



THE SHARPSHOOTER



COMMON MEN UNCOMMON DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE

Commander's Corner



This month's event is Confederate Memorial Day which will be held on April 29, 2017 at 10:30 am in Evergreen Cemetery. Confederate Memorial Day has been held in Jacksonville's Cemeteries since the early 1900's at the final resting places of our Southern Heroes, even during World Wars and national crises. And every year we proudly continue that tradition, and this year will be our 114th anniversary. The Confederate burial plot located in Evergreen Cemetery is maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and it will be at the center of this year's activity. The event will focus on honoring the memory of our Confederate Ancestors and their sacrifices. This year's celebration includes a family oriented picnic and the camp is providing the fried chicken. The membership is encouraged to bring a dish that will complement the lunch. This event is open to friends and family and we hope to have the event full of kids enjoying the occasion. We challenge every member to get involved this year and be a part in showing the public that our Confederate Ancestors are not a footnote in history. It is our hope that when future generations study the Confederate soldier, they will quickly come to understand that there has never been, before or after the "War Between the States", a warrior quite like that "Southern Knight". As a combat soldier, who was more akin to the various "special forces" of numerous militaries around the world than he was to the "regular" soldiers we are acquainted with today. It is impossible to overlook the fact that 800,000 sometimes badly equipped, badly clothed, badly fed, but wonderfully led Confederate soldiers managed to hold at bay 2-1/2 million federal troops for four of the longest, bloodiest years in American history. They were masterful at the art of war. Yet, a humble soldier that General Robert E. Lee simply described as a citizen soldier doing his duty.

God Bless the South
 Commander Calvin Hart
 Camp #1209
 Jacksonville, Florida

CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ -Camp Meeting
Confederate Memorial Day
April 29, 2017 –
Saturday 10:30am @
Evergreen Cemetery
- ◆ Executive Board
meeting At Uncle
Dave's May 1st,
2017@ 6:30pm



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No people in the history of the world have ever been so misunderstood, so misjudged, and so cruelly maligned.

(John Brown Gordon)



Lest They Be Forgotten ...

April 29, 2017 Confederate Memorial Day

Evergreen Cemetery @ 10:30 AM

Directions to Martha Reid's Confederate Cemetery Plot



At Evergreen Cemetery
4535 Main Street 32206



At Main Entrance of Cemetery, turn right onto Winona Drive. Turn left at Gate #5 and bare left onto Magnolia Avenue. Gate #5 is past the railroad tracks and the Jewish Cemetery section is on the left just before Gate #5.

Our cemetery plot is on the left side of road, past cross road of Walnut Drive.

If you get lost, call 904-226-1837

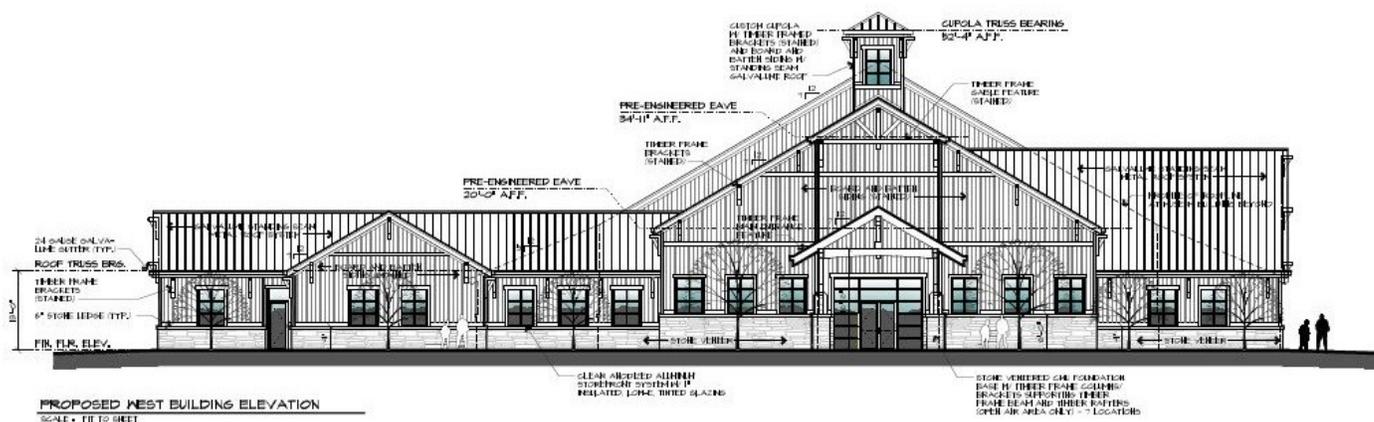


**I AM A PROUD
DESCENDANT
OF A CONFEDERATE
SOLDIER**

The Kirby-Smith Camp#1209 is inviting the community to an afternoon of celebration, food and family fun at its annual Confederate Memorial Day picnic and Family Fun-fest on Saturday, April 29. For years, Confederate Memorial Day has been a beloved tradition for the entire camp. We're hoping to add and enhance this tradition, by inviting friends and family to a good old fashioned celebration honoring the men and women who served our beloved South. The event will begin at 10:30am. Immediately following the dedication service at Evergreen Cemetery the picnic will begin. We are encouraging all those that attend to bring a picnic dish. The Camp will provide the fried chicken and drinks.

S.C.V. The Last Defense for Southern Heritage

Attention: Kirby Smith Camp 1209



As many of you already know, the SCV is in the process of building a “state of the art” museum at our headquarters in Columbia, TN to preserve our Confederate Heritage before it is too late. A challenge has been issued for all SCV Camps to raise \$1,000.00 toward this goal. We are asking our members to donate what they can toward reaching and hopefully exceeding this goal. Our member, Chuck Stokes has stepped up and offered to match all donations up to \$500.00. All the money raised will be donated in person at the National Convention in July in Memphis, TN. That gives us over three months to raise all we can for this project. Let us show the entire SCV what Kirby Smith can do for the cause!

Please send any and all donations to:

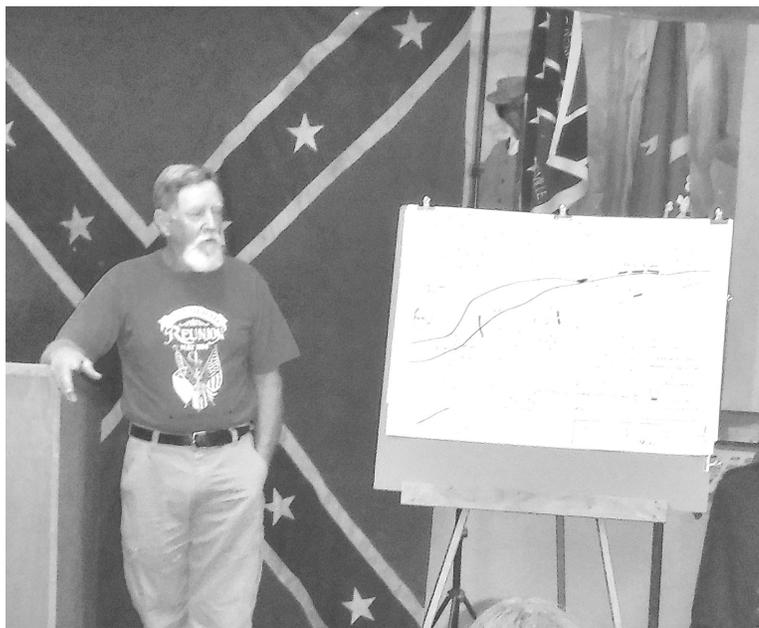
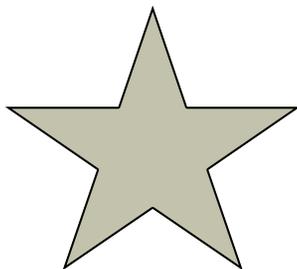
Kirby Smith Camp 1209

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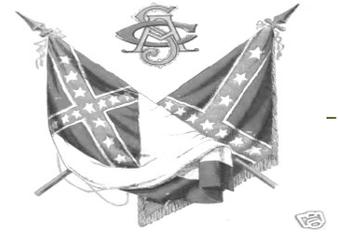
Thank you so much for your support!



SOUTHERN RIGHTS WILL BE DEFENDED BY
SOUTHERN MEN.



This March's speaker was Compatriot Larry Skinner, who spoke on the Battle of Olustee. Although many in the room knew of the Battle of Olustee, Larry filled in all the blanks and troops movements during the battle. The presentation was informative and compelling and enjoyed by all that were present.



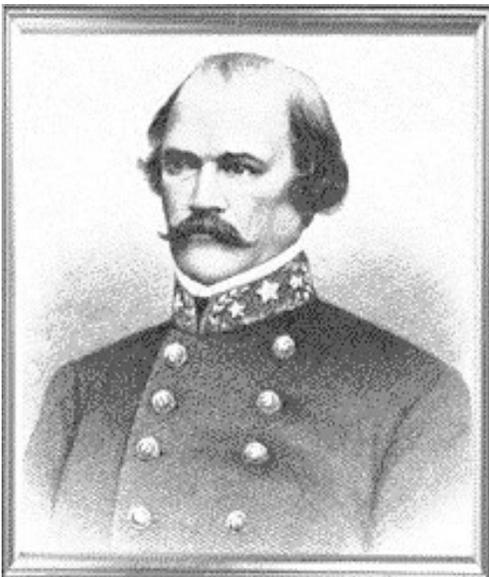
REVIEW OF OLD CITY CEMETERY WORK DAY

The Reaper Crew cleaned the Confederate Plot in the Old City Cemetery. The irrigation system in the plot was repaired and expanded to cover more area of the Confederate section. The Confederate section reminds people we care about our ancestors and we remain solid in our commitment.



NEW MEMBERS JOINING KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209

Bradley Parker — Ancestor Montgomery L. Broward Marion's Lt. Artillery Fla.
Stephan Wilson—Ancestor Harvey Goddard 1st Fla. Cavalry
Eric Scott Jr. — Ancestor Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston Army of the Mississippi

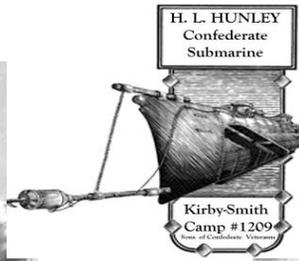


Albert Sidney Johnston

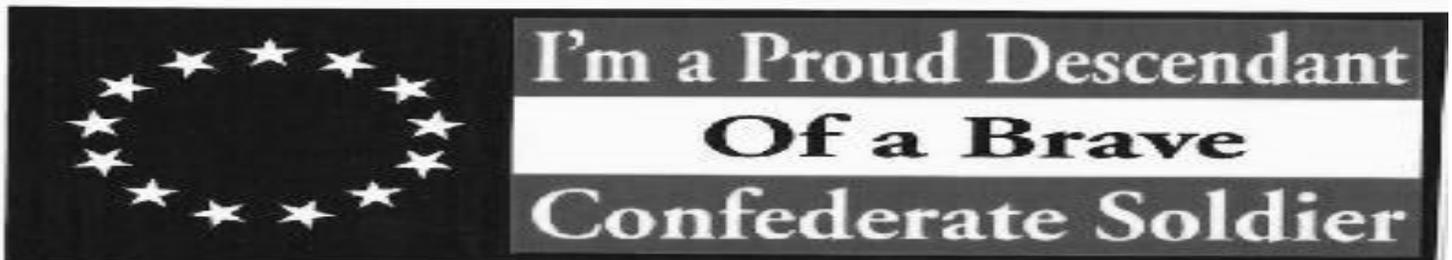
There is a mild controversy among historians as to who actually killed Albert Sidney Johnston at Shiloh. The Kentucky born general had adopted Texas as his home state and because of his friendship with Jefferson Davis was made the highest ranking field general in the Confederate Army. Davis had once said, "If Johnston is not a general, then we have no general." What is known about Johnston's death is that he led a charge against the Peach Orchard sector of the battlefield. He was struck in the back of the knee, the bullet slicing his popliteal artery and he bled to death on the field. There is more to the story, however. On February 7, 1837, Johnston fought a duel with Texas General Felix Huston. He was struck in the hip by a pistol ball. The wound damaged a nerve in Johnston's right leg and he lost a good bit of sensation as a result. When he was struck by the bullet at Shiloh, he had no idea that he'd been wounded. Johnston wore high riding boots and the blood poured into his boot and as a result was unnoticed by members of his staff. It wasn't until moments later that he was observed under a tree slumping in the saddle. His staff took him off his horse and carried him into a nearby ravine and searched for the wound. When they removed his boot, they found it filled with blood. Ironically, Johnston carried a tourniquet with him, but none of his staff understood how to use it. Johnston soon lapsed into unconsciousness and died.



March 10, 2017—Jacksonville, Florida. Cadet Major Daniel Donovan (left) of the Bartram Trail High School Air Force JROTC is awarded the H. L. Hunley Medal by Commander Odeen L. Tyre, U. S. Navy (Retired) on behalf of the Kirby-Smith Camp #1209, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Jacksonville, Florida. The Florida Division camp presented the medal during the unit's annual Dining Out in a mess packed with cadets, families and guests.



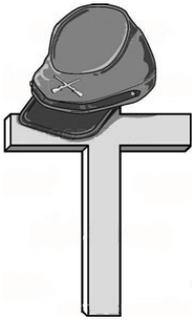
March 10, 2017—Jacksonville, Florida. Cadet Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Brandon Ives of the Robert E. Lee High School Navy JROTC (right) is awarded the H. L. Hunley Medal by Commander Odeen L. Tyre, U. S. Navy (Retired) on behalf of the Kirby-Smith Camp #1209, Jacksonville, Florida. The Florida Division camp presented the medal to a packed audience of parents and friends at the unit's annual Awards Ceremony in the school auditorium



Confederate Incendiary Bullets!



In the course of the siege of Vicksburg, Union troops were inching their entrenchments ever closer to the C.S. fortifications in one area by working behind a rail car piled high with cotton bales for protection. One of the Confederate regiments that faced this unique method of entrenching activity was the 3rd Louisiana. Lt. Washburn, of the 3rd LA, having no access to any artillery to put a stop to the Union advancement, devised a clever method... of destroying the Union cotton bale protection. Lt. Washburn took their Enfield ammunition, removed the wood base plugs, and filled the base cavities with cotton well soaked in turpentine. When fired from a musket the cotton packed in the bases of the bullets ignited and was still burning when they embedded themselves in the offending cotton bales. The cotton bales piled on the rail car then ignited and turned the whole thing into a ball of flame, which burned everything right down to the axles! Lt. Washburn's clever fabrication of incendiary bullets stopped the Union's advance on that sector of the Confederate lines. Hats off to Lt. Washburn, 3rd LA, CSA for his invention!



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Confederate Memorial Day Service April 29, 2017

Evergreen Cemetery— . @ 10:30 AM—

Please make Plans to Attend call 730-0343 for information



Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. Captain, that is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave.

(Stonewall Jackson)