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February 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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Editor,

Please remember Commander Rick DeBord in your thoughts and prayers for health issues.

We may have 2 reporters invited by PIO John Carr at the meeting and we may have 10th Brigade Commander Larry Rowe as well as other guests from the Christmas Camp 2120.

EVENTS

12 Feb.	E-board Meeting
14 Feb.	Sharps Cemetery Clean-up
26 Feb.	Camp Meeting
27 Feb.	Brevard Co. Cemetery and Pre-WWI Veteran Grave Research Project talk
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 – Wednesday, schedule feedback to Don Young
27-29 Mar.	22 nd 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
26 April Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony Melbourne Cemetery
05-7 Jun. Florida Division Reunion

PROGRAM

Blood and Family, Stories From the Front – Fact or Fiction

Compatriot John (Bubba) Carr will present a walk in genealogy through the stories of Confederate Combat soldiers, were they fact or fiction? These types of stories make very interesting listening and most of us can relate to situations they describe. Hearing these personal stories is one of the great benefits of belonging to the SCV.



Mrs. Barbara Lindsey, wife of 7th Brigade Commander Clement Lindsey crossed over the river on 28 January. Compatriot Johnny Devanne Jr. Camp 1680 Vero Beach crossed over the river on 11 February. Johnny was known to many Camp 1387 members since we brought him into the SCV over 10 years ago and then he transferred to Vero. Please remember Miss Barbara, Johnny and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please remember compatriots Commander Rick Debord and Bob Weaver in your thoughts and prayers for health issues.

Color Guard Events by Rob Murray

Induction Ceremony – New Recruits

During the February meeting we will conduct a swearing in ceremony for new members. This month we will welcome into the bonds of Southern Brotherhood: **Randall Thomas Schindler & Ernest Mack Sutton**. Uniforms gentlemen, please wear your uniforms for this event.

Saturday March 7, 2015 - The annual commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War will be held at the Brevard Veterans Center, 400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952-3547. That's south east of, just behind, the Merritt Island Mall. We will muster at 0915 and the program will begin at 1000. This is an easy one folks; all we have to do is carry our flags and march a very short review route. Uniforms and ladies period dress preferred but not required.

Saturday March 14, 2015 - Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will muster at 0900 AM at the N.E. corner of the parking lot of Melbourne Avenue along the railroad tracks for this event. We will have our float available for riders. We will also have our Camp Color Guard. The early muster time is to allow us to get set up and move to the start point west of downtown. Step-off is at 1100.

Cabinet Caught in Gray Area on Confederate Vets

News Service of Florida Feb. 05 2015 Author: Brandon Larrabee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -

Could the Civil War be coming to the 2015 legislative session?

The War Between the States -- or, for the real Southern hardliners, the War of Northern Aggression -- emerged as an unlikely topic at a meeting of the Florida Cabinet on Thursday. The only potential fratricide that was supposed to take center stage during the annual meeting at the Florida State Fair was the battle between Gov. Rick Scott and his fellow Republicans on the Cabinet about agency leaders.

But then, near the end of the meeting, the seemingly mundane issue of approving the nominees for the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame came up. Department of Veterans' Affairs Executive Director Mike Prendergast gave a brief explanation of how an advisory council submitted eight names for the class of 2014, and the department was recommending five of those.

Why the three were excluded became clear as David McCallister, with the Florida Division of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, walked to the microphone with H.K. Edgerton, an African-American wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with, among other things, the Confederate battle flag. "It would be a sad day when the Florida Cabinet is complicit in breaking Florida law," McCallister said.

The three excluded veterans all fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. They include former Gov. Edward Perry; David Lang, credited as the father of the Florida National Guard; and former U.S. Sen. Samuel Pasco, namesake of the Florida county. Under the interpretation of the law by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, only those discharged honorably from the United States Armed Forces are eligible for the hall -- meaning no Confederates and, as Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam pointed out, no inductees from the pre-statehood militia.

"If you believe that it's important that no veteran be left behind, and that no veteran is a second-class citizen, then remember this about the message that you send with your vote today: How we treat the veterans of 150 years ago is how the veterans of today will be treated 150 years from now," McCallister said.

Putnam was not pleased with the department's handling of the issue.

"I think y'all screwed this up," said Putnam -- who then had to shush audience members who applauded him. "We don't need to re-litigate the Civil War or the War Between the States, whichever camp you come down on. ... There clearly have been people pre-statehood who made a difference in our state, there clearly were people who were part of the state's legal decision to secede who, at the conclusion of hostilities, rolled their sleeves up and helped make Florida what it has become today -- good, bad and ugly. So if you're throwing these guys out on a technicality, that's just dumb."

When Putnam floated the idea of approving the three Confederate nominees provisionally, while waiting for the Legislature to clarify whether the hall should include Johnny Rebs, a new problem emerged. Cabinet members had not been briefed on the bios of the three men.

"I didn't review the other three, because they weren't presented," Scott said.

Instead, the whole class (ironically including what would be the first African-American inductee to the relatively new hall) was put on hold so that the three could be more closely reviewed and Attorney General Pam Bondi's office can consult with lawyers at the veterans' agency on the meaning of the law.

In the meantime, it could fall to lawmakers to decide whether the soldiers who wore gray on the battlefield 150 years ago should be recognized alongside those who fought for the United States instead of against it.

From David R. McCallister, Chairman Florida Division Florida Veterans Hall of Fame committee.

Editors Note: David is an attorney and Commander of the J.P. Benjamin Camp 2210 Tampa.

If you are outraged over this open & notorious discrimination of great Florida Veterans being removed from consideration for induction into the [Florida Veterans Hall of Fame](#), please drop the folks below a note (polite one please) of your opinion of the matter. **Please visit the link below to view the 1:36 minute news clip.....**

NBC News video: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/cabinet-caught-in-gray-area-on-confederate-vets/31124058#comment-1839750090>

Contact Governor Rick Scott <http://www.flgov.com/contact-gov-scott/email-the-governor/>

Attorney General Pam Bondi
http://myfloridalegal.com/contact.nsf/contact?Open&Section=Attorney_General

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnum <http://app2.freshfromflorida.com/contact/?ID=1>

Florida Veterans Hall of Fame E-mail: FVHOF@FDVA.state.fl.us

Please title correspondence “LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND!” If you are a VFW member, please bring this to the attention of as many members as possible & encourage them to voice their opinion! The bios of outstanding Florida Veterans EXCLUDED from CONSIDERATION from the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame:

Samuel Pasco http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Pasco

Edward A. Perry http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_A._Perry

David Lang http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Lang_%28Civil_War%29

Editor’s Note: If you would like a listing of Florida and Federal laws, rulings and precedents on CSA Veterans I will send you an excellent collection and outline of items put together by Commander McCallister.

How Dare T. Dilorenzo Say What He Does About A. Lincoln by Marshall Hester

<http://www.lewrockwell.com/2015/02/jack-kerwick/how-dare-tom-dilorenzo-say-the-things-he-does/>



Virginia Flaggers Take on Lexington and Washington Lee University

by Susan Hathaway January 29, 2015 Virginia Flaggers, P.O. Box 547, Sandston VA 23150,
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After making our way to VMI, we assembled on the parade grounds, at Jackson's statue. Almost immediately, Cadets came out to speak with us, and to pose for photos with Generals Jackson and Lee. As three young men were standing with us, a man came out of the archway, very agitated and screaming the Cadets' names. He approached and demanded they get away from "those people" and "that thing". We can only assume that by "those people" he meant the re-enactors portraying Lee and Jackson, and the men and women gathered to honor them on the holiday, and by "that thing" he meant the Confederate Battle Flag. For the remainder of the half hour or so we visited the grounds, a Cadet was posted at the arch to prevent any cadets from communicating with us.



One of our Flaggers placed two battle flags at Little Sorrell's marker. A VMI employee came out and told him that he would need to remove them when he left. After paying our respects and singing a rousing version of Dixie for the Cadets who had gathered at open windows, we began to make our way back to downtown Lexington, to continue flagging. At this point, I noticed that one of our young Flaggers was still at Jackson's statue. I was informed that he had told others that he was very angry about the treatment of the cadets earlier and the fact that he could not leave the stick flags at Little Sorrell's marker, so he had decided to post the colors at that spot for the rest of the day. I walked over to speak with him, and knew by the set of his jaw as I approached that he was determined to make his stand. It just so happens that this young man is the GGG nephew of VMI Cadet/Confederate Veteran Moses Ezekiel. My only concern at this point was to try and make sure he got a bite to eat, so when Va Flagger Bo Traywick (VMI Class of '69) volunteered to stand in his place while he went to get some lunch, he agreed to leave his post long enough to do so.

When he returned, he brought his 6x9 battle flag and remained at his post, in front of Jackson's statue for the remainder of the day. He reported to us that by this time the Cadet guard was relieved of his post and that once again, Cadets began to approach him, ask why he was there, and show their support, and pose for photos. This continued throughout the afternoon. Near dusk, an older man who said he was a VMI employee came out and told him that he would have to leave, since formation was scheduled to occur soon and that he would "offend" black cadets. After a brief, somewhat heated discussion, where the young man explained to the man who he was, why he was there, and described the numerous black Cadets that had just spoken with him and posed for photos, the young man removed the stick flags and left the campus. As he left, he was stopped by a black man visiting campus, who made it a point to shake his hand and let him know that he understood completely about the flag he was carrying and the honor due Lee and Jackson and was sick and tired of people speaking "for him" in that regard. After that encounter, and as he was leaving campus, he was approached by a gentleman who said he had overheard the "discussion" with the VMI employee before he left the grounds and had gone to the Stonewall Jackson House and purchased a gift for him, presented him with the gift, and let him know how much he appreciated the stand he had taken that day. I have heard that our detractors commented on the "graying" of our ranks, when photos of the huge crowds gathered in Lexington began to surface. That observation may be a fair one, but when I consider the stand that one 15 year old boy took, acting without prompting and with a pure heart, it occurred to me that once again, it was the youngest among us who led the way, and set the example for us all.



For those back in town, Flaggers reported another successful afternoon of Flagging, with overwhelmingly positive responses and MANY instances of folks stopping to shake our hands and thank us for being there.

In the afternoon, these young men joined us at the corner of Nelson and Main Street. At first, we thought they were part of a pledge for a college fraternity, but after talking with them, they told us they were high school kids just looking to join in the fun we were having. They said they had no opinion one way or the other regarding the Confederate flag and were just out there for satire. The signs were GREAT! We gave them some tips on improving sign visibility and proper flagging techniques. We even tried to teach them "God Save the Queen". They said they looked it up online before they came, but couldn't quite get the tune. I guess they don't teach "My Country Tis of Thee" in school any more.



They were great kids... polite, respectful, and clever...and we enjoyed having them there. As the sun set in Lexington, the last Flaggers standing were exhausted, but left with hearts filled with emotion from the two days spent honoring Lee & Jackson, protesting those who refuse to do so, and changing hearts and minds in Lexington.

Please take a moment to watch this truly breathtaking video, courtesy of our friends at Tredegar DroneWorks, with some incredibly moving photos and video taken in Lexington, including a glimpse of the new Jackson Farm Memorial Battle Flag on Highway 60 in Lexington:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImbcdzcsA78&feature=youtu.be>

Great coverage in the local media here:

<http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/Lexington-celebrates-Lee-Jackson-Day/30781512>

and here:

<http://www.wset.com/story/27877835/hundreds-celebrate-lee-jackson-day-in-lexington>

and finally, a message received from a VMI Cadet, sent Saturday afternoon:

"Great showing by the Flaggers at the Institute today! It does my heart good, lookin' out of barracks and hearing Dixie. Keep up the good fight!"

As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

A MAJOR VICTORY IN ARKANSAS FOR FREEDOM OF HERITAGE by Ben Jones SCV Chief of Heritage Operations

On Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, the people of Arkansas witnessed a major victory in the struggle for heritage rights, common sense, and genuine brotherhood.

At the State Capitol in Little Rock, the House State Agencies and Government Affairs Committee rejected a proposal that would have removed Robert E. Lee from the State Holiday which jointly celebrates the lives of General Lee and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

According to news reports, "opponents of the measure packed the committee hearing room." The Arkansas Division of the S.C.V. was prominent in the opposition to this divisive piece of political correctness, and should be congratulated by all for their forthright actions.

John Crain, an attorney from Mountain Home, said that removing General Lee from the holiday would mean that, "my ancestry and my heritage is not worth honoring. I think Martin Luther

King, if he were here today standing beside me, would tell you, 'Why can't we celebrate a birthday of two men, one of color and a white man? Surely we've progressed that far in our race relations'."

This victory for all Americans is surely to confuse and anger the apostles of sanctimonious division and "identity politics". The national media, ever committed to generating heat rather than light, will belittle us once again as racist troglodytes, and "demand a recount".

But if we stand firm, and make our case sincerely, always taking the sensible high road, we will begin to make headway nationally as more people see that the "hate" in this debate is coming from those who wish to eliminate every vestige of our Confederate heritage.

I once had the privilege of spending a few days aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea, one of our nation's most honored aircraft carriers. I was curious about the old question, "How long does it take to turn an aircraft carrier around?"

The Captain explained that it depended on any number of circumstances; the speed of the ship, the seas and the weather, the preparation of the deck and the readiness of the crew.

"But the simple answer is," he smiled, "that with every crewman working together, it doesn't take as long as you think."

With all of us working together in the concentrated effort to turn around the massive attack against us, it will take time, perhaps years. But it will not take as long as we think. And like the men on that great ship, it is our duty.

Induction Ceremony by 2nd Lt. Commander Rick Still

Gentlemen,

Your Induction Ceremony was approved Thursday night at our SCV Camp 1387 E-board meeting. It will be, as requested, at our 26 Feb 2015 meeting which is only 12 days away.

The ceremony includes most officers in uniform, a short walk by the two of you and two uniformed officers who will escort you to the front of the room, where you will be sworn in as our two newest members. After a few pictures are taken, you will be escorted to the back of the room and you can then return to your seats and the meeting will continue. If you would like to invite anyone, please do.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail or call me or June at 984-9967.

Congratulations, on your membership, it's our pleasure to welcome you, both!

Regards, Rick Still, 2nd Lt., Capt. J.J. Dickison, SCV Camp 1387

Editor's Note: This is an excellent letter to new members describing how an induction is preformed.

Brevard County Cemetery and Pre-WWI Veteran Grave Research Project

Camp 1387 compatriot and cemetery researcher Robert Meeks will be presenting "Brevard County Cemetery and Pre-WWI Veteran Grave Research Project" to the Florida Historical Society. The program will be on Friday the 27th of February at 7 pm at the FHS headquarters library 435 Brevard Ave. Cocoa.

This will be an expansion of the program Robert did for the camp last April and will be an excellent opportunity for us to make a public appearance and represent the SCV in a positive manner. Please plan to attend, even if you have heard it before new information will make it very informative.

Canaveral Groves Cemetery Clean Up – Outstanding Participation and Progress



On 31 January and 14 February compatriots, friends, and family of Camp 1387 continued work on clearing overgrowth at the Sharpes Cemetery. It's hard physical labor and thankfully we are nearly finished with reclaiming the cemetery from the jungle. A total of 7 yards of debris were carried to the road side for County pickup on these 2 days. In the clean-up 9 unseen graves have had over growth removed and are again visible. We have started some plotting of markers and repair of damaged items. Most notably Jim Meeks has rebuilt the gate in the fence around baby Bertha Faber (1 year old, died 1890) in the center of the cemetery. This looks great and local family who still visit the grave will be happy to see the repairs.

Robert Meeks has been maintaining contact with Brevard County and found our point of contact Mr. Citta has retired. Robert has been successful at finding other county employees who have been very helpful in scheduling debris pickup and looking within the county structure for Mr. Citta's replacement. They have also started reviewing our Sign and survey for the cemetery. Thank you Robert and Brevard County staff.

A hardy well-done to all our workers: Jim, Robert, Miss Jolene and Miss Carolyn Meeks; Rick, Martin and Miss June Still; Nick and Miss Ruth Nichols; Larry and Marc Thornton; Rob Murray; Tim Cobb (he is always there and will do whatever is asked); and Don Young. Mr. Gary Myberg who owns the adjacent property to the south has helped by allowing us to use his electric and water for our efforts. Gary is a 30 year neighborhood resident and keeps an eye on the cemetery. A tip of the kepi to Gary, this is valuable assistance for the project.

This level of support and participation will give the community and county a historic site to be proud of.