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October 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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Greetings, we had another wonderful turnout at the September meeting. Larry Thornton's program on the lesser known facts of slavery was well received and once again (because the subject matter was some of his personal family history) you can't get this information from any other source. It is southern history handed down through the generations for us to keep the true history of the South alive for future generations. Everyone left the meeting a little more educated on this often misunderstood or miss represented subject.

Reminder (if you have not) please send in your dues as soon as possible. If you have not received a dues notification in the mail please contact Adjutant Rob Murray rmurray2@cfl.rr.com , 321-269-7747 or speak to one of the camp officers for help.

Our new FaceBook Administrator Mike Reynolds has established our Camp 1387 page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JJDickisonCamp1387/> and we will start utilizing it to get our camp goings on circulated to more folks in a shorter time. Our webmaster Tom Watkins has updated our camp website with photos of current events, back issues of Camp talk and now a link to the FB page <http://tew4515.com/Camp1387/Links.html> .

We are planning another garage sale to raise camp funds. Start going through your treasures now to donate to the sale. Organizers Rick and June Still will arrange to have your stuff picked up. Sale expected to be held in January or February 2016.

Please 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.

The confusion concerning the Melbourne Veterans Day Parade date has been resolved and it will take place Wednesday 11 November. We will muster at 0900 to assemble the float; step off will be at 10 am. Please be prepared to participate. We have fought to remain active in the Melbourne parades and we don't want poor planning by others to hinder our ability and duty to honor our heritage.

I want to thank everyone for your patronage & I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. God Bless the South!

Commander L.M. Thornton

EVENT

08 Oct.	E-board meeting
22 Oct.	Camp Meeting
11 Nov.	Melbourne Veterans Day Parade muster at 9 am, step off 10 am
11 Nov.	Massing of The Colors
19 Nov.	Camp Meeting – 3 rd Thursday; bring canned goods for CITA donation
10 Dec.	Christmas Social – 2 nd Thursday; bring wrapped gift under \$10

PROGRAM

Meet Your Compatriots Ancestors

By popular request from new members we will devote our program time to members presenting briefs on our ancestors. Volunteers from our ranks will have 3-5 minutes to introduce their ancestors to us. If you know some interesting stories about your families now is the time to share. Where were they from, what did they do in the war, what became of them? Compatriot Don Young will lead us in this discussion – think about your histories. We promise you that this will be one of the most fascinating hours you will spend in the SCV, the real stories are better than fiction could ever be and one of the true reasons for being a member.

Melbourne Confederate Battle Flag Counter Protest by Don Young



Young black folks from both sides

Friday 25 September Camp 1387 and Southern Pride Ride (Melbourne based CBF rallies) staged a self defense protest at Melbourne City Hall. The United Third Bridge, a Porto Rican group trying to gain public recognition by riding NAACP coat tails, held a protest against the Confederate Battle Flag <http://utbunitedthirdbridge.com/about.php> .

Melbourne Police under the able supervision of Commander Sean Riordan had a notable presence posted around and back from the protestors. They asked leaders of both sides to respect the other, stay clear and not to interfere with traffic on the streets or in the parking lot. We are pleased to report that all members of all sides conducted themselves properly; respecting everyone's right to be there and have their say.

The City presently provides about half the cost of parades in the form of police oversight and traffic control. Parade sponsors like Honor America at the Liberty Bell Museum (patriotic holidays) or The Ancient Order of Hibernians (St. Patrick's Day) do the work of running the events and they allow anyone who behaves themselves to participate. We like that - even though we do not necessarily agree with what some of the participants might represent. That is called tolerance by most of us.

UTB mustered 18 supporters (mixed with whites, Hispanics and Blacks) including babes in arms. About 8 marched in circles in the parking lot carrying signs with hangman's nooses and swastikas on them. We don't see those as symbols of peace or goodwill and we oppose UTB's contention that Melbourne should return to the era when such things were part of social norms. Those presentations were gone by the 1970's and we don't want them to return.

UTB also had signs that incorrectly said a Mr. Thompson invented the CBF and quoted an editorial written by him in April 1863 as proof the flag represents white supremacy. Go to our Camp or Division FaceBook page to view a new Confederate History video on the CBF to see who actually did design the CBF.

Mr. Samuel Lopez the hater-in-chief had a bull horn and attempted to get a chant of "No funding" going. His group's position is that the City should enact a new discriminatory Ordinance that prohibits city funding being used to promote or sponsor any event that allows Battle Flags to participate. They also want to make it illegal for any employee or affiliate of the City to participate in any event that permits a CBF present. We expect the even ACLU would have a problem with that.



10th Brigade Cmdr. Larry Rowe



The SCV mustered 20 supporters (including some new recruits), mostly from Camps 1387 and 2120 (Christmas). The Southern Pride Ride group fielded about **50** members and supporters. Some of the Pride group and UTB discussed the day (photo above). Mostly we stayed clear of the UTB folks except that early on Camp 1387 Commander Marc Thornton approached Mr. Lopez with extended hand and an offer to discuss the issues; Mr. Lopez put his hands behind his back, took a step back and turned away to spit on the ground. That does not qualify as open minded tolerance to most of us.

Traffic along Strawbridge reaction to our CBFs and posters was overwhelmingly positive with the thumbs up gesture and horns blowing. Somewhere around 1 or 2% of motorists presented a different hand gesture to state their position.

Florida Today published a fair and balanced article covering the event with interviews on both sides.

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/09/28/confederate-flag-foes-supporters-rally-melbourne/72966846/>

We anticipate future protests by UTB or attempts to disrupt the up coming Veteran's Day Parade. Please be on your guard and best behavior for the parade; we can not predict what these misguided individuals may do to gain some press exposure. Perhaps we will tape the entire parade from our units as a means of self defense.

One thing we can predict is that anything one of us might say or do will be negative headline news regardless of any intent you may show.

Camp 1387 and the Florida Division have mounted an e-mail campaign toward the City Councilors. Please continue to send these items to our elected officials; they will figure out that we and our widespread supporters vote. If you prefer to draft your own note please remember that presently the council favors our position of keeping the existing ordinance; be polite.

Eau Gallie Cemetery Melbourne Brevard County



Compatriot Robert Meeks has completed filing 16 separate reports with the Division Cemetery Committee. Eau Gallie Cemetery 2070 Avocado Ave. is owned by the City of Melbourne and has 4 marked and confirmed CSA soldiers. An additional 5 are listed in historic documentation but are presently unmarked and unlocated. There is no shortage of cemetery projects in Brevard for Camp 1387.



Membership Application Approved

The Camp 1387 E-board has approved membership application for Chad Moxley. Any questions, comments, or concerns involving this gentlemen should be addressed in writing to Commander Thornton.

Meet and Greet

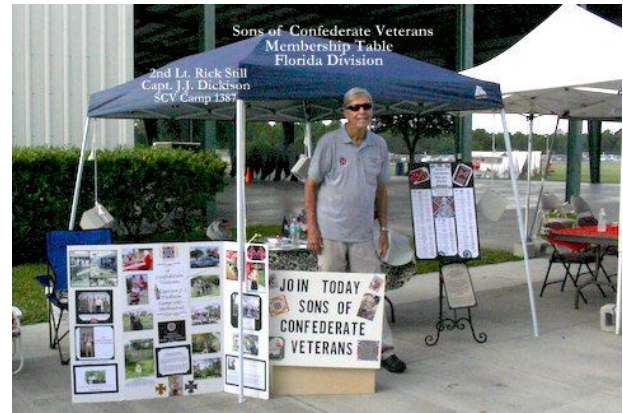


The 10th Brigade Meet and Greet 03 October at the CSA soldier monument at Lake Eola in Orlando had 20 folks from across the Brigade. We picked up a lot of “butts” in a couple of hours.

We were harassed by Orlando Police who would come by our location every 15 minutes or so and each time with more officers. They made us take down our recruiting table and would not permit us to picnic there. We do not appreciate being threatened for no reason. We retired to Greenlawn Cemetery just a few blocks away and had our picnic in peace with 100 odd of our brave soldiers. We ran a new CBF up the pole and left it.

The Battle of Yellow Pines by Miss June

The Vero Beach Gun Show, sponsored by Mike Strickland and Patriot Productions, was held Oct. 3&4 at the Indian River Fair Grounds. Commander James Odell, Pvt. George W. Thomas, SCV Camp 1595 from Ft. Pierce helped with organizing a WBTS Reenactment. Cmdr. Odell also arranged to have the Civil War Wall, which lists the names of all the Confederate Soldiers from Florida who died in the war. Mr. Strickland allowed our membership table for free.



The Gun Show was a new experience for 2nd Lt. Rick Still and me. I was expecting to see gangsters, maybe some bank robbers or at least some action figures looking to buy a few guns, but no, we saw our neighborhood pharmacist there! I guess good guys own guns too! While the gun show was inside the auditorium, we were outside just in front of the main entrance gate. There was plenty of response to our membership display; however, most of the men who had questions were from the Vero Beach area. We had several of those who stopped by ask about our display of the small CBF and how much they cost? We told them a donation would be fine.

The reenactment was good and there were a few Sutlers there! We hope next year it will be bigger and better and supported by the SCV.

Confederate Flag Supporters Indicted in Clash With Black Partygoers

By RICHARD FAUSSET OCT. 12, 2015

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/13/us/confederate-flag-supporters-georgia-indicted-clash-black-partygoers.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=first-column-region®ion=top-news&WT.nav=top-news>

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — In a very unusual legal maneuver, the district attorney in this suburb of Atlanta has won indictments against 15 supporters of the Confederate battle flag, accusing them of violating the state's anti-street gang ordinance during a confrontation with black partygoers in July, the district attorney said on Monday.

Prosecutors say that members of the group, which calls itself "Respect the Flag," threatened a group of African-Americans participating in an outdoor party on July 25. A cellphone video of part of the episode shows several white men driving away from the party in a convoy of pickup trucks with the Confederate battle flag and other banners, including American flags, fluttering from the truck beds.

The partygoers contend that members of the flag group yelled racial slurs and displayed a crow bar, a knife and either a rifle or a shotgun, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil-rights group in Montgomery, Ala., that is representing some of the accusers.

Similarly adorned pickup trucks have become a regular sight in many parts of the South since June, when a white gunman, apparently influenced by racist doctrine, massacred [nine black worshipers at a Charleston, S.C., church](#). A subsequent effort by some elected officials in the

region to [remove Confederate symbols](#) from public spaces has provoked a strong negative reaction from some white Southerners, who argue that the symbols are a part of their history and heritage.

The indictments were handed up Friday by a grand jury in Douglas County, a fast-growing county a few miles west of Atlanta that is about 52 percent white and 44 percent black. Suburban sprawl and the steady migration of blacks out of the city's core have caused striking social and demographic change here: In 1990, blacks made up only about 8 percent of the population, according to census figures.

The Douglas County district attorney, Brian Fortner, [a white Republican](#) elected to the office in 2014, announced the indictments in a news conference Monday morning. Each of the 15 was indicted on one count of making terroristic threats, and a second count of unlawfully participating in "criminal gang activity."

Mr. Fortner said that the Georgia statute upon which the second charge is based, the Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act, is "worded very broadly to deal with any type of activity that occurs with a group that's organized that commits a crime."

"We respect the rights of all citizens to exercise their First Amendment right," Mr. Fortner said. "But we're going to require them, when doing that, to respect the rights of all of the citizens to feel safe and secure."

Morris Dees, the founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center and its chief trial lawyer, could not recall seeing an anti-gang statute used against this kind of group in the past. But he said it was "a very good use" of the statute. "I don't know why it hasn't been used before," he said.

Mr. Fortner said that some of the men involved in the episode had been arrested, and others would be arrested soon. In a [July 27 article](#) in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, a member of the group who was named in the indictments, Levi Bush, said that the partygoers yelled at some members of his group as they drove by. Partygoers then threw rocks at his truck, he said.

Natalie Lyons, a staff lawyer with the Southern Poverty Law Center, said Monday that the use of the anti-gang law was an "apropos application." The people indicted in the case, she said, "were traveling together as a group, intimidating and terrorizing people."

Two members of the group, Joe Eric Hood and Thomas Summers, were each also indicted on an unrelated count of battery stemming from an episode at a gas station called the Corn Crib. Mr. Fortner said the accuser was white, but declined to comment further.

Rifles Rails and History

Our camp was represented 26 September this year at the 3rd annual event with a recruiting tent and CSA flag display. We presented Living History style talks on the history and meanings of the flags. Boy scouts, individuals and reenactors/exhibitors stopped to ask about specific questions on certain flags or listen to the whole 15-20 minute presentation on all the flags. The City of Tavares raves again this year about the various presentations of the Florida Division and swears next year will be even bigger and better. Thanks to Cmdr. Marc, Larry Thornton and Randy Schindler.

Florida Senate Bill 154

Take this page or print more and send it to your Florida State Senator. Have friends and neighbors send them as well. Your Senator's name and address can be found at:

<http://www.flsenate.gov/>

The Honorable (full name _____) October 16, 2015

(address) _____

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Senator (last name _____):

Recently Senate Bill 154 (Prohibits Confederate Flags and Emblems) was submitted for consideration on the 2016 Legislative Calendar. This bill, according to its author, was originally spawned by a Confederate flag flying on city property in Crestview, however its current scope would have a detrimental effect on the entire state.

As written, this bill would:

1. Force the Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee, to divest itself of a priceless collection of original Confederate flags and artifacts, items that Florida taxpayers have spent millions of dollars preserving.
2. Force dozens of Florida counties and cities to remove (at taxpayer expense), hundreds of monuments (a.k.a. "emblems"), historic markers, and museum displays.
3. Potentially force the desecration of over 10,000 Confederate headstones bearing "emblems" located in city and county owned cemeteries.
4. Essentially fund hundreds of lawsuits across the state to force removal of anything even remotely construed to be Confederate and on public property.
5. Require the editing and removal of Confederate images and symbols from history textbooks used in our schools. Book burnings at public libraries.

I feel that this bill, as written, is so overly broad that it will cost our state, county and city governments billions of dollars to enforce. As written, this bill would deprive future generations the ability to observe and study Florida's role in the War Between the States, and in the end, would do nothing to repair divisions between the citizens of Florida.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint on this matter. I believe it is an important issue, and would like to see this bill defeated. I look forward to your reply expressing your opinions, and your current stance on this issue.

Sincerely,

Name, _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____