



THE SHARPSHOOTER

COMMON MEN UNCOMMON DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

"Duty is ours; consequences are God's." --- General Stonewall Jackson



I WANT YOU

TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209



CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ Camp Meeting:
October 17, 201 7@
7pm at the Museum of Southern History
- ◆ Cemetery Work Day
Saturday October 21,
2015 @ 8:30am Old City Cemetery
- ◆ Executive Board meeting At Uncle Dave's Nov. 6, 2015 @ 6:30pm



WHY WE WILL ULTIMATELY WIN THIS BATTLE...



Because we love it a whole lot more than they hate it

Kirby-Smith Camp #1209

If *** is after your name on the address label your membership fees are due.



If there are other Compatriots who are passionate about a subject and would like to be a featured speaker, please let Camp Historian Jim Shillinglaw (shillcw@yahoo.com) know so that you can be scheduled. Sharing your knowledge with the membership strengthens the entire camp.

Next camp Meeting: October 17, 2017

Museum of Southern History at 7PM

Speaker: Hal Schemer



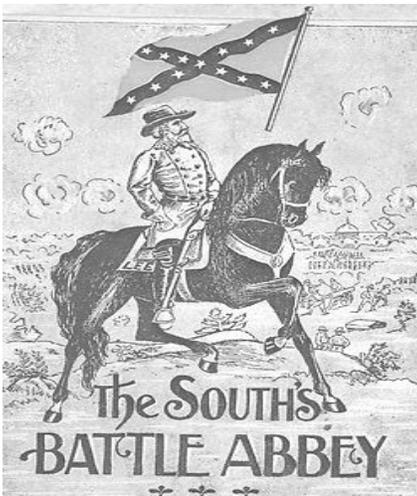
We are preparing the H.L. Hunley exhibit for upcoming events. One event for the Confederate submarine will be on at the Veteran's Event November 11, at the Harley Davidson dealership located at 8909 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville, FL. If you would like to be a part of Camp#1209 event, please call myself (730-0343) or 1st Lt. Chris Bunton (777-5111).

The Annual Lee and Jackson Celebration will be held on January 28, at Maggianos located at the Town Center, look for information in upcoming Sharpshooter.

The dues collection process continues and the renewals arrive daily. We are working hard to complete this task and get all renewals submitted. Sending your dues in quickly is one important way you can assist Camp #1209. The process of collecting the dues takes time and effort that we could be focusing toward other projects; please consider filling out the renewal form and getting it to us just as soon as possible. National S.C.V. charges a late fee of \$5 per membership, so help us avoid that costly overhead fee and renew today. Your membership is one of the most important components of Kirby-Smith as there is strength in numbers and it is a point of pride to say "Kirby-Smith is the Largest Camp in the Confederation". To those members that have already sent your dues, the camp says "Thank You" for your continued membership and support. Special 'Thanks' to those that sent in extra for the Cause, those funds go to support projects including historical projects and Confederate cemetery restoration. If * is after your name on the address label your membership fees are due. If there are any questions on your dues renewal, please give me at call at 904-730-0343.**

This month's Camp meeting will be on October 17th, and our guest speaker will be Camp Communication Officer Hal Schemer. Hal will do a presentation on "Active Shooter Prevention and Preparedness". Active shooter incidents are often unpredictable and evolve quickly in today's world. In the midst of the chaos, anyone can play an integral role in mitigating the impacts of an active shooter incident. The Camp as a public service aims to enhance preparedness to help you prepare for and respond to an active shooter incident. Although this presentation is different from our normal historical presentations, we feel that in the interest of safety of our camp members and family in the world that we live today it is appropriate. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your friends to a meeting they will thoroughly enjoy and may save their life. The Old City Cemetery Clean Up is on October 21, members are encouraged to bring gloves. Look for a review of the Rifles Rails and History event that the camp starred in next month in the Sharpshooter.

**God Bless the South! Commander Calvin J. Hart
Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 Jacksonville Florida
The Largest S.C.V. Camp in the Confederation**



This posting is a reminder to the men *not listed below* that we must have your renewal dues quickly. I would like to take this opportunity now to thank you for your past support which has helped our camp perform phenomenally, particularly over the last year. . If you do not feel there is enough time for you to respond through the mail by the, you may charge by phone (904) 730-8932 or e-mail Dave Nelson at uncledv@fdn.com your credit card information . Again, we do appreciate your past support and are in need of your current support. Please respond today with your \$57 enclosed with the form provided inside this issue.

You have our heartfelt thanks!

Executive board of Kirby-Smith Camp #1209

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



CHARLES C. HEMMING

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BY CAMP MEMBER DAVID LLOYD

Charles Cornelius Hemming was born in Jacksonville on 16 September 1844 to John Charles Hemming and Maria Olivia DuPont. His father, John had migrated from England, worked as a bookkeeper and was a veteran of the Third Seminole War. John was also a member of the 16th Florida Regular Militia. When the hostilities with the North started, John was deemed too old for service but Charles enlisted as a Private in July 1861 at Fort Steele in the Jacksonville Light Infantry also known as Company A of the Third Florida Infantry.

The Confederacy purchased the schooner, America in 1860, a British built vessel that was used as a blockade runner. It is the namesake of today's America's Cup yacht races. In the Spring of 1862 as Union troops were approaching Jacksonville in order to occupy it, John Hemming and son, Charles boarded the America which was docked at the Jacksonville wharf, sailed her to a creek on the west side of the St. Johns River and scuttled the vessel to keep it out of Union hands.

With the Third Florida Infantry Charles Hemming fought in most of the battles of the Western theater with the Army of Tennessee. He was

wounded at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. In April 1863 he was promoted to First Sergeant. He was captured at Missionary Ridge and sent to prison at Rock Island, Illinois. The winter of 1863 was one of the coldest in years. The Union officer who presided over the prison camp tried to get Hemming to spill the beans and give up secrets of the Confederacy. Hemming refused and was chained in irons outside in the brutal cold weather for three days. In September 1864 he escaped from prison dressed in a made up Union uniform. He travelled to Canada where he joined a group of raiders whose goal was to free Confederates from prison in Canada. He escaped capture a few more times in Canada before being sent on a mission in January 1865 to deliver dispatches to the Confederate War Department in Richmond. He made his way to Richmond by catching a boat to Havana, Cuba, then travelling to Florida by boat, and then continuing to Virginia mostly by foot. After delivering the dispatches, Hemming rejoined the Third Florida Infantry in Greensboro, North Carolina. In February 1865 he was promoted to a Sergeant Major for meritorious conduct He stayed with his unit until its surrender.

In 1866 after the war Hemming followed his boyhood dream of moving out west. He moved to Galveston, Texas where he worked as a laborer on the docks and in the mercantile business in Brenham, Texas. It was here that Charles met and married Lucy Keys and they had nine children. In 1870 he got a job as a cashier at the Giddings and Giddings Bank in Brenham where he remained until 1881. At that time he moved to Gainesville, Texas where he worked as a cashier and later president of the Gainesville National Bank. He was the President of the Texas State Bankers' Association and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Eventually he moved his family to Colorado Springs where he amassed quite a fortune.

On February 22nd 1896 the United Confederates Veterans held their Florida state reunion in Ocala. It was here the Charles Hemming announced to the reunion of a plan to erect a Confederate monument in Jacksonville. After visiting a few sites he decided on St. James Park because of its fine fountain, Hemmings contracted with George Mitchell to make the 62 foot high monument topped with a bronze figure of a Confederate soldier.

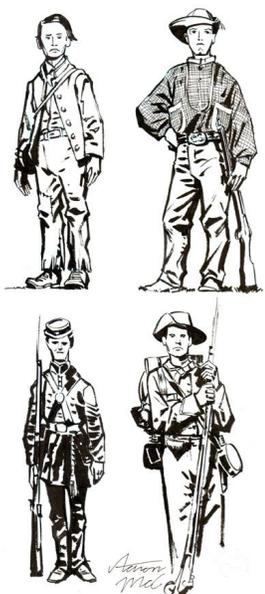
Hemming wanted only the most durable materials to be used for the monument as he wanted it to last for a thousand years. The figure's kepi has a hat badge on it with the letter J L I which stands for the Jacksonville Light Infantry. The base of the monument is inscribed: To the Soldiers of Florida. This shaft is by a comrade raised in testimony of his love, recalling deeds immortal, heroism unsurpassed. With ranks unbroken, ragged, starved and decimated, the Southern soldier for duty's sake, undaunted, stood to the front of the battle until no light remained to illumine the field of carnage, save the luster of his chivalry and courage. Nor shall your glory be forgot, While fame her record keeps. Or honor points the hallowed spot where valor proudly sleeps. The monument was a gift of Charles Hemming to the City of Jacksonville and was installed in the park in 1898 to a great fanfare with many dignitaries attending. In 1899, Jacksonville renamed it Hemming Park to honor him. The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Florida Division was established in 1898 and the first camp was the Charles C. Hemming Camp #80 in Ocala.

Charles Hemming died in Colorado Springs on 27 May 1916 and is buried beside his wife in Evergreen Cemetery there. His obituary appeared in the Jacksonville newspaper and the Confederate Veteran magazine among other publications.



Dance & Brothers

The J.H. Dance & Brothers revolver was the idea of a group of patriotic Texas brothers and cousins who operated a machine shop in Columbia, Texas. They had no experience in making firearms but produced a well made but simplified copy of the Colt Dragoon pistol in .44 and .36 calibers. Overall production of the pistols never topped 500 units, most of which went to Texas cavalry units. The Dance brothers themselves enlisted and served in Texas cavalry units but eventually most were detailed to the factory along with about 24 of their fellow cavalymen to serve as workers. The Confederacy needed arms-makers more than it needed cavalymen. Like the Spiller & Burr company, the Dance Brothers had to move their factory for fear of Union attack and the Confederate government eventually bought them out. I examined revolver serial number 216, which is one of the finest examples extant. It showed very good workmanship, and matching numbers were in evidence on major parts. The slab-sided iron frame characteristic of the Dance pistol would have greatly simplified manufacturing since the frame could be simply cut from a solid bar versus forging or casting the frame with the recoil shields in place. The downside of this design is the lack of protection for the percussion caps on the nipples.



New Members Joining Kirby-Smith Camp #1209



Shade Hancock III — Ancestor James Hancock 11th Fla. Infantry
 Kim Hoffecker — Transferred — Long Time Camp Compatriot
 James Reuter — Burrell Shirley 46th Mississippi Infantry



Please join us for a

KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209

LEE AND JACKSON CELEBRATION DINNER

Sunday, January 28

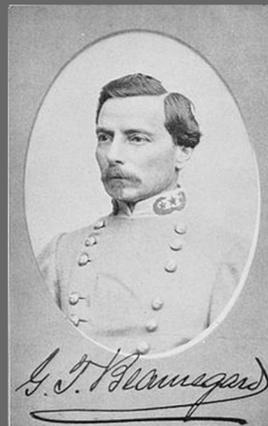
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Maggiano's Little Italy

10367 Midtown Pkwy, Jacksonville, FL 32246 St. Johns Town Center
Questions Call Cmdr. Calvin Hart :(904) 730-0343 or email: calvinhart@bellsouth.net



Event will include a gourmet four course meal,
Army of Tenn. Cmdr. Larry Allen McCluney as General P. G. T. Beauregard
festive ambiance, & more.

Join the excitement of watching the show as we come
together for this celebratory event.

LIMITED SEATING

Please Send In Your Reservations As Soon as Possible
Your Attendance Is Required to Make This Event Successful
Entire Tables Can Be Reserved/ Business Attire



**Last Posted
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Renew Your
Membership
Now!
Avoid late
Fee**



**Your Voice and
Membership is
Important!
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Please fill out the renewal form below completely and place in envelop along with the check. If you have a change of address or new phone number please make note of change on form. The dues are broken down as follows:

Total Membership renewal: \$57.00 (\$30 for National \$15 for Fla. S.C.V. / \$12 for Kirby-Smith Camp #1209)

If You are a S.C.V. Life Member renewal \$27 (15 for Fla. S.C.V. / \$12 for Kirby-Smith Camp #1209)

If you are both a S.C.V. Life Member & S.C.V. State Life Member renewal: \$12 (Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 dues)

National charges at Late fee of \$5 per member

Extra for the Cause: Extra funds donated to the camp finance the many projects that Camp #1209 is involved during the year such as but not limited to: Confederate Heritage Projects (historical markers), Cemetery Restoration Projects, purchasing Confederate headstones, Camp Newsletter production costs, Confederate Memorial Day events, Recruitment events and living history displays (every dollar counts and no amount is too small and all funds will be put to use in the most advantageous ways). **If you are non-member receiving the Camp Newsletter, please consider sending a donation to cover postal charges.**

We are not unaware of how the economy has affected the Nation and our Membership. Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 is dedicated to leaving no member behind. We have several options in place to assist with membership renewal issues such as: credit card option (get in touch with David Nelson @ Uncle Davey's Americana 730-8932), payment plan options (get in touch with Commander Calvin Hart @ 730-0343 for any and all membership questions)

CUT AND MAIL BELOW RENEWAL FORM TO: **Calvin Hart 4884 Victoria Chase Ct Jacksonville, FL 32257**

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S.C.V. Membership Renewal \$52.00

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Reaper Crew Of September Cemetery Work Day



***Upcoming
 Cemetery
 Work Day
 Oct. 21,
 2017
 at
 Old City
 Cemetery
 @ 8:30am***