



# CAMPTALK

The monthly Newsletter of the Capt. J.J. Dickson Camp 1387, 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Florida Division, Army of Tennessee, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Melbourne Florida

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## May 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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I would like to thank Past Commander Kevin Atchison for conducting the April meeting while I was on vacation. I would also like to thank Past Commander Don Young for his presentation on the history and development of Richmond's Oakwood Cemetery. I'm sorry I missed his presentation as he is an exceptional speaker for educating us all in southern history.

We had our Confederate Memorial Day service Sunday, April 26 at the Melbourne Cemetery co sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy - Chapter 2406 where we honored our Confederate ancestors with music, poetry and prayers. Our color guard with bagpipes were

there along with rifle salute. I would like to thank Miss June for all her efforts in order to make this program possible in addition to everyone who participated or attend the service.

Myself and other compatriots are participating in a mustering out reenactment in Waldo Florida on Saturday, May 23 commemorating the parole of John Jackson Dickison and other southern soldiers. Details will be presented at the next meeting.

Our next program will be presented by Robert Meeks and is on Florida history before 1860. This is the first program in the Florida Confederate History series so you won't want to miss it.

This month our meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28 same place and same time. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. Please remember to invite your family and friends.

Sincerely, Commander Marc Thornton

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## EVENTS

14 May	E-board meeting
14 May	Cmdr. Young presents "Stonewall Jackson – The Early Years", Camp 2120
23 May	Surrender and Parole of Capt. JJ Dickison and Florida CSA forces, Waldo FL.
25 May	Melbourne Memorial Day Parade, Muster at 9 am.
28 May	Camp Meeting
05-7 Jun.	Florida Division Reunion Ocala – It's late but you can still go, contact Don Young

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## PROGRAM

### Florida History: Spanish Era to 1860

Many new compatriots of Camp 1387 are from other parts of the confederation and do not have much background in local history. By popular demand we will repeat and upgrade our Florida Confederate History series. Robert Meeks will begin the series with a general background in early Florida settlement by white men and take us up to 1860. We will continue with every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> month's program being dedicated to particular aspects of Florida CSA history. The programs will be presented by camp compatriots and outside guests. Please plan on attending this series to become familiar or refreshed in local history.

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Compatriot Don Young's brother Mike has crossed over the river as result of injuries received in a motorcycle accident near his home in CA. Mike Young was to the Mason's and Shriners in the greater San Diego community what Don is to the local SCV. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.  
Compatriot Nick Nichols has just returned home from surgery. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Confederate Memorial Day Old Melbourne Cemetery Sunday 26 April



Color Guard with 1595 Cmdr. Jim Odell, 2120 Adj. Robert Phelps, 75th OH Piper Melody Hunter



Lt. Rick Still, Randy Schindler, Miss June



We had 65 folks in attendance    Photos by Nick Nichols

Several Widows

The Camp 1387 and Chapter xxxx Confederate Memorial Day service at Melbourne Cemetery Sunday 26 April was blessed with beautiful weather and large attendance. Some 65 Southern souls; men, women and children from infants to oldsters gathered to pay homage to the 9 Confederates and 10 Federals who rest there. The 90 degree April day was tempered by 15-20 mph winds that sent some hats sailing.

We had guest performers with guitars, violins and our personal occupying bagpiper Miss Melody Hunter, from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ohio reenactor company. Guest presenters, UDC ladies and compatriots presented period poems, and read the lists of our ancestors. A professional military bugler delivered perfect taps.

The refreshments and social time were well received and guests from Camp 2120, 1595 and Christmas OCR enjoyed fine Southern visiting.

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### **Flight to Freedom Remembered** by Treasure Coast Ezine, Ft. Pierce



Sons of Confederate Veterans members dressed in period outfits pose for photo at *Flight to Freedom* reenactment. From left to right: Joe and Lise Hagen, Dowling Walford, Talissa Wilson, Jim Odell, Martha Kenyon, Kim Cullars.

On May 5, 2015, the *Sons of Confederate Veterans* held a reenactment to commemorate the "Flight to Freedom" of Confederate States Secretary of War, John C. Breckinridge through this area in 1865 as he and his men eluded capture by Union forces. They traveled in a small ship down the Indian River to the Jupiter Inlet where they finally made their way to safety in Cuba. Along the way they survived an encounter with pirates, two significant storms, and a dangerous lack of provisions before arriving at Cardevas, Cuba on June 11, 1865. A Kentuckian then living in the city recognized Breckinridge, introduced him to the locals, and served as his interpreter. The refugees were given food and stayed the night in a local hotel. The next morning, they traveled by rail to Havana, where Breckinridge was offered a house. He declined the offer, choosing to travel with Charles J. Helm, a fellow Kentuckian who had been operating as a Confederate agent in the Caribbean, to Great Britain.

The mission of the *Sons of Confederate Veterans* is to give such historical events the significance they deserve. Jim Odell remarked, "*We want to breathe new life into the history of the South and raise public awareness.*" Their group also provides free scholarships to outstanding young members of the ROTC.

For information on the *Sons of Confederate Veterans* contact **Jim Odell at: 772-318-8258.**

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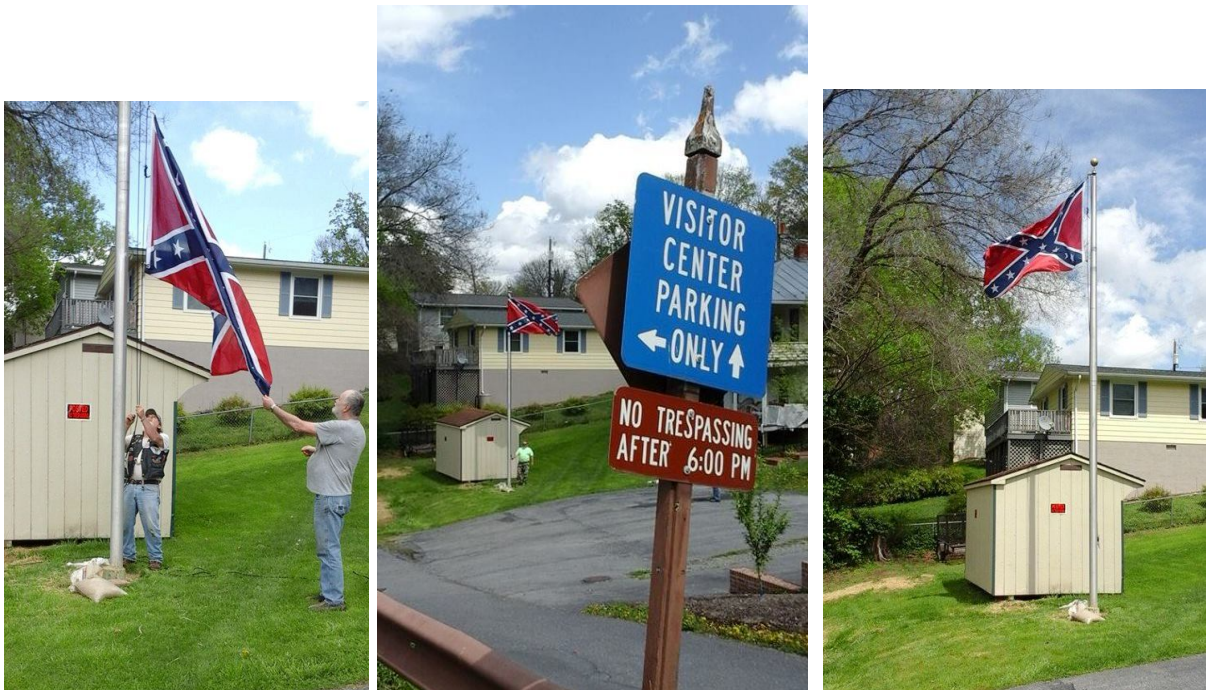
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### Third (Surprise For City Hall) Memorial Battle Flag In Lexington

By Susan Hathaway Virginia Flaggers 19 April 2015.

This afternoon, we were able to get back up to Lexington, and complete the installation of the THIRD (SURPRISE!) Memorial Battle Flag installed since Lee-Jackson Day earlier this year.



While this flag is not quite the size and stature of the previous flags installed, it is likely to have just as much, if not more impact, due to its PRIME location.

We are thrilled to announce that a pole was installed today, and flag raised on private property INSIDE the city of Lexington, IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, located within the block between the Visitor Center of Lexington, and City of Lexington City Hall!

We would like to once again, thank all of you who so generously supported us, and made it possible to have not just TWO flags in Lexington, BUT THREE (so far)!

LEST WE FORGET! To assist with our Interstate Battle Flags and ongoing Heritage Defense projects, please make checks payable to "The Virginia Flaggers" and mail to:  
P.O. Box 547, Sandston VA 23150.

Or contribute through PayPal, here: <http://www.vaflaggers.com/i95flagdonate.html>

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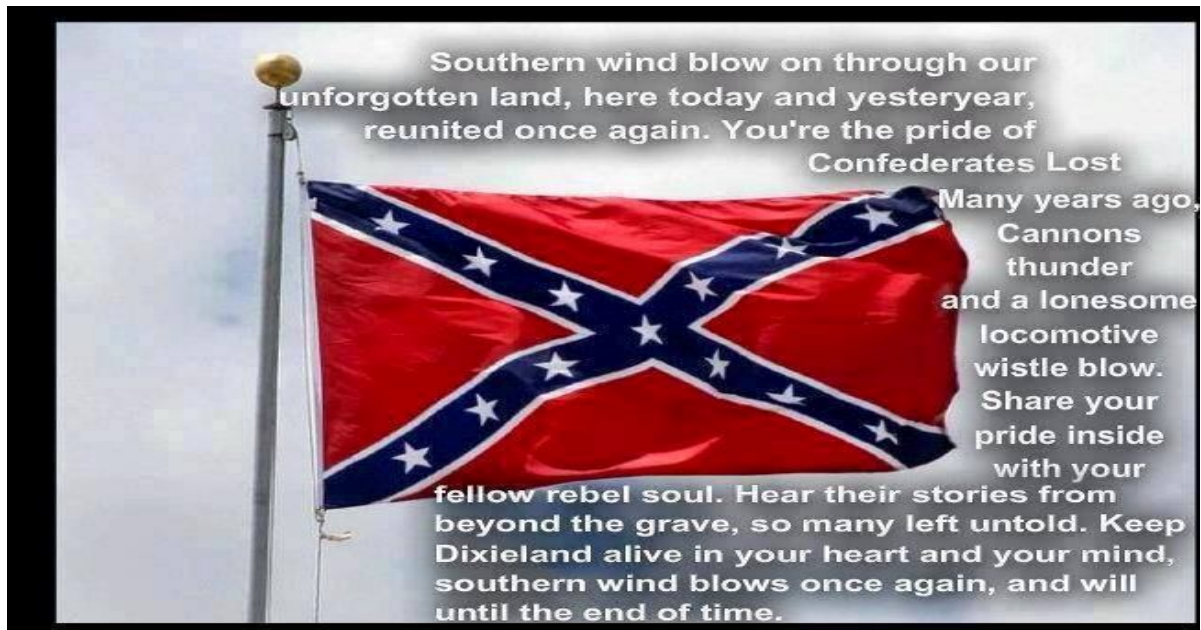
## XXVII Festa Confederada by Marcelo Sans Dodson, Fraternidade Descendência Americana



I am honored to inform you that our XXVII Festa Confederada was a huge success. During all day long, over 2,500 people celebrated with us the 150 Th anniversary of the Southerner migration to Brazil and the friendship and union of these two nations. It was a peaceful and happy event that I have the pleasure to show you some released news.



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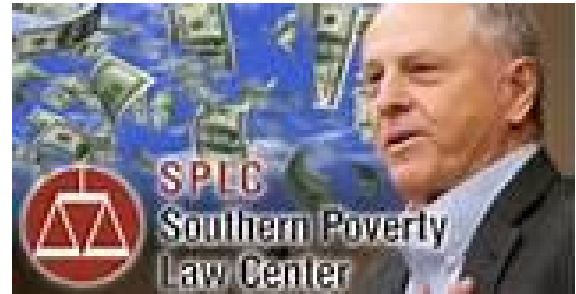




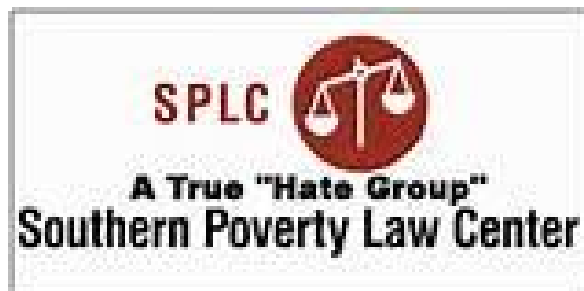
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## **FBI DUMPS SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER AS HATE CRIMES RESOURCE**

by AUSTIN RUSE



Morris Dees Pioneer in HATE for profit



Christian groups are celebrating with the news that the Federal Bureau of Investigation appears to have scrubbed the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) from its hate crimes webpage, where the controversial group was listed as a resource and referred to as a partner in public outreach.

A letter to the U.S. Department of Justice, drafted by Lieutenant General (Ret.) William G. Boykin, Executive Vice President of the Family Research Council (FRC), calls such an association "completely unacceptable." Signed by fourteen other conservative and Christian leaders, the letter calls SPLC "a heavily politicized organization producing inaccurate and biased data on 'hate groups' – not hate crimes." Where the FBI has found hate crimes and hate groups declining significantly in the past ten years, SPLC claims hate groups have increased 67.3% since 2000. Where once SPLC's hate list was reserved for groups like the Aryan Nation and the KKK, in 2010 SPLC started citing as hate groups Christian groups.

In the fall of 2012, Floyd Lee Corkins, armed with a loaded semi-automatic pistol and 100 rounds of ammunition, entered FRC headquarters not far from FBI headquarters in downtown Washington, D.C. Corkins shot the front desk security guard and tried to gain entrance to the upper floors where he intended to kill FRC employees. Corkins said he got the idea of killing FRC employees from reading the SPLC hate list and made use of a map of the FRC office found on the SPLC website.

The Boykin letter concludes that “it is completely inappropriate for the Department of Justice to recommend public reliance on the SPLC hate group lists and data.” SPLC has come under severe criticism from the left and the right in recent years.

Writing in the left-wing website Counterpunch Alexander Coburn called SPLC founder Morris Dees “king of the hate business.” Coburn wrote, “Ever since 1971, U.S. Postal Service mailbags have bulged with Dees’ fundraising letters, scaring dollars out of the pockets of trembling liberals aghast at his lurid depictions of hate-sodden America, in dire need of legal confrontation by the SPLC.”

Writing at the Harper’s Magazine blog in 2007, Ken Silverstein said, “What [the SPLC] does best is to raise obscene amounts of money by hyping fears about the power of [right-wing fringe] groups; hence the SPLC has become the nation’s richest ‘civil rights’ organization.”

A critical analysis published recently by Professor George Yancey of North Texas University concluded that SPLC targets only those groups its leaders disagree with politically while leaving liberal groups who use extreme language alone.

A 2013 article in Foreign Policy concluded that SPLC exaggerates the hate crimes threat, saying SPLC is not an “objective purveyor of data,” instead calling them “anti-hate activists” and suggesting that their reports need to be “weighed more carefully by news outlets that cover their pronouncements.”

Though SPLC sits on a bank account of \$250 million and raises some \$40 million a year in direct mail, some have suggested that the decline of racist groups and therefore the need to tap new sources of funds might have led Dees and his colleagues to target Christian groups as new sources of revenue.

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## More 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. Here are some additional photos.



Ladies of the UDC Ancient City Chapter



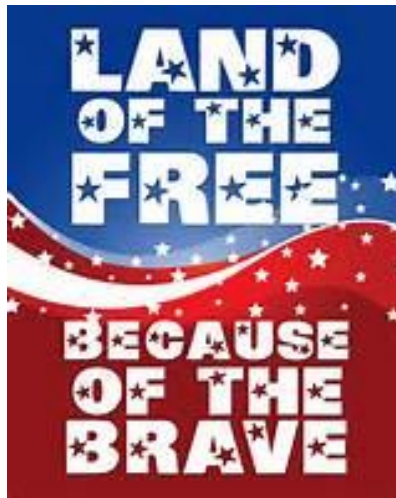
Florida Division Commander Jim Davis





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**Monday, May 25, 2015 is Memorial Day and a half staff day**



This national holiday is designated as a half staff day, however it is different than other half staff days as it has two statuses. At sunrise, the flag - if not already on a staff lit overnight- should be raised briskly and then lowered to half staff ceremoniously. The flag on Memorial Day should only remain at half staff until noon, at which time the flag should then be raised to full staff until sunset. As we celebrate this national holiday remember the true reason for its creation was to honor our men and women lost during war time.

- [Click here to learn how to properly fold an American flag.](#)
- [Click here to learn about the history of our flag.](#)
- [Click here for the United States Flag Code.](#)
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