





# **CAMPTALK**

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## September 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 except November and December. 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**

Greetings, we had a wonderful turnout at the August meeting along with another fine program by Justin Murrell. I want to thank everyone for your patronage. There are several opportunities to participate in up-coming events so get out there and support our cause. Events are listed in Camp Talk.

I am pleased to announce that compatriot Mike Reynolds has volunteered and been appointed as Camp FaceBook Administrator. We must bring our communications into the 21 Century.

I am also pleased to announce that the Division Cemetery Registration project has been completed, congrats to Robert Meeks and the rest of the Cemetery Committee. See Article. Membership renewal is in full swing. Please get your dues in as soon as possible. If you have not received a dues notification in the mail please contact Adjutant Rob Murray rmurray2@cfl.rr.com or 321-269-7747.

Remember to bring your design(s) to this month's meeting for a new Camp flag/banner. Design deadline is Thursday 11-19-15 at the November monthly meeting. It does not need to be a perfect product. A simple sketch depicting your ideas will give the design process a good start. Final vote on complete design options will be on Thursday 12-10-15 at the December Social. Don't miss out on this chance to voice your opinion and get involved with YOUR camp. Good luck is with us and our camp continues to grow. Two member applications were approved 9-10-15. We are blessed with 7 new members in the past 2 months and I have appointed Rod Revels to review our Camp Shirt supply and determine how to get some more. Be sure and welcome our new members, Steven and Matthew Smith, into the camp and help them get acclimated.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

God Bless the South! Commander L.M. Thornton

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### **EVENT**

24 Sept. Camp Meeting – bring your wife or a friend. Offer rides to others.
 25 Sept. Pro Confederate Battle Flag Demonstration Melbourne City Hall
 25-27 Sept. Rifles, Rails and History – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual – 1387 will participate

Orlando Lake Eola Monument Flagging-Clean up-Social 11 am-4pm cover dish
Battle of Yellow Pines and Vero Beach Gun Show – Support the Ft. Pierce Camp

08 Oct. E-board meeting

11 Nov. Melbourne Veterans Day Parade

11 Nov. Massing of The Colors

19 Nov. Camp Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
 10 Dec. Christmas Social – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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#### PROGRAM

### **Lesser Known Facts of Slavery in the South**

Compatriot Larry Thornton will present a program on realities of how slaves were treated in the South prior to the war. Northern apologists, some so-called civil rights groups, race baiters and hate mongers would have the world believe that every slave in the Antebellum South was viscously abused, mutilated or starved to death and that every female was regularly raped. While some of this inhuman treatment no doubt occurred, do you really think it was the norm? Come and hear what Larry has to say and better understand the everyday culture.

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# **Membership Applications Approved**

The Camp 1387 E-board has approved membership applications for Steven Merrill Smith and Matthew Steven Smith; they will join our several Father/Son membership families. Any questions, comments, or concerns involving these gentlemen should be addressed in writing to Commander Thornton.

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### Melbourne Confederate Battle Flag Counter Protest by Don Young

Friday 25 September 3 pm to 5 pm members of the Melbourne "United Third Bridge" a Porto Rican Civil Rights and job opportunities organization will sponsor a protest of the Confederate Battle Flag at Melbourne City Hall. The article announcing the protest can be viewed at <a href="http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/08/27/confederate-flag-foes-rally-melbourne-city-hall/32473863/">http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/08/27/confederate-flag-foes-rally-melbourne-city-hall/32473863/</a>. The UTB home page can be reviewed at <a href="http://utbunitedthirdbridge.com/about.php">http://utbunitedthirdbridge.com/about.php</a>.

City Council woman Teresa Lopez wife of UTB president Samuel D. Lopez first attacked the CBF a few days after the Melbourne Fourth of July parade. Ms. Lopez claimed great offence by the flag being allowed in the parade and called for a Melbourne City ordinance to forbid the CBF in any event the city financially supported. The article can be reviewed at <a href="http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/07/10/melbourne-leaders-discuss-confederate-flags-events/29956849">http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/07/10/melbourne-leaders-discuss-confederate-flags-events/29956849</a>.

At the City Council meeting 14 July Ms. Lopez introduced a motion for a restrictive ordinance which was summarily killed by lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The follow up motion for a study to determine the need for a new ordinance was voted down 4 to 3.

Political observers opined that Ms. Lopez was grandstanding to get NAACP backing for the UTB to jump start the fading group. We concur.

The SCV will counter protest 25 September from 3 pm to 5 pm at Melbourne City Hall 900 E. Strawbridge Ave. 32901. We will carry CBF's and protest signs. Remember the City Council has voted to keep the existing ordinance which is the position we favor. Signs should say: THANK YOU COUNCIL - 1<sup>ST</sup> ADMEN FOR ALL - CBF MY FAMILY - CSA GRAVES SACRED - KEEP HISTORY IN SCHOOLS or whatever you like. Vulgarity or inappropriate signs will not be allowed in the SCV ranks. No alcoholic drinks and please do not litter. Always smile and wave, do not get into confrontations or even name calling. Anything you say or do may be on the evening news and no matter the facts of a situation we will be wrong and blasted in the media. If you are approached by media ..."Heritage Not Hate" is what you say and refer them to Commander Thornton or Division Lt. Don Young.

The UTB does not have a City permit on file and likely one is not needed. http://www.melbourneflorida.org/departments/city-clerk/permitted-street-events.

We do not know where they will meet but expect it to be in the City Hall parking lot. They may march on the sidewalk in front as well. We will park in the City Hall parking lot or nearby in the lots and fields where we park and muster for parades. Friday is a work day and the lot may be full. We will gather and decide where to march as the situation develops – we will not try to displace UTB and will stay away from them.

We also expect there will be other proCBF groups present; who and how many we can only wait and see. We have no input to the behavior of others; we will be good citizens.

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# "Battle of Yellow Pines"

# October 3 & 4th 2015 2nd Annual

Civil War Reenactment & Living History
Vero Beach Gun Show

Located at the Indian River County Fairgrounds .
Saturday 9AM to 5PM Sunday 9AM to 4PM.
\$8 admission for age 14 and up, under 14 FREE.
Parking is FREE.

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Coming South from I-95, take Vero Beach exit, head east on S.R. 60 (20th street), turn left on 58th Ave (Kings Highway) head north approximately 7 miles and the Fairgrounds will be on your left.

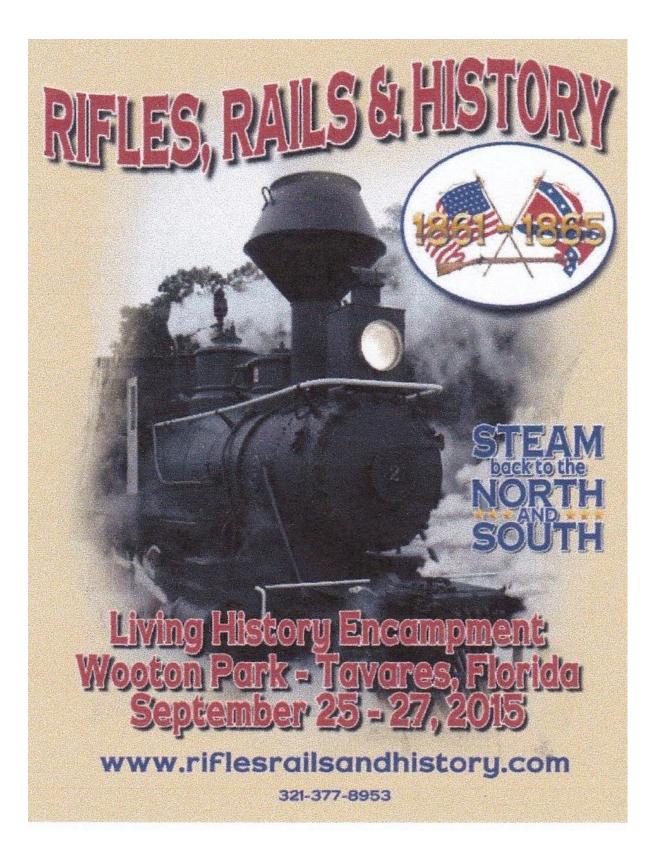
Coming North from I-95, take Sebastian exit, head east on C.R. 512, take a right at C.R. 510 until you get to 58th Ave, turn right (South) on 58th Ave and the fairgrounds will be on your right.

Coming from US Highway 1, head to 77th Street and turn west until you get to 58th Ave, turn right and the fairgrounds are on your left.

Please contact me Mike Strickland 866-611-0442 for more information

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### **Cemetery Registration Project Completed for Brevard County**

Compatriot Robert Meeks has completed filing 16 separate reports with the Division Cemetery Committee. This represents 3 years of dedicated work by Robert and is only a small portion of the project as it has been developed by him. He intends to continue his detective work in locating abandoned plots and identifying CSA soldiers buried there. Robert has expanded the original scope of the survey and has been tracking and locating all US veterans from WWI back – there is a real lack of documentation on these pioneer cemeteries and graves. He will compile a book for placement in libraries and municipal files on all these veterans.





Baby Bertha's battered fence, before repairs

The first report was on Canaveral Groves Cemetery known to Camp 1387 as our Sharpes Cemetery clean up project. It is located on Godke Way in Sharpes at Lat. 28.4314 and Lon. 80.76121 and is owned by Brevard County. There are 2 confirmed and 2 maybe CSA vets here. The wrought iron fence in the center is baby Bertha Faber and the camp has partially restored the fence and will continue this next season. We have found Bertha's history through camp members Ron and Maxine Hollerand. Maxine is a distant relative and we will run an article about the child and family.

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### **This and That**

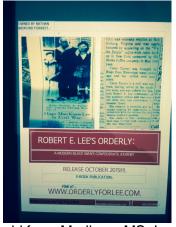
To all, it is with great pride in the accomplishments of **Camp 1599's** Adjutant Pete Johnston that I announce, to those who know not, our new camp website. Because for the first time in my more than 15 year involvement with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we now have "put flesh on the bones of history". Now we know something about these men, now we can know what they looked like, now we can know about their families and descendants. All thanks to the monumental efforts Mr. Pete Johnston.

So we-you can, take the time to pore over the website and learn more about the men buried at Woodlawn cemetery. A few were scoundrels, most were not. But such is in all life, all the world over. Sincerely, Jimmy L. Shirley Jr.

http://palmtreat.wix.com/the-politician#!james-patton-anderson/zr3ee



### **Black Confederate Heritage Ebook Announcement**





Hi, my name is Al Arnold from Madison, MS. I want to announce my ebook to you in hope that you will distribute this information to your members. I have presented information on my ancestor at camp #265 in Brandon, MS. I am a member of the Civil War Roundtable in Jackson, MS. I have defended my Confederate Heritage, The Confederate Flag and General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

HERE IS THE YOUTUBE LINK <a href="https://youtu.be/7gS1r3yQGsA">https://youtu.be/7gS1r3yQGsA</a>
Sincerely, Al Arnold, Family Historian Arnold & Elliott Family Reunion Monroe County, Mississippi 601-213-8194 email at: <a href="mailto:alarnold@orderlyforlee.com">alarnold@orderlyforlee.com</a> Website: <a href="mailto:www.orderlyforlee.com">www.orderlyforlee.com</a> Under-construction

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On Saturday, October 17, 2015, there will be a flagging event scheduled for the 2015 San Antonio (yes, Florida) Rattlesnake Festival.

The Rotary Club of San Antonio decided to deny the application of the General Jubal A. Early Camp and the Florida Confederate Memorial Wall, because in their words, it was not appropriate for their event.

After speaking to the Heritage Director from the Florida Division, it was decided that this was definitely a Heritage Violation.

Members of the SCV, SCV Mech Cav, Hardcore Confederates, and numerous flagging groups are all invited to attend. We will be meeting at the Village Square Shopping Center in Wesley Chapel at the corner of Highway 54 and Bruce B. Downs. (just east of I-275 at the Zephyrhills exit, behind Waffle House) between 10:30am and 11:00am. At 11:15 we will conduct a rally convoy to the San Antonio City Park area where we will dismount, grab our flags, and enjoy our day showing our pride and enjoying this FREE festival, open to the public.

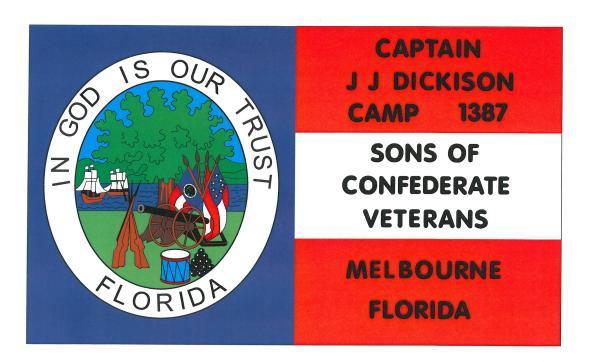
We hope to see everyone there that can make it.

Kevin O. Hobson Jubal A. Early Camp #556 Adjutant

http://www.tampascv.org

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### **Proposed Camp Flag**



Florida period State Flag, JJ Dickison from Florida, Florida Swamp Fox, long service to state after war, died and buried in Florida – it doesn't get any more Florida than this one! Don't like this one? What do you suggest?

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### **Hunley Comes Out of Her Shell**



For the first time in over a century, you can actually see the original surface of the world's first successful combat submarine. Until recently, the *Hunley* was completely encased in concretion, an encrusted layer of sand, sediment and shells that built up slowly over time while she was lost at sea. This material is being removed so that the conservation treatment can be completed with the hopes of ensuring the historic submarine is preserved for generations to come. For a video with more photos from different angles and a list of videos go to

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsXW7UICsCo&feature=youtu.be
. For the complete article go to <a href="https://www.hunley.org">www.hunley.org</a>.

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### Thoughts on Freedom - Forgotten principles By Jefferson F. Davis April 1861

We feel that our cause is just and holy; we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any sacrifice save that of honor and independence; we seek no conquest, no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the States with which we were lately confederated; all we ask is to be let alone; that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms. This we will, this we must, resist to the direst extremity. The moment that this pretension is abandoned the sword will drop from our grasp, and we shall be ready to enter into treaties of amity and commerce that cannot but be mutually beneficial. So long as this pretension is maintained, with a firm reliance on that Divine Power which covers with its protection the just cause, we will continue to struggle for our inherent right to freedom, independence, and self-government.