



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 28, 2018 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 116th 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 28, 2018 –
Saturday 10:30am @
Evergreen Cemetery
- ◆ Executive Board meeting At Uncle Dave's May 7th, 2017@ 6:30pm



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JOIN US AT THE 2018 CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



"All the South has ever desired was that the Union as established by our forefathers should be preserved; and that the government as originally organized should be administered in purity and truth"-Gen Robert E Lee



Lest They Be Forgotten ...

*April 28, 2018 Confederate Memorial Day
Evergreen Cemetery @ 10:30 AM*

Directions to Martha Reid's Confederate Cemetery Plot



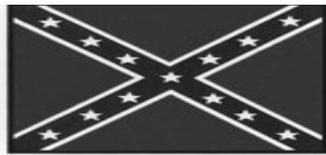
At Evergreen Cemetery
4535 Main Street 32206



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 28. 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

The Time is now to get into the Fight to Save our Confederate Monuments

Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 is at every City Council Meeting . It is time for you to help us push back in this fight! They think they can run over us and stomp the very Southern Heritage we hold so dear. It is now time for us to fight and as in the military, as in any organization, giving the order might be the easiest part. Execution is the real game. The first course of action is letting the city council know that we are concerned about the attacks on our Monuments in Jacksonville and we will not stand for the removal of these monuments which commemorate American Veterans. We need you to get involved in this fight; the simplest and first thing is to write a note and place in the enclosed addressed envelope to a council member. Put a stamp on the envelope and place in the mail. We need your support in this fight and without it we will lose these monuments it's that simple. Just like the Confederate volunteer soldier, you are fighting for country and your rights, and that you are the most reliable soldier on earth.

The letter should explain why you want the monuments to remain where they have been located 117 years. These are Veteran's monuments commemorating their patriotism and to take them down is saying you don't support Veterans. That is one talking point. Be respectful in your letter but get your message conveyed in writing. We are depending on everyone who receives this newsletter to take the time to write a short note and place it in envelope, stamp and mail it. Your Camp needs you and your ancestor needs your support.

Remember When
Southern Boys
Were Proud of
Their Heritage?
Some
Still Are!

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GET INTO THE FIGHT SON!



OLD CITY CEMETERY

WORK DAY THIS

***MONTH IS ON APRIL 21, 2018 AT
8:30 AM—LETS COME TOGETHER TO***

SHOW RESPECT FOR OUR

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE



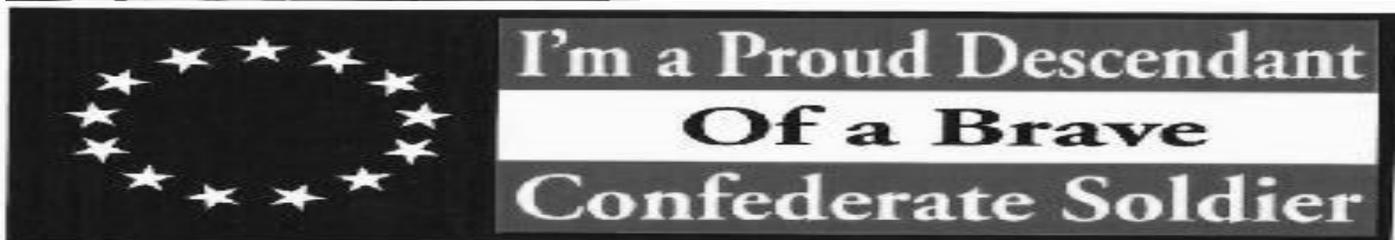
NEW MEMBERS JOINING KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209

**John Brinson — Ancestor John Brinson 7th Ga. Cavalry
James Ezell—Ancestor Simeon Ezell 2nd Ala. Infantry
Neal Tarkington — Ancestor Willaim Bellamy 1st FL Infantry**

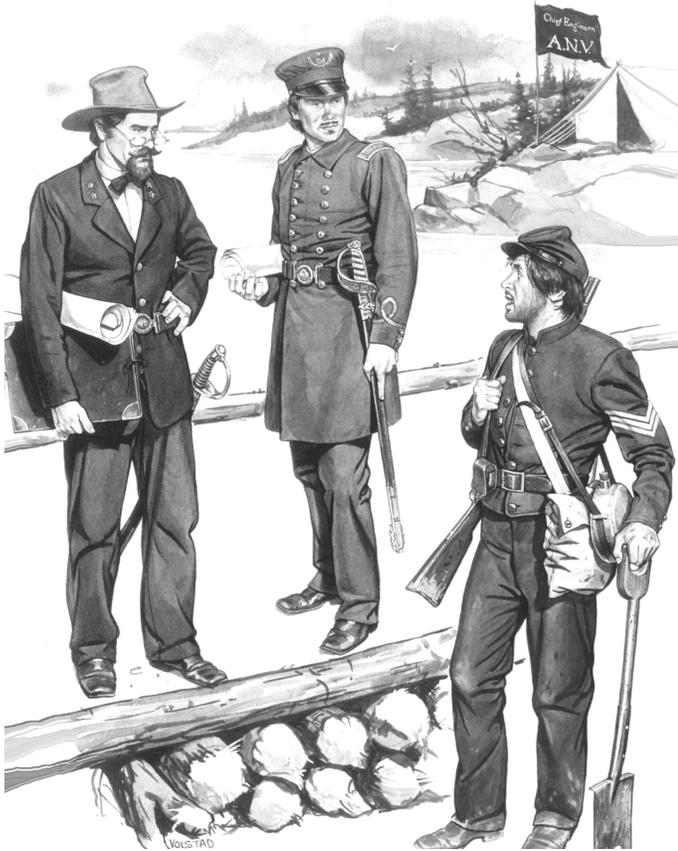
Camp #1209 March Meeting Review



This March's speaker was Compatriot Bodie Catlin, who spoke on the Nathan Bedford Forrest. Although many in the room knew of Nathan Forrest, Bodie filled in all the blanks and brought the General to Life The presentation was informative and compelling and enjoyed by all that were present.



Confederate Engineers in the War Between the States

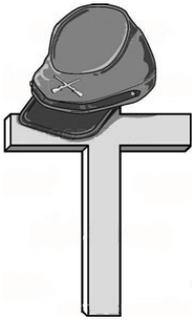


On 6 March 1861, after the South seceded from the United States, the provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America passed "an act for the establishment and organization of the (Confederate) Army." Among other provisions, it called for the establishment of the Confederate Corps of Engineers. [3] Since the primary source of men trained in the skills of artillery and engineering for the United States was West Point, those who attended classes together, as well as those who provided the instruction, chose sides when the Civil War began. (For example, in January 1861, the superintendent of West Point was Captain P.G.T. Beauregard. Four months later--as a newly promoted general--his troops opened fire on South Carolina's Fort Sumter a Union fort commanded by Major R. Anderson, who years earlier had been the artillery instructor for cadet Beauregard at West Point. The Union Army received the greater share of these officers and the experience they brought with them. Of the 65 cadets who had resigned from West Point and accepted commissions in the Confederate Army by May 1861, only seven were in the Corps of Engineers. An additional 13 officers were inherited from the academy faculty, but seven of them were soon detached outside the Corps of Engineers. With its limited cadre and without a source of

training for new engineers, the Confederate Army, like the Union Army, would suffer from a critical shortage of engineer officers. The Confederate Army, however, did a better job of overcoming this shortage. Its establishment of an Engineer Corps and an improvised organization of dedicated engineer troops gained the Confederacy numeric superiority with regard to its engineers. In 1863, the Confederate Congress passed legislation assigning a company of engineer troops to every division in the field. The troops were to be drawn from each division and selected based on their experience in the mining or construction trades. Each company consisted of 100 men commanded by a captain and three lieutenants. The newly formed companies (4,000 soldiers, who were dedicated to engineer operations) were superior to the Union Army's ad hoc system, which relied on employing soldiers as engineers as needed. By 1865, the Confederate Army had many more engineer officers in the field than the Union Army. The Confederate Engineer Corps had 13 regular officers, 115 provisional officers drawn mostly from civilian engineers, and an additional 188 non-engineer officers assigned to engineer troops. This compared to the Union's 866 engineers. The engineer troops of the Confederacy were generally committed to constructing and improving field fortifications deployed to the coastal and interior defenses, and it was in this capacity that they were superior to their Union counterparts. At times, engineers were used to maintain and improve the Confederate rail system, but here the Union Army excelled, both in its utilization of the engineers and its logistical support of the rail system.

The creative use of the resources available was what set the Confederacy apart from the Union. Another lasting contribution of the Confederate engineers was the development of new weapons systems. The innovations employed by the Confederate engineer units during the Civil War were remarkable. Field fortifications dominated the Confederate defensive operations and were extensively employed in their offensive operations. A zigzag system of trenches, which had never been used in field operations, protected the approach. Such entrenchment methods previously had been used exclusively for siege operations.

Look for Part 2 of this Informative Series Article in Next Month's Newsletter



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Confederate Memorial Day Service April 28, 2018

Evergreen Cemetery— . @ 10:30 AM—

Please make Plans to Attend call 730-0343 for information



Chaplain Uniforms and accessories
Epaulet of Confederate
Chaplain Lachlan C. Vass

A doctor today would never prescribe the treatments my grandfather used in the Confederate Army, but a minister says pretty much the same thing today that a minister would have said back then.