



CAMPTALK

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October 2011 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 Between the States are invited to attend.

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COMMANDERS CORNER

I can hardly believe it is October already. By the time you read this we would have already experienced our first significant cold front. Well, at least for true southerners with temperature in the 50s. Hopefully, this cool weather will stick around for our next Color Guard event. This event will be the annual Veterans Day Parade in Melbourne on 11 November. More details on this event will be discussed at our camp meeting.

The Florida SCV Division Fall Officer's Call will be held from 9-12 Noon on the 29th of October at the Marsh Landing Restaurant in Fellsmere, Florida. All camp members are invited to attend. I am planning on attending the meeting. If there are others interested we can do a car pool. This meeting is a good way of getting to know other SCV members in our area as well as what other Camps are doing to promote our cause.

Collection of dues for the 2011-2012 cycle is continuing. So far we have collected dues from about 85% of camp members. We have about six members who have not upped their dues.

Thanks to everyone for getting their dues in early. For those who have not paid yet, try to get them in during the next few weeks. After the 31st of October there will be a \$5 late fee charged for those who have not paid.

Don't forget in November our meeting will be on the 17th.

In Service to The South, Kevin Atchison Commander Camp 1387

EVENTS

27 Oct	Camp Meeting
29 Oct	Fall Officer's Call
29 Oct	Lt. Young and Miss Lee's annual Halloween Costume Party
11 Nov	Veteran's Day Parade Melbourne
11 Nov	Massing of Colors BCC
17 Nov	November Camp Meeting
9-11 Dec	Raid at Ft. Pierce

PROGRAM

Teddy Roosevelt-Genealogy and House Divided in WBTS

Camp **Compatriot Ben DeBose** will present one of his favorite characters in North American history and a major figure in shaping American politics. The Roosevelt family was widespread and very influential in the development of North and South. Come join us to learn how.

National Reunion - STAND UP FOR OAKWOOD CEMETERY'S CONFEDERATES

PROBLEM: Oakwood Cemetery's 17,000 Confederates, representing 13 Confederate states, deserve the dignity of an upright marker bearing their name. Currently, a small, nameless block, bearing only a three digit number represents the final resting place of three or more soldiers. The US Veterans Administration has been uncooperative in delivery of the upright markers. ACTION REQUIRED: Send a letter to all three Congressmen (two Senators and House member):

- Website, <http://www.contactingthecongress.org> , can be utilized - just plug in your address. Remember, letters are more effective than e-mail. Calls are helpful, also.
- Talking points (put these in your own words in your letter to your Congressmen) -
 - o In 1958, Congress pardoned Confederate soldiers and extended benefits therewith (US Code Title 38, Sec. 2306). This includes headstones for unmarked graves.
 - o These men deserve the dignity of a marker bearing their name - to not do so is the final human rights violation.
 - o The Veterans Administration should be required to live up to its responsibility, obey the law and provide these markers.
 - o Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA) is already engaged in this issue - ask your Congressmen to contact him and support his efforts.
- Contact other Confederate heritage advocates (UDC, re-enactors, etc.), as well as SAR,

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DAR and those in veterans organizations (VFW, American Legion, Wounded Warriors, etc.) and involve them in this process. THIS IS THE LARGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE OF THIS KIND EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE SCV. THIS WAS ENDORESED AND ANNOUNCED BY CIC GIVENS DURING OUR REUNION, JULY 16, 2011 in MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

Veteran's Day Parade

We will muster on Melbourne Ave., runs along the creek just south of old downtown, at 9 AM on Friday 11 November, step off will be at 10 AM. We will a decorated vehicle, Color Guard and Mechanized Cavalry. We always get a warm welcome from spectators, the march is only about 1.5 miles, the Liberty Bell Museum is at the end of the march and O'Malley's is available for lunch. Ya'll come and join us; it is a good time and for the right reasons.

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Massing of The Colors

We will leave the parade and go to Cocoa Campus of BCC for Massing of The Colors. We will muster at 2:30 PM and step off is at 3. This is another great event our Camp has done for many years.

Editor's Note

On Tuesday 18 October I suffered a "crash and burn" event on my old computer. It literally left the company of the living with a puff of smoke, never to breathe again. This abbreviated Camptalk will be the first item I will produce and send on my new machine. That is as soon and I can put a mailing list together.

However, Miss Lee and I will still have our annual Halloween Costume Party. It will be at 7:30 PM on Saturday 29 October. The 8 foot 6 inch Frank will be the guest of honor again this year in Young Frankenstein's laboratory. East on 520 to the last road/light on Merritt Island, north (left) to 285 Milford Point. Ya'll come!!

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