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March 2016 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 another wonderful turnout at the February meeting. As a camp we have been blessed with the valuable and vast talents of those who volunteer. This was

evident at the last meeting as we had to scramble to come up with a last minute program due to health issues with the scheduled speaker who had to cancel. Larry Thornton and Don Young were able to make a presentation on the home guard that was well received, entertaining, and enjoyable. I want to give a huge thank you to those two compatriots who made this happen and saved the night.

One new member application was approved at the e-board meeting on 3-10-16. I'm so grateful the camp is continuing to grow and we are consistently able to keep many members and guest's educated on the true history of this period in time.

I made some calculations and we as a camp are running between 22%-28% active member participation. This does not include monthly meeting attendance, members living outside Brevard County, and members with severe health issues. I would like to double our active member participation which would bring us to approximately 50%. We are in need of filling positions for the camp as well as needing participants for living history programs. By becoming an active volunteer you are keeping the true history of the South alive for future generations which is our mission. The camp and I need your help. Please volunteer at the meeting.

We were well received at the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Check out our Camp metal engraved pens at only \$2 each for our 35th anniversary.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting. God Bless the South!

Commander L.M. Thornton

EVENT

- 12 Mar. Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade – muster at 9, step off 11
- 17 Mar. Happy Birthday General Patrick Cleburne
- 18-20 Mar. 23rd Annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill
- 27 Mar. St. Augustine Easter Parade – muster at Old Jail area 1:30 pm, step off 3:00 pm
- 09 April Spring Officers Call SE Region
- 24 April Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony Melbourne Cemetery
- 05-6 May SCV Chaplains' Conference – see article or compatriot Dr. Ray Parker for details
- 03-5 Jun. Florida Division Reunion

PROGRAM

Confederate Postal System

Compatriot Rod Revals will make his speaking debut with our camp with a presentation on this widely overlooked and ignored facet of the CSA. Only a few parts of the CSA government worked well throughout the 4 years of its existence and arguably the most important was getting the letters from home to our soldiers – and replies back to their families. How did they manage to do that? Join us to listen as Rod explains.

Color Guard Events by Color Sgt. Rob Murray

Sunday March 27, EASTER – St. Augustine Easter Parade. We will caravan (with camp float) up I-95 and US 1 to the Old Jail area (intersection of San Marco Ave. and Williams – Dufferin Streets). Muster will start at 1:00 pm with step off at 3 pm. This is a grand event and last year the SVC/UDC unit had a carriage, mounted living history figures, float, Mechanized Cavalry and Color Guard. If you would like a ride contact Acting Color Sgt. Don Young, or Cmdr. Marc Thornton.



Sesquicentennial of the War Between The States

*The 46th Annual Florida Division Reunion
Ocala, Florida - June 3-5, 2016*



Reunion REGISTRATION FORM

	Quantity		Total
<u>Registration Fee: Members Only</u>			
If Postmarked By May 15 th	_____	X \$35.00	\$ _____
After May 15 th	_____	X \$45.00	\$ _____

Banquet Meals - Please Indicate Your Choice:

Marinated Grilled Herb-Crusted Chicken Breast, Green Bean Almandine, Wild Rice Pilaf and Cheese Cake for Dessert

_____ X \$35.00 \$ _____

Thin Sliced Juicy Herb Crusted Pork Loin w/Dijon Pepper Sauce, Green Bean Almandine, Roasted Potatoes with Cheese Cake for Dessert

_____ X \$35.00 \$ _____

Total Remitted: \$ _____

NOTE: We will not be able to take meal reservations received after May 22nd

Please Make Checks Payable To: **SCV Florida Division Inc**

NAME: _____ Guest: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

CAMP NAME & NUMBER: _____

Please Mail Registration Form & Check to:

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Motel Reservations

This years Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center located on the west side of I-75 & S.R. 200 in Ocala. The address is 3600 SW 38th Ave., Ocala, Florida 34474 For reservations call 877-622-5211 and please reference the SCV Convention for special convention room rates of \$89.00 per night for double occupancy.

Ancestor memorials are \$5.00 for the 2016 Florida Division Reunion program. Please complete the memorial information below and forward this form along with your check to 5th Lt. Commander Mike Herring, 1434 Misty Valley Dr., Brandon, FL 33510

Your Name:

Ancestors Relation:

Ancestors Name:

Ancestors Rank:

Ancestors Company & Regiment:

Ancestors Branch of Service:

Qty: _____ X \$5.00 = Total: _____

Deadline for memorials is May 15, 2016. Please make checks payable to the SCV Florida Division Inc.

Winners and Losers

Bill makes it harder to alter Tennessee historical monuments



[Memphis looks for new home for Forrest statue](#)

A statue of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest sits on a concrete pedestal and atop his grave in the Memphis park that carried his name until the Memphis City Council voted this month to rename it and two other city parks with names tied to the Confederacy.

By [Richard Locker](#) of *The Commercial Appeal*

NASHVILLE — The state House of Representatives approved a bill Thursday that would, if it becomes law, make it more difficult for a local government in Tennessee to alter, rename or remove a historical monument on public property.

The bill by Rep. Steve McDaniel, R-Parker's Crossroads, isn't limited to Civil War monuments and memorials, like Memphis's Nathan Bedford Forrest statue, but much of the 30-minute floor debate centered on the bill's impact on Civil War era iconography. It would replace and strengthen a 2013 law McDaniel sponsored as the Memphis City Council was renaming Forrest Park and two other Confederate-themed city parks.

The new bill would require a two-thirds majority vote by the 29-member Tennessee Historical Commission before a local government could "remove, rename, relocate, alter, rededicate or otherwise disturb or alter" any memorial or monument regarding a "historic conflict, historic event, historic figure or historic organization" located on public property. The 2013 statute required only a majority vote of the commission.

House bill 2129 would also set out a process in which either the local government, or groups and in some cases an interested individual, could appeal the Historical Commission's action into Chancery Court.

McDaniel said after the House session that the bill can't be used to seek to reverse the renaming of Forrest Park to Health Sciences Park, Confederate Park to Memphis Park and Jefferson Davis Park to Mississippi River Park, but he's not sure whether it might impact the City

Council's vote last summer to remove the statue of Forrest astride his horse and the remains of the Confederate general and his wife from the park to another location.

The City Council still has not petitioned the Historical Commission for approval to move the statue and remains, as apparently required by the 2013 act, and a lawsuit challenging the parks' renaming is still pending in the courts.

On the House floor, some black lawmakers argued against the bill but it ultimately passed on a 71-23 vote. Rep. Larry Miller, D-Memphis, asked whether a city council or county commission could vote to remove a Confederate flag that might be flying on public land.

McDaniel said he's unaware of a Confederate battle flag flying on any local public property but removing "a monument or emblem or symbol put there legally by a local government" would require petitioning the Historical Commission for approval and a two-thirds vote.

Conversely, if Nashville's Metropolitan Council wanted to rename Rosa Parks Boulevard in Nashville, McDaniel said in response to questions from Rep. Brenda Gilmore, D-Nashville, the council would also have to win the commission's approval because Rosa Parks was a historical figure.

Rep. Jeremy Faison, R-Cosby, argued for the bill and urged his colleagues to consider the bill an effort to preserve history.

"We have a stain on our history because of what took place with the black community of our country," he said. "But it would be wrong to our children and grandchildren to erase and pretend that part of our history didn't happen. We know what we did wrong because we still have the history of what we did wrong."

Rep. Joe Towns, D-Memphis, said he agreed with much of Faison's remarks but is concerned that the state is removing the authority of local governments to make their own decisions.

"At some point we're going to have to stop constricting the ability of local officials," he said. "We become the dictator to locals. We don't like it when the federal government does it to us. The locals don't like it when we do it."

The discussion involved a brief heated exchange of words in the rear of the House chamber when Rep. G.A. Hardaway, D-Memphis, walked across the chamber to chastise Rep. Curry Todd, R-Collierville, for Todd's failed effort to cut off debate on the bill. When Todd rose to face him, Secretary of State Hargett and Rep. John Mark Windle, D-Livingston, separated the two.



Governor Vetoes Veterans and Monument Protection

by Susan Hathaway **Virginia Flaggers** 10 March 2016

The Governor of Virginia has bowed to pressure from the NAACP and liberal Democrats and announced today that he has vetoed a bill that would have strengthened the protection of Veterans' monuments and memorials in Virginia. Because of their political shenanigans, ALL veterans' monuments and memorials in the Commonwealth may be at risk. The Governor has effectively spit in the face of every veteran, living and dead.

<http://www.loudounnow.com/2016/03/10/mcauliffe-vetoes-war-memorials-preservation-bill/>

RICHMOND – Today Governor Terry McAuliffe vetoed House Bill 587, which would hamper the authority of Virginia local governments to make their own decisions about monuments or war memorials within their jurisdictions.

The Governor also directed Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward, the former Mayor of Hampton, to form a work group with the Department of Historic Resources to begin a dialogue and study best practices about how to balance the preservation of history with the legitimate concerns many Virginians have about certain types of monuments and memorials. The Governor's full veto statement is below:

This, less than a year after McAuliffe made the public statement "LEAVE ALL THE STATUES ALONE", when asked about the future of Richmond's Confederate monuments.

http://m.nbc12.com/nbc12/db_/contentdetail.htm?full=true&contentguid=od%3anY1X7UA4&pn=&ps=#display

This announcement is evidence of McAuliffe's inconsistency and hypocrisy, considering it comes on the heels of two other major press releases about preserving battlefields and a second season of a "Civil War" mini series (\$\$\$)...issued just days before he vetoed a bill that would protect the monuments and memorials honoring the men who died defending the Commonwealth.

<https://governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/newsarticle?articleId=14339>

<https://governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/newsarticle?articleId=14494>

If you would like to let the Governor know how you feel about his decision, you can reach him here... <https://governor.virginia.gov/constituent-services/communicating-with-the-governors-office>

By vetoing the War Memorials Protection Bill, our carpetbagger Governor has made it very clear that he stands with the liberal Democrats in the Virginia Senate (House Democrats overwhelmingly supported the measure) and the NAACP who petitioned the Governor to veto the bill, and against ALL of Virginia's veterans. This, in a very public way, is done without truly harming our Cause.

The fact is, his veto is worthless. This bill ONLY served to tighten a possible loophole in a Virginia Statute that ALREADY protects our Veterans' monuments and memorials. The law still stands. He knows it does... and that it's just a matter of time until the Supreme Court says the same.

SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS!



Membership Application Approved The Camp 1387 E-board has approved the membership application for B.P. Vicars. Any questions, comments, or concerns involving this gentleman should be addressed in writing to Commander Thornton.

Melbourne St. Patricks Day Parade



Waiting for the Parade to start ...



The man himself



Camp 1387 Float sporting a bright new coat of paint

Our numbers were small with only 12 members present, but we were looking good, well decorated and not deterred from a good time and showing the colors.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is always a crowded and fun event. We fielded our usual lineup of a Color Guard, float and Mechanized Cavalry. We are very pleased to report that we received even more salutes and calls of "Thank you for showing our flag" and the like than we usually do.

Thanks to Wes Frank, Sarah and Dick Lee for the Mec Cav support and to Miss June for the super float decoration.



HAPPY 35th BIRTHDAY CAMP 1387 By Don Young with research by Johnnie Hiot

On March 28th 1981 15 men from the Melbourne area came together and formally applied for a Camp Charter with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which was then a Mississippi corporation. The application was endorsed by then Florida Division Commander Robert G. Elloitt of Daytona Beach on 18 April.

Aubrey R. Bates, of Melbourne, owner of Bates Furniture and a member of the Brevard School Board was elected as the first Commander. Lunsford O. Healy, of Merritt Island, retired and an avid history reader was the 1st Lt. Charles A. Buchanan, an engineer with Boeing was the Adjutant. Dr. N.F. Fain Jr. MD was the Surgeon. Rev. Gilbert Dieffenwierth Pastor of Palm Bay United Methodist was the Chaplin. John W. Harrison, advertising executive was the Color Sgt.

The other charter members were: James F. McClanahan of Satellite Beach, John C. Grady of Palm Bay a retired Harris Corp. engineer, Talmadge S. Skinner of Rockledge a pharmacist at Wuesthoff hospital, Lawrence W. Gardenhire of Melbourne a Harris Corp. engineer, B.G. Abercrombie of Cocoa Beach an engineer with General Electric, Joseph L. Gettys a widely respected American History teacher at Melbourne High School, Francis G. Hall of Cocoa Beach, Hon. Joseph A. Cowart Jr. of Cocoa District Court of Appeals judge and James T. Stevenson an engineer with Harris Corp.

The Camp's early meeting place is unknown to your author, but by August of 1990 they were meeting at Holmes Regional Nursing Center in Melbourne. In 1991 the Camp was meeting at Morrison's Cafeteria at the Melbourne Mall. About 1992 the Camp moved it's meetings to MeMaw's Barbeque in Indian Harbour Beach. The room rental agreement established at that time is still in effect and the Camp has met at MeMaw's excellent facility ever since. One of the primary activities was setting up and providing a Camp Library for the compatriots. In the early to mid '80's the book list was hand written, sometimes typed and had about 1-250 titles. By 1990 the list was on a computer print out and contained over 500 titles. Larry Gardenhire and Lunsford Healy were the librarians.

In the 1980-90's Camp pillars and later officers and mentors John Spooner, Ding Patton, Dick Lancaster, Carl Smith, Alex Pulliam, James Nance and Larry Rowell became members. An April 1993 roster lists 60 members and 14 "pending". Two of the pending applications were Robert R. Murray of Mims and Donald C. Young of Merritt Island.

In 1999 the Camp incorporated as a Florida State Not for Profit Corporation and has maintained that status. In February of 2003 Larry Gardenhire, the last of the founding members, crossed over the river. Several of us attended his funeral and his son gave me his SCV scrap book which contains much of the information reported here and his original 1981 membership card.