



# CAMPTALK

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## January 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

Welcome Compatriots to 2015! We at Camp 1387 are looking forward to a great year and I am looking forward to serving as your Commander and ask for your support as we move forward. I am experiencing some health problems and Marc Thornton, our 1st Lt., will be filling in for me. I am pleased to announce the following appointments to the CAMP STAFF:

Color Sergeant - Rob Murray  
 Quartermaster - Marc Thornton  
 Judge Advocate - Don Lock  
 Public Information Officer - John "Bubba" Carr III  
 Editor - Don Young  
 Photographer – Darrell Nichols  
 Heritage - Don Young  
 Recording Secretary - Miss June  
 UDC/ORC Liaison - Miss June  
 Cemetery Coordinator - Don Young

I have also appointed John "Bubba" Carr III and Don Young as Aide-de-Camps. These two gentlemen have served several terms as Camp Commanders; Don at 1387 and John in Texas. Along with the expertise of our immediate past-commander Kevin Atchison, I will have in depth experience for advice and assistance as I lead the Camp. I hope to be a Commander worthy of the calling of our beloved organization.

Our Christmas Social was warm Southern fellowship; thanks to Miss June and the other ladies. This month we are celebrating the birthdays of both Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson. Show your colors – display a CSA flag at your home! Long time camp friend Bob Flaniken will be presenting a program on Lee's US Army career. Please give our new officers and staff your support and I hope to see you soon.

Confederately, Rick DeBord, Officer Commanding

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## EVENTS

16-18 Jan.	Battle of Brooksville
17 Jan.	CSS Florida #102 Orlando, Cmdr. Young "Jackson - Birth to West Point."
19 Jan.	Happy Birthday General Robert Edward Lee 1807!
21 Jan.	Happy Birthday General Thomas Jonathan Jackson 1824!
22 Jan.	Camp Meeting
31 Jan.	Sharps Cemetery Clean-up
12 Feb.	E-board Meeting
13-15 Feb.	Battle of Olustee
14 Feb.	Sharps Cemetery Clean-up
26 Feb.	Camp Meeting
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 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill
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

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## PROGRAM

### Lee - West Point to WBTS

Bob Flaniken will be back to present the life and US Army career of Robert Edward Lee. By 1861 Lee was a senior and highly respected officer in the US Army. He was one of very few who had managed to obtain somewhat of a reasonable rate of promotion; the small unused army had little need of high ranking officers and many left the service for that reason. Bob will take us through the years and events of the period.

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

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## Christmas Social and Awards

Some 40 folks attended our Awards and Christmas Social. We recognized our own for their hard work and financial support of our efforts and swore in new compatriots and officers. Miss June really out did herself with table and room decorations and the dessert treats provided by the ladies were wonderful. Hats off to these ladies.



Miss June and Commander Atchison present award to long time compatriot Jim Nance for outstanding financial support of Camp activities.



Darrell Nichols and Dan Wall sworn in



New officers sworn in



Great Holiday desserts

Certificates of Appreciation for Camp Activities support were presented to the following. Rick Still, Jim Meeks, Robert Meeks, Larry Thornton, Marc Thornton, Gerry Carson, Tim Cobb, Jim Nance, and Don Young.

Ladies Certificate of Distinguished Service: June Still

Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Tim Cobb, Tom Watkins and Kevin Atchison.

Camp 1387 congratulates each award recipient and thanks them for their efforts.

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## **SCV Thoughts For the New Year**

by Ben Jones Chief of Heritage Operations

This new year is the 150th anniversary of the end of the fighting between the armed forces of the United States of America and the Confederate States of America. May it also be the end of the ongoing mendacious attacks on the honored heritage and history of the men who carried that fight for the Southern cause.

May this be the year when the national media recognizes that the War Between the States was about the cultural, political, economic and Constitutional differences that had evolved from the shared national experience and not about the single issue of slavery in the Southern region.

May this be the year when the full truth about slavery as the "American Sin" and not the "Southern Sin", be fully understood. May Americans learn that slavery was financed in the North, controlled by the Northern slave traders, and that the profits from the trade and from the cotton went mainly to the North.

May this be the year when the divisive demagoguery of "political correctness" is exposed as the idiocy that it is and becomes a thing of the past, remembered only as a sad and silly period when decisions were made by an odd and distorted view of relationships, sensibilities, and common sense. May it be the year when people go back to making decisions based on the admonitions of our great religious teachings, and not on appeals to victimhood or prejudice. May this be the year when we begin to judge people by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin.

May this be the year when the 70 million American descendants of those who fought for the Confederacy proudly stand up and be counted. May our voices be heard in such numbers that it will turn the tide of hatred and ignorance that comes daily against us.

May this be the year when those bigots who use the beloved symbols of our courageous ancestors to spread a gospel of racial hatred and superiority be exposed as the fools they are.

May this be the year when the flags of our forefathers once again stand for that which is the best within us, rather than the worst.

May this be the year when we counter-attack the demagogues who wish to destroy every vestige of our Confederate heritage. May this be the year when our statues, monuments and gravestones are not attacked by vandals of every stripe, and when our flags fly more than ever in places of deserved honor.

May this be the year when every member of our brotherhood becomes more involved as spokesmen for the Cause, and when all of us do something of active service every day to carry a positive message about our ancestry.

May this be the year when the national media stops portraying our ancestors as "traitors" and portraying us as "Nazis", "white supremacists" and "racists". May this be the year when they recognize their own sanctimonious posturing and when they realize the stupidity of anyone assuming a moral superiority in matters of the heart.

May this be the year when our national leaders transcend the weary, mean-spirited and divisive politics of yesterday and break through to policies that bring Americans together in mutual respect and purpose.



May this be the year when we Sons of Confederate Veterans lead a victorious struggle for an honest modern understanding of the extraordinary and exemplary courage of our honored and beloved ancestors. May this be the year when we stand fearlessly together against the orchestrated smear campaign of those who would "culturally cleanse" the nation of any positive thought of our forefathers.

May this be the year when our membership puts aside our petty differences and our personal ambitions and solidly unite for a higher and more important cause.

May this be the year when we Sons of Confederate Veterans restore the good name of Robert E. Lee and the million men who left home and hearth to follow him. May our nation realize that the men of the Confederacy were thoroughly American, and that they were of many ancestries and races and creeds, and that they did what they did in their time because their forefathers had done the same.

And above all, may this be the year when a Loving Creator guides all of us in every moment as we face the challenges of protecting our heritage while building our future. May the Great Healer intervene in the hearts and souls of all of us, and bring to closure the ancient wounds of our Nation's past.

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## **CONFEDERATE MONUMENT FINDS ITS WAY TO COURTHOUSE GROUNDS AFTER WAITING 103 YEARS** The Telegraph December 18, 2014

<http://www.macon.com/2014/12/18/3488206/twiggs-county-confederate-memorial.html>

Subject: [FLUDC] UDC Monument Finally Achieves its Rightful Place at Twiggs County (Macon) Georgia Courthouse

Ladies, I received this press release and thought I would share it. I was so happy to hear about this! Kudos to our Georgia Sisters in the Sidney Lanier Chapter! **Lunelle Siegel UDC.**



[http://scvcamp1399.org/twiggs\\_monument.php](http://scvcamp1399.org/twiggs_monument.php)

(MACON - Jan 2, 2015) It was 1911 when a monument was to be placed in Twiggs County; a place of prominence had been decided upon - the grounds of the County Court House. As the story goes, there was a disagreement about

placing it on the courthouse grounds.

When the monument arrived by rail, in Jeffersonville, according to some of the local residents it did not belong on the grounds of the courthouse. After much refusal to place it there, it was eventually unloaded and sat at the Depot for some time before being placed "in a field" across the railroad tracks. The local newspaper printed, on at least two occasions, that there would be a "Dedication of the Confederate Monument," but it was never formally dedicated. Many efforts over the years have been tried. In 2003 a group of SCV members, lead by Russ Huffman and Tommy Fountain, sought to petition the Twiggs County Commissioners at their regular meeting of Tuesday, August 5, 2003. The Commission never took action on the request. The monument remained in the same location for one hundred and three years. Initially, there were no businesses encroaching on the site, but over time, the monument was vandalized, the rifle was broken and weeds grew in the cracks between the stones.

Forward to March, 2014. The 4th Brigade Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Kim Beck, voiced his concern about the monument being so very close to Highway 80. In April, plans were put in motion to apply for funds for the moving of the monument to be paid by the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans' Tag Fund with the United Daughters of the Confederacy's Sidney Lanier Chapter finding the remaining ten percent required.

The UDC considered the monument to be "an orphan monument" since there isn't an UDC chapter or SCV camp in Jeffersonville. The Sidney Lanier Chapter UDC agreed to being "the leaders" of the project with the assistance from two local SCV camps - the Tracy Camp #18 and the Camp of the Unknown Soldier.

Mr. Beck presented the request for Tag Funds on behalf of all the interested parties and at the 2014 Georgia Division SCV Reunion it was approved and funded.

Jeff Ellis of Clark Memorial was contacted and told that funding had been approved. However, getting permission to move the monument was not an easy task.

Judy Wall Smith accepted the job of speaking to local officials regarding moving the monument. Several local residents offered parcels of their land to place it, but the locations were not prominently located. Each time, supporters just knew we had THE PLACE. But it could not be that simple.

Beginning in August, Mrs. Smith began calling land owners and asking about a prominent place for relocation - everyone who was contacted had the same answer, "It needs to be on the Court House grounds". Easily said, but not easily accomplished, until someone stepped forward to help get the proposal on the Agenda of the County Commissioners meetings.

Mr. William "Bill" Hamrick arranged to have his name and that of Mrs. Smith placed on the agenda of the November 4th 2014 Commission meeting at the Court House at 4pm. After sitting through the usual items of business, Mr. Hamrick got up and addressed the Commissioners and introduced Judy Smith. Mrs. Smith explained to the commissioners that the UDC and the SCV had the money to move and restore the monument, and that both groups, along with much of the local population wanted it to be placed on the 1911 intended spot, the Court House grounds. There were five commissioners. After the initial vote, it was 3 to 2 to allow the move to the Court House grounds - then the discussion, back and forth - why it should and should not be on public property. But the final vote was passed by a 3 to 2 vote in favor.

On November 18th at 7:30 pm during the commissioners meeting, the area next to "the longest serving Sheriff in Georgia or the Nation" Mr. Earl Hamrick's monument was proposed as the final location for the monument. Again the vote was 3 in favor and 2 no votes. But it passed; and on Monday, November 24th, a start date was decided upon. On December 8th, the foundation was dug and the coping from the monument was removed and placed at the new site. Due to the cooler weather, it took a few more days for the concrete to cure before the monument could be moved.

Finally, on Thursday, November 18th, the Twiggs County Confederate Monument was moved to the grounds of the County Court House after waiting since 1911. The Macon Telegraph, PBS,

and others were present. Photos were taken by the Telegraph supporters each time a section of the monument was moved, placed on the truck, and taken to the area to be placed. It took seven hours from dismantling to relocation on the ground where it was intended.

After 103 years, the Twiggs County Confederate Monument now sits on the Courthouse grounds where it was intended originally. The Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans recognizes the mutual efforts of the Georgia United Daughters of the Confederacy and Mrs. Judy Smith in helping to complete this long overdue project to honor the brave Confederate veterans from Twiggs County. Many thanks, too, to Mrs. Smith for her authoring most of the account recorded in this release.

For more information about the Sons of Confederate Veterans or any of this year's planned events to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the War, contact the Georgia SCV at 404-456-3393 or online at [www.GeorgiaSCV.org](http://www.GeorgiaSCV.org).

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### **Virginia Flaggers Take on Lexington and Washington Lee University**

by Grayson Jennings and Susan Hathaway January 14, 2015

Virginia Flaggers, P.O. Box 547, Sandston VA 23150, [info@vaflaggers.com](mailto:info@vaflaggers.com)

On December 26th, we shared our plans for TWO roadside flag sites in Lexington, Va. - A 50' pole with a 10' x 15' Battle Flag on property just outside of the town of Lexington, and another on I-81. We asked for help in upgrading to an 80' pole for the I-81 site. Two of our Flaggers pledged matches of \$1,000 each for any contributions made by the end of the year, to be able to purchase a new 80' pole. Within just a few days of that announcement, we had received the required \$2,000 and matching funds and were able to order the 80' Pole, thanks to the generosity of Confederate supporters across the US and beyond! We were absolutely blown away by the tremendous support received!



We ordered the pole on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and on January 6<sup>th</sup>, we loaded up a 50' pole from our reclaimed inventory, delivered it to the Jackson Farm site, and then picked up the 80' pole from the manufacturer to save delivery charges, and delivered it to the I-81 site.

That left us just 10 days before the State Lee-Jackson Holiday to get a ton of work done, including digging holes, pouring concrete, and setting poles on two flag sites. On Friday, we



headed up and were able to get both holes dug and (ahead of schedule!) got the concrete poured at the I-81 site.



This turned out to be a blessing, as on Monday, wet weather set in and we were forced to hold off on further work. The forecast for the week was gloomy and we were faced with the prospect that we might not complete the projects in time for the Lee-Jackson holiday.

Thankfully, there was a break in the weather Tuesday which gave us just enough time to get back out there and pour concrete at the Jackson Farm location and complete the welding of the 50' pole to be installed there.

The bad weather returned Wednesday, and there is ice, snow and rain in Lexington. We have a crane scheduled for Thursday to raise both poles, but there is a chance that the ground will be too wet/icy at the I-81 location to get the crane to the site.

We will, thanks to your support and generosity be raising at least ONE flag in Lexington on Friday. We hope and pray that it will be two. We are looking at a 1:00 pm flag raising on Friday. If you are planning to meet at the Jackson Cemetery at 10:00 am Friday morning for flagging



instructions, you will get more information then. If you would like to attend the flag raising, but if you cannot make the 10:00 am meeting, please send us an email for more details.

These projects were funded with gifts from New York, Wisconsin, California, Texas, Florida, and just about every state in between, and ranged from \$10 to \$1,000. We even had support from the United Kingdom! We are deeply grateful for EACH AND EVERY one who made this possible and can't wait to share photos and details of the flag raising(s) this weekend. :)

### ON TO LEXINGTON!

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### OCRFS Sam Davis Youth Camp Scholarship Competition

Please disseminate this information to your brigade commanders and camps. I would appreciate it greatly. Our greatest trust is the education of our youth, Confederately,  
Sylvia Stone Darby, President OCRFS

The Order of Confederate Rose Florida Society Corp. administers a scholarship created by SCV member James Moore Crawford of DeFuniak Springs, FL in memory of his wife Marie H. P. "Pilkie" Crawford. Mr. Crawford is a member of camp # 1541, and has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for over 50 years. This scholarship will allow us to provide tuition expenses for at least one young adult to the Sam Davis Youth Camp. The winners will be selected by their winning essay.

The topic this year is: **Who is your confederate hero, why and what would you say to him or her?**

The Scholarship is open to young lads & ladies from age 12 to 20. Essay competition commences on Jan.1 and runs until March 15th. Essay winners will be announced on April 1st to coincide with Confederate History Month. Essay must be at least 500 words in length. Essays will be judged by the General Executive Board of the Order of Confederate Rose, Florida Society. Winners will receive monies to help with transportation to and from the camp. All participants entering the competition must be sponsored by a Sons of Confederate Veterans camp in order to be eligible to attend the Sam Davis Youth camp. The camp this year is located at SW Virginia Woodmen of the World Family Activity Center, 1336 Simmons Mill Rd, Thaxton, VA 24174.

Scholarship entries can be mailed to: OCRFS, Crawford Scholarship, PO Box 303 Quincy, FL 32353 or you may email to: [sylviasdarby@gmail.com](mailto:sylviasdarby@gmail.com). All entries must be postmarked by March 15th to qualify. For further information contact our scholarship trustee; Lynda O'Neal, Past President OCRFS. [Flrosepres@hotmail.com](mailto:Flrosepres@hotmail.com).

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### Online Petition to Pensacola Commission to Keep Five Flag Display

<https://www.change.org/p/person-or-group-we-the-people-of-northwest-florida-do-hereby-approve-of-the-city-of-five-flags-use-of-all-five-flags-that-represents-our-legacy-and-history-for-public-display-throughout-our-landmark-sites-in-our-state-we-demand-that-all-5-flags-be-al/share> . Please go to the site and sign the petition, in past years we have been successful in keeping the public display and City Seal unchanged.