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December 2009 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, FL

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from the menu

7:00 – 8:00 Program

8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting

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COMMANDERS CORNER

In November 16 compatriots and guests enjoyed a fascinating program given by compatriot David Scott on one of his Confederate ancestors. David's ancestor was born a Frenchman, became an American who fought in the Mexican War and stayed loyal to his South Carolina roots in the 1860's as a CSA Army Colonel. He also spent several years living in Florida, was a State Senator and a signer of the Florida Articles of Session. He also had loving ties with his slaves, and fathered a child with one whose descendants are proud of their Southern and mixed blood heritage. David owes much of his considerable information, photographs and artifacts concerning his ancestor to his mixed blood cousins and will gratefully be attending a family reunion with them. This family situation exemplifies the social and friendship ties that were common among

aces across the South before the War. A tip of the kepi to David for a truly interesting program.

Fallout and discussion of the Homestead Veteran’s Day parade has been widespread. The local newspapers and Dade County papers ran several articles, most were shallow on facts or history and long on political correctness. We include some of this traffic in separate articles. More details can be found by going the “The Cracker” website, see separate item. Please send a note to the VFW CIC and follow the instructions given by Florida Division Commander Dawson.

A new re-enacting season has started. These events are great ways to experience the atmosphere of a battle ground and witness conditions that our ancestors lived. Central Florida offers access to several excellent re-enactments, if you are interested in re-enacting contact our resident re-enactor Color Sgt. Evan Phillips.

Our December meeting time will be moved to 10 December and used to hold our annual Christmas Social. See the program listing for details and plan to come out and enjoy some good old fashioned season’s greetings with your compatriots and family.

For several years we have made a Thanksgiving and a Christmas donation to the Melbourne based CITA organization. The church based group assists families, particularly veterans, who have fallen on hard times. Please bring canned goods donations to the Christmas Social and we will get these delivered. We will also follow up with our usual cash donation to the group.

Your annual dues were late as of 30 October. You will now have to pay a \$5 reinstatement charge. If you are among those who did not reenlist, please reconsider staying with the SCV. Call Adjutant Kevin Atchison or a Camp officer in the next several days or mail your dues to Kevin. Please renew your membership – The South needs all her sons.

In Service of The South, Don C. Young Commander Camp 1387

EVENTS

- Dec** **No e-board meeting**
- 10 Dec Camp Meeting, 2nd Thursday, Camp Christmas Social – Trivia Quiz
- 14 Jan E-board meeting
- 15-17 Jan Brooksville Raid, Brooksville, Florida
- 28 Jan Camp Meeting
- 29-31 Jan Road to Olustee Living History Weekend
- 12-14 Feb Battle of Olustee

PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Camp 1387 will hold our annual Christmas Social Thursday 10 December at our regular monthly meeting place and time. We will have our usual order from the menu supper.

Ladies are encouraged to bring holiday bake goods for desserts.

Also, please bring a wrapped gift, \$5-10, for exchange.

Matron of Honor Miss Lee will tease, test and amuse us all with Trivia questions!

PRAYER LIST

Past Camp compatriot James Donald Leggett of Melbourne Beach has passed away following several years of declining health. His family has requested that we participate in a memorial service following his cremation. We will announce the details of the ceremony and our role at the Christmas Social. We wish Jim could be with us.

NEW COMPATRIOT

Denley D. Daw has applied for membership in the SCV and Camp 1387. The Executive Committee has reviewed and approved Mr. Daw's application. Any camp member who wishes to express views on Mr. Daw's membership please contact Commander Young, in writing, within 30 days.

Olustee Battle Festival Parade

The annual Olustee Battle Festival in Lake City will be held 12-14 February with the battle reenactment activities the same days. We will be marching in the parade to provide a Color Guard for the Division Commander's carriage. If you will be available to participate in the parade please contact Commander Young.

Lee Jackson Celebration

We will celebrate the birthdays of Robert Edward Lee and Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson at our regular meeting 25 February. We will order from the menu and have a special speaker on Lee and Jackson. We all need to be reminded of the true history of our Southern icons. Ya'll come!

Battle at Narcoossee Mill

The 17th annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill will be held 26-28 March. We will be participating with reenactors on the field and a recruiting table in the sutler's area. Contact Lt. Cmdr Carson or Cmdr Young.

HOMESTEAD VETERAN'S DAY HERITAGE VIOLATION

Commander in Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Thomas J. Tradewell
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Dear Commander Tradewell,

Being cognizant of how poorly many American Veterans are treated, I write to tell you about some members of your very own organization, who have chosen political correctness in deference to honoring American Veterans.

The local VFW Post in Homestead, Florida should be commended for holding the 2009 Veteran's Day Parade, when the local Chamber of Commerce canceled it. However, that post's Commander and officers should be soundly reprimanded for excluding a group of marchers whose ancestry includes Confederate Veterans.

Confederate Veterans were recognized as "American Veterans" by acts of the United States Congress in 1928 and again 1957. The Veterans Administration provides free military issue headstones to mark Confederate graves to the extent that it has an entire department servicing these requests.

Denying the Sons of Confederate Veterans the opportunity to honor recognized American Veterans who served honorably, is simply reprehensible. Many members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Honor Guard who were denied entry into the Homestead, Florida Veteran's Day Parade, can trace their ancestry back to the Revolutionary War, and in fact one of my ancestors was Pvt. Henry Muirhead who was awarded US Pension number S30609.

Not only were the Sons of Confederate Veterans (a 113-year old organization) refused entry into the Homestead Veterans Day parade by the VFW, but initially, they were told they could not carry any flags other than the US and POW-MIA flags—thus eliminating any possibility of honoring the units their ancestors served in. I doubt the VFW would have similarly dismissed the Buffalo Soldiers, and their unit flags, had they asked to march in this parade.

Recently there was an article published in USA Today that went into detail about the membership woes of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It is small wonder that your membership is declining, when the prevailing policy appears to be that if I honor my Confederate Veteran lineage, I am somehow less of an American.

I would like to take this opportunity to increase awareness of just how significant a contribution to our country, Confederate Veterans have made.

One of the most famous modern day American Veterans with Confederate Veteran ancestral roots was Audie Murphy. Murphy's feats and accomplishments stand on their own merit and need no explanation.

Yet another Great American fighting man who had extensive Confederate heritage was General George S. Patton. Confederate Lieutenant Colonel Waller T. Patton was a great-uncle of General George S. Patton.

Following the War Between the States, many former Confederate Officers were accepted into the U.S. Military.

General Joseph Wheeler is one such example. General Wheeler's bio is quite extensive:

Born: September 10th, 1836, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia

Died: January 25th, 1906, Brooklyn, New York, at the age of 69.

Buried: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia

Pre War Service: Entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, as a Cadet on July 1st, 1854; graduated 19th in his class from the Military Academy on July 1st, 1859, and was appointed as a Brevet Second Lieutenant of Dragoons; assigned to duty at the Cavalry School for Practice at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from 1859 to 1860; transferred to the Mounted Riflemen on June 26th, 1860; promoted to Second Lieutenant of Mounted Riflemen on September 1st, 1860; on a leave of absence from 1860 to 1861; resigned from the United States Army on April 22nd, 1861.

Civil War Service: Appointed as a First Lieutenant of Artillery, Provisional Army of the Confederate States, in 1861. Appointed as Colonel of the 19th Alabama Volunteer

Infantry Regiment in September of 1861; promoted to Brigadier General, P.A.C.S., in October of 1862; promoted to Major General, P.A.C.S., on January 20th, 1864. Spanish American War Service: Appointed as a Major General, United States Volunteers, on May 4th, 1898; accepted the appointment on May 6th, 1898; On duty with Major-General John R. Brooke at Chickamauga, Georgia, on May 11th and 12th, 1898; Assigned to command of the Cavalry Division of the 5th Army Corps at Tampa, Florida, on May 14th, 1898; Landed at Daquiri, Cuba, on June 23rd, 1898; Commanded troop in the battle of Las Guasimas on June 24th, 1898; Engaged in the battle of San Juan from July 1st to 2nd, 1898; In command of the Cavalry Division of the 5th Army Corps from June 24th to the surrender of Santiago on July 17th, 1898; during this time he was commended in General Orders of July 4th, 1898, 5th Army Corps, for conduct in the battle; Engaged in all the conflicts in front of Santiago which terminated in the surrender of the Spanish army and the city of Santiago on July 17th, 1898; served as the Senior member of the commission which negotiated the surrender of the Spanish army and the city of Santiago to the American army; in command of the troops at Montauk Point, Long Island, from August 18th to September 7th, 1898, and again from September 13th to 18th, and 23rd to 27th; In command of the 4th Army Corps at Huntsville, Alabama, from October 7th to December 3rd, 1898; honorably discharged from Volunteer service on April 12th, 1899. Appointed as a Brigadier General, United States Volunteers, on April 12th, 1899; accepted the appointment on April 19th, 1899; En route to Manila, Philippine Islands, from July 6th to August 21st, 1899; In command of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 8th Corps, at Santa Rita, Philippine Islands, from September 1st, 1899; engaged in, and was in command of troops in, skirmish with the enemy at Santa Rita on September 9th, 1899; In command of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 8th Army Corps in Luzon, Philippine Islands, from August of 1899 to January 15th, 1900; in command at the engagements with the enemy under the Insurgent-General, Tomas Mascardo on September 9th and 16th; commanded the force which carried the enemy's entrenchments at Porac on September 28th, and was in immediate command upon the field in the engagements at Angeles on October 11th and 16th; engaged in several minor affairs from October 10th to 20th; Commanded a brigade in the advance upon Mabalacat on November 8th, and in the attack upon, and capture of, Bamban on November 11th, and in the advance upon Tarlac on November 12th and 13th; Commanded in the expedition to San Miguel de Camiling from November 22nd to 26th, the enemy retreating as approached by his troops; commanded the expedition to Sulipa on November 29th, and he expedition to San Ignacia and Moriones from December 3rd to 6th; By direction of the President he made an inspection of the Island of Guam from February 8th to 12th, 1900, while en route to the United States; the commission as a Brigadier General of United States Volunteers was vacated on June 16th, 1900; Commissioned as a Brigadier General in the United States Army on June 16th, 1900; commanded the Department of the Lakes at Chicago, Illinois, from June 18th to September 10th, 1900; retired from active service on September 10th, 1900, due to his being 64 years old.

Several other General Officers who lead Confederate forces, similarly distinguished themselves following reunification, and served late into their lives as General Officers in service to the United States.

Today the service of Confederate Veterans is further recognized by the fact that many U.S. Army Bases and military facilities bear their names:

- Fort Bragg, N.C. – named in honor of Confederate General Braxton Bragg
- Fort Polk, La. – to honor of Confederate General Leonidas Polk
- Fort Gordon, Ga. – to honor Confederate General John B. Gordon
- Fort Hood, Tx. – to honor of Confederate General John Bell Hood

- Fort Benning, Ga. – to honor Confederate General Henry L. Benning
- Fort A.P. Hill, Va. - to honor of Confederate Lt. Gen. A.P. Hill
- Fort Lee, Va. - to honor Confederate General Robert E. Lee
- Fort Rucker, Al. - to honor Confederate General Edmund Rucker
- Fort Pickett, Va. - to honor Confederate Maj. Gen. George Edward Pickett

Suffice it to say, denying the Sons of Confederate Veterans the opportunity to pay respect to all American Veterans is without question, “unpatriotic and clearly demonstrates politically motivated discrimination, on the part of officers of the VFW in Homestead, Fl”. Since the inception of the United States, there has been a compelling reason for American Veterans and their descendants to work together to preserve the memory of their valor, and to honor their service to our country: All too quickly, the public forgets the sacrifices made by all these veterans to preserve our Freedom.

It is my sincere hope that in the future, your organization and ours, can come to an agreement that honoring the soldiers is more important than bending to political correctness. Remember, it is those of the same politically correct ilk who spat on our men returning home from Vietnam, and they are poised to do it again if we let them.

Sincerely,
 Douglas D. Dawson
 Florida Division Commander
 Sons of Confederate Veterans

From: Douglas D. Dawson [mailto:dddawson@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Friday, November 20, 2009 11:02 AM

To: 'gec@florida-scv.org'

Subject: Homestead, Florida Letter to VFW Nat. Cdr

Gentlemen,
 yesterday (19 November) I mailed (snail mail) the attached pdf letter to each of the following National VFW officers.

Commander in Chief Veterans of Foreign Wars Thomas J Tradewell N58W23367 Aster Dr
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Veterans of Foreign Wars Richard L. Eubank 2269 Ohio St
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Veterans of Foreign Wars Richard L. DeNoyer 8B Masi Meadow Ln

Write your own letter, then use some of those yankee stamps to fill those fellas mail boxes.

When you write do use facts about Confederates, let these folks know how much it hurts ALL Veterans when any one group is excluded. **Have someone proof read before you send your letter.** Do not want to give them any reason to accept any of the stereotypes we SOUTHERNORS are so often labeled as.

From: Douglas D. Dawson [mailto:dddawson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2009 8:46 AM
To: 'gec@florida-scv.org'
Subject: [Fwd: RE: Homestead, Florida Letter to VFW Nat. Cdr]

Gentlemen,
I received this e-mail from the gentleman as written.
I asked his permission to forward and he responded
in one word, "**Absolutely**".

----- Original Message -----

Dear Sir;

I am a veteran, a Yankee (Vermont) and was appalled at the VFW not allowing you to march.

While down South, it is the war of Northern Aggression that is revered, in Vermont it is the Revolution. Two of my ancestors, Joshua and Isaac Brush, died at the Battle of Bennington. Colonel Nathaniel Brush survived the war and his sister, Mary Brush married Ethan Allen. The shame of the family is that we are related to Howard Dean (still in therapy over that).

In the parades every year, along with the Sons of Liberty (Green Mountain Boys) and the DAR, march the ancestors of the Loyalists. It is our history and we should embrace it.

To me, the confederacy represented a passion for ideals, the issue of States Rights and a gallantry that continues today! Yes, it was brutal, yes it was coiled around slavery but its essence cannot be touched from the perspective of today, but through the eyes, hearts and minds of the time.

Perhaps it is worth pointing out also that every Memorial Day in Gettysburg, the parade is led by the boys in blue, closely followed by the boys in Gray, symbolic of the initial actions at Gettysburg.

Your letter is spot on and hopefully will have some impact.

Charlie Brush USN

HOMESTEAD VETERAN'S DAY PARADE, SCV MECHANIZED CAVALRY

The SCV Mechanized Cavalry (motorcycles, if you didn't know") is a recognized subunit of the SCV. Check out "The Cracker News" which is their newsletter www.floridacrackernewsletter.com

In Florida many of the members are in the 12th and 14th Brigades.

HUNLEY MODEL AT MOBIL

This past Labor Day weekend a non SCV Southern sympathizer and military history buff friend visited the USS Alabama at Mobil Bay. He was surprised to discover this full scale

Hunley replica on display. Trivia quiz for Christmas Social: how many design details can you list that show this replica has been made since the recovery and start of conservation? What glaring error does this great piece of historical representation contain? Editor





SLRC ISSUES URGENT APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

This year the country's in the midst of the worst economic downturn in decades, when a lot of folks have shelved the whole idea of taking a vacation and are just trying to make ends meet. Consequently the SLRC's income has suffered. So, in this time of prioritizing personal expenditures, we offer a humble plea for you to prioritize the SLRC. Remember: there is no such thing, to us, as a small contribution; anything you can afford will help us live to fight another day. Editor: The Southern Legal Resource Center is the only group of dedicated Southern Culture lawyers in the country. The SCV is their primary support. Donations may be sent to: SLRC, PO Box 1235, Black Mountain NC 28711-1235.

