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November 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

For our October meeting we had the honor of a visit from our favorite presenter, Bob Flaniken with his newest program "Truth Justice and the Confederate Way". The program is reported to be one of Bob's best efforts and sparked a flood of questions and discussion among attendees. A tip of the kepi to Bob for his continued good work, scholarship and outstanding presentations on the true history of our beloved Southland. Unfortunately, I was not among the attendees in October and missed this program on causes of the War.

New compatriot Ed Slaughter has started working with the Canaveral Light Chapter of the UDC and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Courtenay to gather CSA grave information. The pioneer church has several Confederate graves and Ed will collect

information including GPS coordinates for the SCV register. Compatriot Tom Watkins has started updates to the camp's website; the site has had no maintenance in the past 2 years. A tip of the kepi to Ed and Tom.

Fall Officer's Call was held 17 October, in Vero Beach, and compatriots from the Southeast Region met and visited with their Confederate brethren. Compatriot Ed Slaughter attended with Commander Young. The biggest topic of discussion was the Homestead Veteran's Day parade and an excellent strategy was developed by the attendees to present the SCV and our Southern symbols to parade viewers in a positive light. Unfortunately we did not have that opportunity because the local transplanted yankee VFW commander cares more about political correctness than he does fellow Veteran's groups. When politics decides which American Veterans groups are acceptable and which ones are to be excluded, our communities and our nation has lost the freedom our ancestor's and we have fought over a period of 200 years to gain. The Homestead VFW should be ashamed of their actions. See the separate articles.

For Veteran's Day Camp 1387 participated in the annual Massing of The Colors at Brevard Community College. The Military Order of World Wars, a patriotic nonpartisan organization of US Military Officers established in 1919, sponsors this event. The Order keeps an invitation open to the SCV despite "complaints" and "offence" in recent years about our participation. The VFW would do well to look to the Order for guidance on the true meaning of service to our nation and honoring American Veteran's service and sacrifices. A tip of the kepi to Color Sgt. Evan Phillips and Army National Guard Pvt. Alex Ferruzza for representing us. Gentlemen, kepis off to the Military Order of World Wars for their many years of efforts in maintaining an outstanding Veteran's Day ceremony.

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. We have a separate article and schedule for upcoming events, if you are interested in re-enacting contact our resident re-enactor Color Sgt. Evan Phillips.

DUES ARE LATE. Your annual dues are 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.

A personal tip of the kepi to Adjutant Kevin Atchison for conducting the October meeting so that I could attend a family reunion in Kentucky.

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

EVENTS

19 Nov	Camp Meeting (3 rd Thursday)
Dec	No e-board meeting
10 Dec	Camp Meeting, 2 nd Thursday, Camp Christmas Social – Trivia Quiz
14 Jan	E-board meeting
28 Jan	Camp Meeting

See the separate article for re-enactment schedule

PROGRAM

THE FLORIDA SECESSION CONVENTION

Compatriot **David Scott** will present the Florida Secession Convention. In particular David will discuss the role and personal history of one of his ancestors who participated in the convention.

We take great interest in programs that have personal connection to our compatriot's families participating in prominent events, that's real history.

PRAYER LIST

Compatriots Tom Watkins and Tim Cobb are still in need of remembrance in our thoughts and prayers due to long term illness.

OAKWOOD CEMETERY RICHMOND

From: johnonline839@comcast.net
Reply-to: keepers@myconfederateheritage.com
To: ptango@aol.com
Sent: 10/13/2009 9:46:09 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: [keepers] Oakwood MOA Signed - We are moving ahead!

I received word from Attorney Patrick McSweeney that the City of Richmond officials signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Richmond and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It was explained that the City of Richmond officials needed to sign the document first and then the SCV. The MOA signed by the city officials was sent to me, I signed it and sent it on to C-I-C McMichael for his signature. The signed document has been received by Attorney McSweeney and will be distributed to the appropriate agencies.

The signed MOA gives the Virginia Division SCV the authority to maintain the Confederate section of Oakwood, do improvements on this section and install upright markers for our Confederate heroes. Their final resting place will be marked with their names instead of numbers. We hope to order and install 75 upright stones a month depending on how quickly the Veterans Administration can complete them and send them to us. The VA asked that we order only 10 upright stones for a trial run and after that, we should be able to order 75 at a time.

The first set of 10 upright markers have been ordered from the Veterans Administration. Compatriot John Kindred sent me a list of the names and units of the first 10 stones. This list, and others as they are ordered, will be placed on the Virginia Division Web site and sent out on the Virginia Courier, as well as being placed in the Confederate Veteran Magazine. We do not have an installation date yet, as that will be determined by how long it takes to receive the stones but the installation date will be announced once the stones have arrived.

As you can see, the first set of 10 stones includes Confederate soldiers from Alabama,

Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. This is a project that will require the help of SCV units from across the Confederation. It will take years to install the stones according to the planned schedule that has been established. Again, this project is not merely a Virginia Division project. It is a National SCV project involving each and every member. We need your support and your monetary donations to see this project through, restoring dignity and honor to our Confederate Veterans whose final resting places have been too long neglected. Please consider joining the Friends & Descendants of Oakwood Confederate Cemetery and help in this endeavor. A link to the Virginia Division Web site regarding Oakwood can be found at: <http://www.scvva.org/Oakwood/index.html> and a donation form or Friends & Descendants form can be downloaded from there.

As per our Memorandum of Agreement, we must install the stones in order by section and row. Keep an eye on the Virginia Division Web site, Confederate Veteran Magazine and messages from the Virginia Courier for updates and announcements regarding installation dates and the names of the veterans in the group to be installed. Individual stones that have previously been placed by family members will be incorporated into the design of the upright stones (they will not be removed). The existing small numbered markers will also be incorporated into the design of the upright stones.

John Sawyer, Commander
Virginia Division SCV

Here are the first 10 stones ordered, they are Infantry and Privates unless otherwise noted. In this group they are all Infantry and privates---

Last Name
First Name
Regiment
Company
Date of Death
Age
Grave Site
State

Nelson
John
02
I
1861-08-29
24
AA 001
Fla

Kent
Jackson
02
I
1861-08-29
20

AA 002
Fla

Davis
Thomas
07
B
1861-09-11

AA 010
Sc

Sills
James
02
I
1861-09-16

23
AA 013
Fla

Harriss
William
01
G
1861
22
AA 008
Nc

Hogan
Thomas M
02
L
1861-09-09
19
AA 009
Fla

Powell
William J
02
F
1861-09-04
25
AA 004
Fla

Layton
B W
03

D
1861

AA 005
Sc

Bagwell
Daniel V
13
D
1861-09-13

AA 012
Ala

Green
Riley
02
I
1861-09-01
22
AA 003
Fla

HOMESTEAD VETERAN'S DAY HERITAGE VIOLATION

Sons of Confederate Veterans Headquarters
Columbia, TN

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has been informed that they may not march in the Homestead, Florida Veteran's Day Parade with the Confederate Battle Flag. The SCV is quite surprised by this anomaly. The SCV honors and respects the members of the VFW, in fact many veterans are members of both. All across the nation the SCV and VFW have worked together in harmony on many occasions to honor America's Veterans.

However, the SCV condemns the decision by the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Homestead, the sponsor of the parade, as the Confederate Battle Flag is a banner which denotes the valor and bravery of some of America's most renowned veterans - the Confederate Soldier. By denying the SCV participation in the parade the Homestead post of the VFW has shown that it is no longer an organization that supports the memory of Veterans but is instead more interested in promoting an agenda of political correctness.

For the last 90 years Confederate Veterans have been recognized as US Veterans by the United States Congress. The actions of the VFW show that they believe they have the authority to re-define who qualifies to be recognized as a veteran in defiance of congressional statute. Further, the actions of the VFW, in denying the SCV entry into the parade, are repugnant to the sacrifice made by many millions of veterans who have fought to preserve the Rights of Americans as established in the Constitution.

This arbitrary action of the Homestead VFW Post is an affront to Southerners of all colors and ethnic backgrounds whose ancestors served honorably in the military of the CSA, and today continue to lead the nation in voluntary service and casualties suffered by U. S. forces in conflicts around the world.

In these times all Americans should be drawn together, and American veterans equally recognized, rather than be torn apart by a small group who wishes to inject controversy and disruption into the rightful recognition of ALL American Veterans. It is also greatly disappointing that the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post is allowing itself to be used in this manner.

The SCV urges the community in Homestead, Florida to express their rightful disappointment that the memory of one group of American Veterans, Confederate Veterans, are being disparaged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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The SCV is a 501(c)3 non-profit historical and educational organization founded in 1896. See www.scv.org.

End of Release

HOMESTEAD VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

I'm glad to report that there isn't much to report. Today, I got off a twelve hour night shift and loaded my flags up. I arrived in Homestead at about 10:00 am and found a business I thought might be southern sympathetic and asked permission to park my pick up next to the parade route and they agreed.

I popped down the tailgate and secured one of my 4X4 square infantry battle flags and a 3x5 Navy flag to the side of the bed, with a lawn chair on the tail gate I had an excellent view of the parade and they had an excellent view of me.

Occurrences:

One police officer walked by and we waived, we recognized each other from the Rodeo. Two police officers walked by and kept on going, not even giving me a second look. One person from the Navy stopped and we talked for a few minutes about the military. A family and I talked for a few minutes about how important it is to teach your children Southern History at a young age as the schools don't. The most pleasant conversation was with an Army Major about the package I had. In it I have obituaries and photos of 3 friends that came home in body bags from Nam and one from Desert Storm. I told him I take my memories and dead friends to the Veterans Parade as much as I can (almost

every year). It's my way of remembering them. I think if he weren't in public and if he were in uniform it would have brought tears to his eyes, instead he was just speechless for a minute. No one from the news media stopped by or was even visible.

Observations:

The parade was less attended than in past years. Participants were also less or at least not as big. It was over in less time than in previous years. Walked down to the church and the reviewing stand was less crowded than in previous years, I guess less VIP's or dignitaries.

Of the people on the side of the road that I could identify, there was one black family with children, one couple and one black police officer seen. There were seven Mexican families and four groups of males. I believe three Cuban families and two Cuban couples. Two Anglo families and several other Anglo folks scattered. The **Latins** far out numbered everyone.

This was my very uneventful day. I went and conquered in my own small way and hardly anyone noticed. I got home at about 4 pm and finally got some sleep. We may not have been in the parade but at least we were represented on the side. Is there hope for next year? I doubt it.....

Yours in History and Southern Pride
Mike Mitchell

SCV TELEGRAPH

Active SCV members have recently received a post card, under the signature line of the Commander in Chief, inviting them to call a toll free number to update their personal information if they would like to be listed in the new 2010, Sesquicentennial SCV Membership Directory. This is a legitimate project approved by the GEC earlier this year.

This directory will be different from those previously published in 2001 and 2006 as there will be an opportunity for members to upload a photograph of either themselves or their ancestors. Members who agree to provide their information to be published will also be afforded an opportunity to reserve and purchase a directory. A member may also choose to not be included in the directory, and no member's personal information will be included without his express permission. If a member who does not want to be included may simply decline to call or respond by email if he receives an email invitation.

The Harris Connect Company which is the directory publisher, at the request of the SCV, purposely did not send notices to our members who are under 18 years of age. This decision was based upon feedback and comments from parents when the 2006 directory was published who did not want their minor children contacted by outside parties. If a family wishes to have the name of a member, aged 12 through 17, appear in the directory, they may feel free to contact Harris Connect at the toll free number to provide the correct listing information. 1-877-240-8473

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SCV TELEGRAPH

Beauvoir Announces Ground-Breaking for New Library:

Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home, will conduct a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum on at 2 PM on Sunday, December 6, 2009 (the 120th anniversary of Jefferson Davis' death).

The original Jefferson Davis Library opened in 1998 and was severely damaged in Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. Due to the damage caused by Katrina, the original library had to be demolished. The Combined Boards of Beauvoir have approved and signed a contract with J.C. Duke Contractors of Mobile for the construction of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library.

The construction of the new library is estimated to be 550 days (18 months) in duration and the new building will be a 25,500 sq. ft. structure.

The public is invited to attend the ground-breaking of the new library on Sunday December 6, 2009 at Beauvoir.

Beauvoir is located at 2244 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi 39531. Phone 228-388-4400.

web address: www.beauvoir.org

RE-ENACTING EVENTS

November 21-22 – 2009. The special Suwannee River Raid website is up and running. You don't want to miss this event. Please check the site out at <http://www.floridareenactorsonline.com/SuwanneeIndex.htm>. The new site should answer all your questions.

January 15, 16, 17, 2010. The 146th anniversary of the actual Federal raid on the town of Brooksville and the 29th annual Brooksville Raid, Brooksville, Florida. Hosted by the Hernando Historical Museum Assoc. and North Pinellas Scout Sertoma Club. The Brooksville Raid is known as the biggest and the best Civil War Reenactment in Florida. Last year over 2,000 reenactors, 21 cannons and 51 mounted cavalymen attended. <http://www.brooksvillereenactment.com/>

January 29, 30, 31, 2010. Road to Olustee Living History Weekend. Confederate camps will be engaged in typical period activities pertaining to being a soldier while civilian reenactors portray daily life in Jacksonville or on the farm. Union troops will have the opportunity to raid, scout and advance on the Confederate fortifications. Scripted scenarios will provide first person interpretation for reenactors and visitors alike. Skirmish raids on Saturday and a battle on Sunday. School day Friday. All proceeds benefit historic preservation at Camp Milton, <http://www.campmilton.com>. Sponsored by JaxParks, Preservation North Florida, the Golden Teacup Society and the Shady Grove Mess. For more information contact Shorty Robbins at shorty@coj.net or Diane Gleason at bzquilt@aol.com.

February 12, 13, 14, 2010. The Battle of Olustee reenactment, parade and Living History. Olustee Battlefield State Historic Site, Olustee, Florida. 146th Anniversary of the battle. The reenactment takes place on the actual site where the Battle of Olustee (Ocean Pond) was fought. Visit with thousands of Civil War reenactors, tour the camps, and see demonstrations of all types. Best gathering of Civil War sutlers at any Civil War event with 80+ sutlers in attendance. Friday is School Day. Battles Saturday and Sunday. Full scale artillery only. The Olustee Battle Festival Parade will begin at 10:30 AM in Lake City.

March 5, 6, 7, 2010. 144th Anniversary of the Battle of Natural Bridge (33 reenactment) - Woodville, Fla. (Near Tallahassee) Sponsored by the Leon Rifles, Florida Park Service and The Natural Bridge Historical Society. Battles both days/ very relaxed event. No participant fees. Sunday's opening ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. The battle begins 2:30 p.m. no fees. This reenactment of the 144th Anniversary of the 1865 Civil War battle which defeated the Union takeover of Tallahassee, the only Confederate capital east of the Mississippi which didn't fall into Union hands. It is fought on the actual battlefield. The state has acquired more land and we are hopeful it will be ready for use this year.

March 20th & 21st 2010. 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville:
www.bentonville145.com

March 26, 27, 28, 2010. The 17th annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill. St. Cloud Fla. southeast of Orlando by Kissimmee. Sponsored by the Jacob Summerlin Camp #1516 Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Battlefield is on 150 acres of open and wooded.
<http://www.jacobsummerlin.org/ed2007.pdf>

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 next month: 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.

