, 1861, Virginia was still in the Union. Only South Carolina, Georgia and the five Gulf states had seceded and created the Confederate States of America.

At the firing on Fort Sumter, April 12-13, 1861, the first shots of the Civil War, Virginia was still inside the Union. Indeed, there were more slave states in the Union than in the Confederacy.

But, on April 15, Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers from the state militias to march south and crush the new Confederacy. (**Editor's Note:** this not Ft. Sumter started the WBTS.)

Two days later, April 17, **Virginia seceded rather than provide soldiers or militia to participate in a war on their brethren. North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas followed Virginia out over the same issue. They would not be a party to a war on their kinfolk.**

Slavery was not the cause of this war. Secession was—that and Lincoln's determination to drown the nation in blood if necessary to make the Union whole again. Nor did Lincoln ever deny it.

In his first inaugural, Lincoln sought to appease the states that had seceded by endorsing a constitutional amendment to make slavery permanent in the 15 states where it then existed. He even offered to help the Southern states run down fugitive slaves.

In 1862, Lincoln wrote Horace Greeley that if he could restore the Union without freeing one slave he would do it. The Emancipation Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1863, freed only those slaves Lincoln had no power to free—those still under Confederate rule. As for slaves in the Union states of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri, they remained the property of their owners.

As for "terrorists," no army fought more honorably than Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Few deny that.

The great terrorist in that war was William Tecumseh Sherman, who violated all the known rules of war by looting, burning and pillaging on his infamous March to the Sea from Atlanta to Savannah. Sherman would later be given command of the war against the Plains Indians and advocate extermination of the Sioux.

"The only good Indian is a dead Indian" is attributed both to Sherman and Gen. Phil Sheridan, who burned the Shenandoah and carried out Sherman's ruthless policy against the Indians.

Both have statues and circles named for them in Washington, D.C.

If CNN thinks Sherman a hero, it might study what happened to the slave women of Columbia, S.C., when "Uncle Billy's" boys in blue arrived to burn the city.

What of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, at whose request McDonnell issued his proclamation? What racist deeds have they perpetrated of late?

They tend the graves of Confederate dead and place flags on Memorial Day. They contributed to the restoration of the home of Jefferson Davis, damaged by Hurricane Katrina. They publish the Confederate Veteran, a magazine that relates stories of the ancestors they love to remember. They join environmentalists in fighting to preserve Civil War battlefields. They do re-enactments of Civil War battles with men and boys whose ancestors fought for the Union. And they defend the monuments to their ancestors and the flag under which they fought.

Why are they vilified?

Because they are Southern white Christian men—none of whom defends slavery, but all of whom are defiantly proud of the South, its ancient faith and their forefathers who fell in the Lost Cause.

Undeniably, the Civil War ended in the abolition of slavery and restoration of the Union. But the Southern states believed they had the same right to rid themselves of a government to which they no longer felt allegiance as did Washington, Jefferson and Madison, all slave-owners, who could no longer give loyalty to the king of England.

Consider closely this latest skirmish in a culture war that may yet make an end to any idea of nationhood, and you will see whence the real hate is coming. It is not from Gov. McDonnell or the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Kelly (OCR) and Danny Rentz (SCV Life Member) have been stranded in Knoxville TN after an accident put Danny in the ICU. They need our thoughts and prayers and some funding help. Please go to <http://www.gofundme.com/ppgai8> and see what you can do. Send best wishes to [Danny Rentz](#), or UT Trauma Center RM 1024 1924 Alcoa Hwy. Knoxville TN 37920.

Compatriot Don Young's brother Mike is the victim of a hit and run driver near his home in CA. He was sent flying head over heels over his motorcycle handlebars, over the car and landed on his back in a median. He has a long list of broken bones, collapsed lungs and a brushed heart. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

Online Petition For Florida Veterans Hall of Fame by David R. McCallister

If you have not done so, please click on the link below and ask why the Florida Governors Cabinet decided not to disallow allow three distinguished Florida Confederate Veterans into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame.

Three nominees were rejected by them recently: Sam Pasco, namesake of Pasco County, David Lang, founder of the Florida National Guard, and Gov. Edward A. Perry.



This was arbitrary and wrong. We're trying to get to 5000 signatures; maybe you have some friends/family that might like to sign it also. After 4 weeks the NAACP got 68 petitioners signed to keep them out. After only 10 hours, our petition has been signed by 400. Please help us reach our goal.

If you'd like more info on the situation, there have been several news reports. You can Google (or any other search engine service) Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Confederate for the latest stories.

Here is the link to the petition (you may need to cut and paste it into your browser):

https://www.change.org/p/florida-cabinet-and-dept-of-veterans-affairs-leave-no-american-veteran-behind-induct-florida-s-historical-veterans-in-the-florida-veterans-hall-of-fame?just_created=true

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