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March 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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COMMANDERS CORNER

Fellow Compatriots:

The St. Patrick's Day parade was a rousing success. We had twenty-three folks representing the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The reception from the crowd was outstanding. Along with our camp members and ladies, we had representatives from Ocoee, Ft. Pierce, and Ft. Christmas camps. The OCR ladies were dressed in period attire and Gena Carson played her violin on the float. I would like to thank our compatriots and ladies for your support for this most worthy event.

The next big event is the Confederate Memorial Day celebration, so be ready to support our camp and the UDC.

Hope to see you at the March Meeting.

Rick DeBord
Commander

EVENTS

07 Mar. Last Naval Battle of Revolutionary War Commemoration Merritt Island Vet Center
14 Mar. Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade
18 Mar. Sharps Cemetery Clean-up
26 Mar. Camp Meeting
27-29 Mar. 22nd Annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill
01 April Confederate History Month Display at Liberty Bell Museum
04 April Officers Call SE Region
05 April St. Augustine Easter Parade, muster 2 pm at Old Jail step off 3 pm
09 April E-board meeting
18 April Camp 2120 Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony Christmas Cemetery
23 April Camp Meeting
26 April Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony Melbourne Cemetery
05-7 Jun. Florida Division Reunion

PROGRAM

John Wilkes Booth Part 4 - The End

Compatriot Larry Thornton will present a final alternative ending to JW Booth. There is considerable evidence that Booth was not the man killed in the barn – wrong leg broken, no autopsy record, no photographs of body, etc. Larry will present a final and most likely scenario of what happened and what it had to do with Federal Secretary of War Edwin Stanton.

Induction Ceremony - New Compatriots Sworn In

Photo Nick Nichols



New compatriots Randall Schindler and Ernest Sutton were sworn into the SCV at our February meeting. Congratulations gentlemen and welcome to our ranks.

Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War Comemoration



March 7th the 8th annual Sons of The American Revolution Commemoration of the last Naval Battle was held at the Brevard Veteran's Center. Camp 1387 has participated in all 8 of the ceremonies. The Center is home of the Florida State Historical Marker and Naval Cannon replica that honor the historical event.

Color Guard Events by Rob Murray

Sunday April 5, 2015, Easter Sunday - **The St. Augustine Easter Parade.** SCV Camp 1387 is providing the float and marshalling with Camp 1316 local UDC, OCR and Mechanized Cavalry. All participants should arrive at the staging area by 2 pm or earlier, the float will be in place by 1:30pm. The staging area is near the "Old Jail" at the corner of San Marco Ave. (A1A) & Williams St. and Missouri St. about ¼ to ½ mi. north of downtown. The float will be assigned a spot on Williams or Missouri St. The parade begins at 3pm.

Saturday April 18, 2015 – **Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony.** Put on by Camp 2120 at the Christmas Cemetery (near Ft. Christmas) muster 9 am start 10 am.

Sunday April 26, 2015 - **Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony.** Camp 1387 will participate with Chapter 2406 of the UDC to honor our ancestor's service in the WBTS. Muster at 1 pm with service at 2 pm at the Melbourne Cemetery. All our members are encouraged to attend as this is the premier event of the year. Please do not park between the gathering location in the southeast corner to the southwest corner; this interferes with the Color Guard's march to the southwest corner to salute our heroes' graves. Please drop off folks and equipment at the gathering site and then park to the north of the gathering location.

Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade

Photos Nick Nichols



Marc Thornton Kim Cullars
Rob Murray Jim Odell Don Young



Rick Debord's '67 Stang with "Dixie" horn is a real crowd pleaser



Luck of the Irish was with us and so was the weather man. A beautiful day for some 25 SCV – UDC – OCR members and families to celebrate being Southern.

We had visiting participation from Jim Odell (Cmdr. Camp 1595) in CSA sailor uniform, his wife and another OCR lady in hoops and Kim Cullars (Camp 1630) also in sailor uniform. Jim and Kim helped fill out the Color Guard. Dick and Sarah Lee (Camp 2120) completed our unit on General Lee; you should see that paint job up close. Computer readers enlarge the photo and check out the hood area.

We were glad to have our own young Southern Belle violin player Miss Jena Carson with us this year. Jena's "Dixie" tune brings lots of cheers. She has been playing our events since she was "just a wee thing", how wonderful it is to see her growing into a lovely young woman.

Kepis off to Miss June Still who provided the decorations to put our float in the GREEN.

Canaveral Groves (Sharpes) Cemetery Clean Up Photos June Still



Jim Meeks and Larry Thornton repair Fence and clean Baby Bertha Faber



Rick Still cleaning graves reclaimed from overgrowth Note concrete markers



Rick Still Rob Murray Don Young Jim Meeks Larry Thornton

The cemetery cleaners who are retired met on Wednesday the 18th for our final work day for 2015. We added about 2 yards of tree branches and leaves to the 4 that had been piled up on our last visit February 14, no pick up yet. The 84 degree day did not help us at all. Jim Meeks and Larry Thornton reinstalled the north side of Baby Bertha Faber's fence that Larry had straightened. Between these 2 auto body repairers they have rebuilt the gate and the north fence – they were in very poor condition. Work on the fence will continue on site with needed welding, rust removal and painting. We have sort of adopted Bertha's grave site, she died at age one year in 1890. Robert Meeks has identified her parents and her father was a Federal veteran. The parents are not buried locally. Someone visits the grave every year, who? We also temporarily placed concrete head and foot markers on 7 uncovered graves marked only by 3X6 concrete slabs that were overgrown and covered with thatch. We will easily find them in next year's cleaning and grout the markers. We have done some hard work this year and the results are outstanding. The bulk of the heavy overgrowth has been removed, 7 markers placed, ornamental fence partially refurbished and recording of site data started. Our 2 confirmed CSA soldiers are ready for their Iron Crosses and we need to order a VA stone for Albert Sidney Wilson whose stone is illegible.



LIBERTY AT STAKE OVER SUPREME COURT CONFEDERATE FLAG CASE! by HK Edgerton

Monday March 23 will be an important and historic day at the Supreme Court of the United States. Today lawyers for the State of Texas will argue that Americans deserve less freedom, less freedom of speech and the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) will argue that Americans deserve more. Simplistic? Yes. But on target. The fight is over the State of Texas' insistence that the SCV's proposed specialty license plate cannot contain the SCV's logo, the iconic Confederate Battle flag. The Department of Motor Vehicle Board which oversees the specialty license plate approval process held a public hearing in 2011 on the Confederate flag plate and after what can only be termed an orchestrated hate-a-nanny against all confederate symbolism, the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the SCV plate because of the "offensiveness" of the Confederate flag. Rightly believing the DMV Board's denial constituted a violation of their free speech rights, the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans sued in an Austin, Texas federal court to rescind the DMV Bd's ban.

The federal court ruled that the SCV plate, if issued, would constitute "government sponsored speech" and therefore if denied would not violate the SCV's first Amendment rights. The SCV legal team countered that by bowing to the orchestrated outcry, the State DMV Board was picking & choosing what speech was acceptable or unacceptable and therefore discriminated against the SCV, violating their free speech rights. The SCV appealed the court's decision to the 5th Circuit United States Court of Appeal in New Orleans. In July 2014 in a 2-1 decision the Court ruled in favor of the SCV, ordering the State of Texas to give them their plate. But then Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, running for Governor and going against the settled law of at least 4 federal circuits, appealed the 5th Circuit decision to the United States Supreme Court - which accepted the case for consideration.

And now the final showdown.

If the court should reverse the 5th Circuit's constitutionally correct decision, all Confederate themed SCV license plates currently available in AR, LA, MS, AL, GA, SC, NC TN, VA, & Md could end up on the chopping block of state sponsored political correctness. Logos of other organizations considered "offensive" by self-appointed thought police could be axed as well.

Ominously besides the Appellant State of Texas, 12 other states: NC, AR, MO, IN, IL, MI, NM, NH, CO, HI, OH, WA, 3 of whom have Confederate flag specialty plates, have filed friend of the Court briefs seeking to reverse the 5th Circuits constitutionally correct decision. Hearteningly, the Texas and North Carolina ACLUs, the Rutherford Institute and other pro-Bill of Rights groups have filed briefs in support of the Texas Division SCV.

Whether you love or hate the Confederate Battle flag, should the SCV lose, a little more freedom, a little more liberty, dies for us all. Thank you Texas Division Sons of Confederate for standing up for the free speech rights of ALL Americans! We ALL have a stake in the outcome!

H.K. Edgerton, a life long civil rights advocate and former Asheville NAACP President
Also see the 20 March issue of the Wall Street Journal, page A5 for an article.



Selma Alabama Heritage Victory by Patricia S. Godwin

We Won! We have the deed to Confederate Memorial Circle! It's time to Celebrate, Commemorate & Re-Dedicate!

The Friends of Forrest and Selma Chapter 53, UDC Cordially Invite You to Attend & Share The Celebration of our Historical & Monumental Victory!!!

Saturday, May 23, 2015 1:00 PM Confederate Memorial Circle Historic Live Oak Cemetery
Selma, Alabama

A Guided Tour of Live Oak Cemetery 9:30am

Reception to follow program at the Smitherman Building Museum (The Original Site of the NB Forrest Monument) 109 Union Street

The host hotel is the Quality Inn here in Selma – 334-874-8600. I have blocked off 15 rooms at the Special Friends of Forrest rate of \$69 per night plus tax. There are only 60 rooms in the hotel so call NOW for your reservations! May 23, 2015 is Memorial Day weekend. This will give out-of-towners an extra day for travel back home & work or to stay an extra day to tour Historic Selma! For more information contact: Pat Godwin at 334-875-1690; 334-419-4566 (cell) or e-mail: oldsouthrebel@zebra.net

Confederate Memorial Circle was originally dedicated 137 years ago on **26 April 1878**. It's time to celebrate, commemorate & re-dedicate Confederate Memorial Circle where we will re-dedicate the Nathan Bedford Forrest Monument by unveiling the REPLACEMENT bronze bust of Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest. We will re-dedicate the Confederate Soldiers' Memorial and also the new Battle of Selma Memorial. This will be a HUGE MONUMENTAL HISTORICAL event- the most paramount Confederate accomplishment throughout the South in recent times because we beat the enemy in their own territory, the Civil Rights hotpot of the world! We have won our case against the City of Selma. Selma Chapter 53, UDC has been awarded the deed to the one acre Memorial Circle plus the Pigeoneers House! Our Security & Beautification Enhancement of Confederate Memorial Circle project has been quite a test of patience, endurance, perseverance and faithful dedication of all our supporters. We are very GRATEFUL for ALL our supporters and contributors toward our efforts to defend, protect and preserve our noble Southern history and heritage here in Selma. Even though we are having the dedication on May 23, this project is not quite finished. We still have LOTS to pay for and also erect 19 bronze historical interpretive markers throughout the Circle. These historical markers will cost approximately \$1500 each. We are also still selling the ancestor pavers; (4x8 – 3 lines, 18 characters - \$50; 8x8 - 6 lines, 18 characters, \$65) if you want your paver laid by dedication day please place your order NOW! However, we will continue to sell the pavers until we have all 4 quads filled with engraved pavers. This entire project is TAXDOLLAR FREE – only private donations have funded this project! Contact me at 334-875-1690 for order form & information. If you would like to contribute to this historical, monumental project, please make check payable to and MARK FOR: CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CIRCLE:

NBF Monument Fund/Selma Chapter 53, UDC

C/o Patricia S. Godwin Fort Dixie, 10800 Co. Rd. 30, Selma, Alabama 36701

CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A PART OF THIS HISTORIC & MONUMENTAL PROJECT - WE APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL DONATIONS!

4X8 PAVER - \$50 – (3 Lines, 18 Characters)

8X8 PAVER - \$65 – (6 Lines, 18 Characters)

\$500 DONATION – Name/Organization will be listed on “DONORS 500” plaque

\$1500 DONATION FOR BRONZE MARKER – Name/Organization will be added at the bottom of the marker

FRIENDS OF FORREST T-SHIRT - \$25 (Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL)

8x10 COLOR COLLAGE OF NBF MONUMENT - \$10 – (While still at the Smitherman Building Museum in 2000-2001)

Also From Selma – Our Hate Article Dujour

Edmund Pettus Bridge – Change the Name by Brandi Hatter and Students UNITE



The Bridge



The trained Hater of the South



Bloody Sunday

I'm a college senior in Selma, Alabama, and I've been a runner for years. At least once a week, I run over the Edmund Pettus Bridge, which is one of the most important landmarks of the Civil Rights movement: it's the site of "Bloody Sunday," the protest where hundreds of people were brutally beaten as they marched for voting rights.

I've always been so proud to be from Selma, proud of my town's history and the role we played in securing voting rights for black people across America. **So imagine my anger and horror when I found out that Edmund Pettus, the man that bridge is named for, was Grand Dragon of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan.**

Edmund Pettus was a Confederate war general as well as a leader of the KKK. It makes me furious that a landmark that has meant so much to me, my family, and black people across America is still named for a **man whose life's work was fueled by violence and hatred.**

[That's why I started a Change.org petition with Students UNITE calling on the National Parks Service and Alabama leaders to rename the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Please click here to sign the petition.](#)

For me, there is such a disconnect between what the Edmund Pettus Bridge represents and the name that sits on top of it. The things that happened here were milestones in equality, demonstrated the power of nonviolence, and have given me the right to vote. Why does the bridge have the name of a man that opposed all of that? Great places should not be named after people who represented terrible things.

People are paying so much attention to my town's history this year because of the movie Selma. We have a great opportunity to use that energy to give the Edmund Pettus Bridge a name that celebrates its history rather than celebrating a man who wanted to see black people oppressed and in chains.

The National Parks Service Historic Landmarks Committee meets this Spring, and I know with enough pressure we can convince them to rename the bridge. Just last year, another Change.org petition successfully got the name changed of a high school in Florida that was named for a KKK leader, so I know we can do the same here.

[Please sign the petition calling on the National Parks Service and leaders in Alabama to rename the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma.](#) Fifty years after Bloody Sunday, we are still marching, still fighting injustice. Thank you for being part of our fight.

Who then was CSA General Edmund Pettus to So horrify Miss Hatter The Hater

Check him out here. <http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-2962>

Also follow this link to see what the KKK was in Alabama in the years immediately after the WBTS <http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-2934> . That is according to PC.

Editor's Note: Wow, do you think maybe this guy's grant funds to write about the KKK came from a PC Washington DC history corrector?

SCV Telegraph News for SCV members

[Recruiting Website](#) [Sesquicentennial Society](#) [The Confederate Museum](#)

Please check out the first edition of SCV TV's video at <https://vimeo.com/120903649> as Lt CiC Tom Strain notes the output from the Recruiting seminar at Elm Springs on 21 February 2015. Stand by for more editions. If you have a request for a topic, please send them in to either Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain at tomstrain@bellsouth.net or Executive Director Mike Landree at exedir@scv.org.

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Editor's Note: Check out the links for a new way of getting reports from HQ.

Confederate History Month Display

The Liberty Bell Museum will host Camp 1387's Confederate History Month display for the month of April. Rick and June Still will set up and monitor the display again this year. If you have period clothing, books, bumper stickers, uniforms, artifacts, flags or weapons you would like to see in the display please bring the items to the March camp meeting and give them to the Stills.