

# THE SHARPSHOOTER

COMMON MEN UNCOMMON DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE

We are the first and last defense of Southern Heritage

## Commander's Corner

## THE Most Active Camp in the S.C.V.

To my fellow Compatriots:

It's final month to renew your membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Kirby-Smith Camp #1209. You are part of a grassroots network of men in communities across the country. Without your participation and dues support, the S.C.V. could not fulfill its commitment to defending the Honor and Heritage of our gallant Confederate Soldiers and remain a voice for Southern culture. Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 is where hands on work to safeguard Confederate History leads to civic awareness and improvement. Join the S.C.V. and be directly involved in shaping the important issues to keep our Southern Heritage strong, safe and vibrant. Your membership means that Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 can continue to be an active and vital part of the community. We cannot do it without you!

*Special Notice: For those that have paid and stars are on your address label, the newsletter is prepared weeks ahead of time and will updated labels next cycle.*

Through the support of members like you, we are now the largest camp in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our camp activities have established us as the authority of Confederate history and defense. Your participation and dues make these and other valuable services possible. Every member strengthens Camp #1209s civic clout. Even when you don't have the time to be personally involved, your membership dues support the actions of other camp members who work tirelessly for the defense and recognition of your ancestor's values. As a member, you make everything we do possible. Please renew your membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans by returning the enclosed renewal form before the end of the month so you can continue to receive mailings without interruption. Thank you for your membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Your involvement is important and very much appreciated.

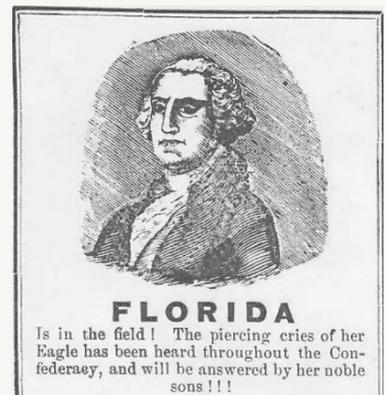
God Bless the South! Commander Calvin J. Hart

Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 Jacksonville, Fla.



## CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ Camp Meeting: September 18, 2018 @ 7pm at the Museum of southern History
- ◆ Cemetery Work Day Saturday Sept. 22, 2016@ 8:30am Old City Cemetery
- ◆ Executive Board meeting At Uncle Dave's Oct. 1 @ 6:30pm



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



## A Statement From The Commander-In-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Compatriots,**

On Monday, August 20, 2018, the purveyors of Southern destruction struck once again in Chapel Hill, NC, on the UNC campus. They demonstrated their ISIS like actions when they toppled the "Silent Sam" monument that stood in honor of the students that answered the call of the Confederacy to protect their homes. "Silent Sam" has stood for over 100 years on the UNC campus. Despite warnings to the UNC administration and requests for police protection of state property, an unruly gang of activists took the law into its own hands. The National leadership of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans condemn, in the strongest terms, the action that took place in Chapel Hill, NC. However, this is not enough.....because those who wish to eradicate everything Southern, could care less about what we think. We all know the media, politicians, special interest minority groups and the out-of-control-crowd like we witnessed Monday night, control the narrative. This is why I have been working on a plan with Chief of Heritage Operations, Donnie Kennedy, to take back control of the narrative....."The Southern Victory Campaign. "This plan will be explained in the next several issues of the Confederate Veteran Magazine. Once you receive this information, we will need you to become a part of the "Confederate Legion. "Right now, our immediate attention is with our brothers in North Carolina. I have every confidence Commander Kevin Stone, as well as the NC Division, is on top of this situation. However, the National leadership stands at the ready to assist if necessary.

**Paul Gramling, Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons Of Confederate Veterans**



**Get you and your ancestor  
listed in the  
2020 SCV REUNION Program  
for information go to  
[www.scv2020reunion.com](http://www.scv2020reunion.com)  
under  
Program / Ancestor Memorial**

Mr. Hart,

I had the pleasure of receiving the Sons of Confederate Veterans Award that was presented by PFC Patrick Kidson. The award is special to me because we are going to see the Hunley in May. Thank you for the

Award again, I will wear the medal & the ribbon with pride & honor

Thank You,

-C/LTJG Zackary Westgate

**A letter by a ROTC Cadet thanking the membership for his Hunley Award**

## Workdays at Ft. Clinch

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> workday of this summer held at Ft. Clinch in Fernandina. The 1<sup>st</sup> being in June and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in July. The purpose of these workdays is to help in the maintenance of the Fort and to enhance the over all visitor experience. The first and second workdays dealt with raising the height of the Chemin de Ronde on the North side with sand to the proper height for an average sized soldier to fire his musket through the loopholes in the outer wall, shoveling and sweeping sand off the walkways on the East, West and South sides that had built up due to erosion. Restuffing mattresses with straw for the Barracks beds, building ammo boxes and tables and sweeping the sand out of all the Bastions.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> workday 2 members of Kirby-Smith camp 1209 joined members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Florida Co. F and others to volunteer our time to the Fort. Joey Browning and Jim Murphy started by making triangular forms to stack cannon balls in. Other volunteers began painting the ammo boxes that were made during previous workdays. After this work was done we moved into the West Bastion to lift a 24pound cannon back into it's carriage. Using straps, chain fall, and a cannon gin the work began. Let me tell you it's not easy lifting a 1000lb cannon back in place. It gave me insight as to how hard the soldiers work really was. We had to oil the chain fall to try and loosen it up and decided that would be a good time to break for lunch. The food, tea and tons of water were given to the volunteers by the Park Service and prepared by Fort Rangers Frank Ofeldt and Andy Smith.



After our meal it was back to work to finish the lift on the first cannon. Once it was in place, all the volunteers and material moved from the West Bastion to the East, where 2 more cannons waited to be lifted back in place. Since we now had experience lifting the first cannon, these 2 went a lot quicker. Work started at 9am and we were finished

with everything right at 3pm.

Another volunteer workday has been scheduled for next month, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Some volunteers come from more then a few hours away and can stay overnight in the air-conditioned Museum. We normally go to the Beach Diner on Sadler Rd. for breakfast and then after the work in finished, showers are available to all in the camp grounds. Then it's into town for dinner at any number of restaurants. After dinner it's back to the museum to enjoy a movie on the DVD player. If anyone is interested in joining us for the September workday, please contact me at [garythomas1957@comcast.net](mailto:garythomas1957@comcast.net). The fort always needs volunteers who are ready to help.



Proclaim Your Southern Heritage!  
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 Camp #1209  
 Jacksonville, FL  
[www.scv-kirby-smith.org](http://www.scv-kirby-smith.org)  
**Join Now**  
**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**





## Upcoming Cemetery

### Clean Up Day

**Sept. 22, 2018 at Old City Cemetery @ 8:30am**



On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> the camp came together and had a great time cleaning up Old City Cemetery and the surrounding streets. Keeping up with one of the camps oldest traditions and doing our part in the Keep-

ing Jacksonville Beautiful Program. We had a great turn out and got a lot completed. As usual we walked around picking up the trash and made sure all was in order. John Ruff and John Carson have kept our plot there pristine and truly the gem of the cemetery.

Some of the trees in the cemetery need to be trimmed as they were blocking the view of the cemetery and needed to be chopped off, also trimmed up a lot of the bushes around the cemetery. The work is not done and next month we will come back and try to get the rest. The more that come out the more we can do and we truly appreciate all that came out and made this a good time. Also, again the Martha Reid chapter UDC came out and helped with the plot as well, truly a good time.

## September Camp Meeting



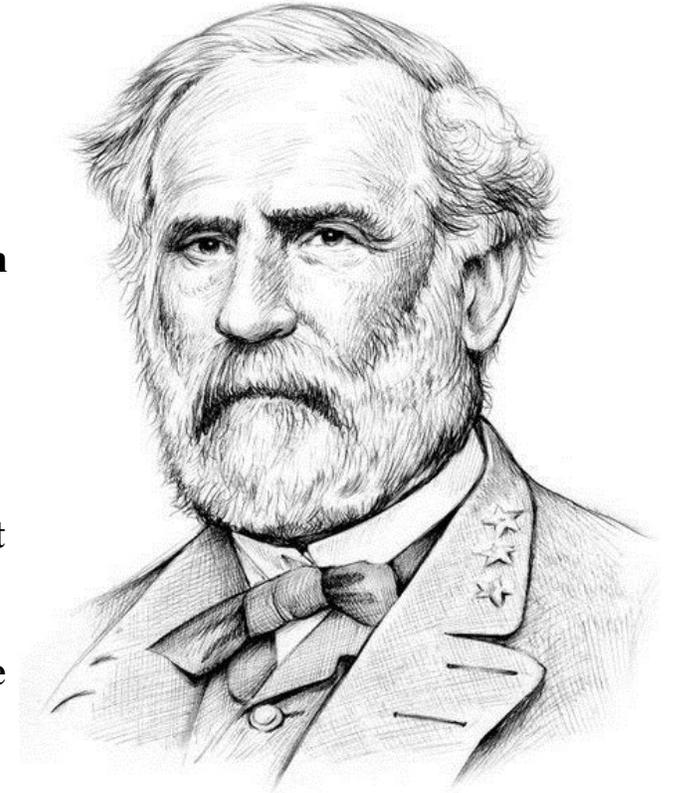
**Topic: THE CHARGE, WHAT IT MEANS TO ME, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU? HOW DOES IT EFFECT OUR CAMP.**

**Speaker: Chris Bunton**  
**Museum of Southern History Sept. 18, 2018**  
**@ 7pm 4304 Herschel Street**  
**Jacksonville, Florida**

The next Cemetery Work day will be held on the 22nd of September at 8:30am. Please bring a pair of work gloves if you have them. Clippers and trimmers would be nice as well so we could break up into groups and maximize our work. Also the Camp is helping compatriot Cullen Brandenburg in his Eagle Scout Project. He is going to be working on the grounds under the American Flag and can't wait to see what his plans are. Thank you all those who came out and look forward to seeing you next month.

**Compatriots,**

**In January 2019, our camp will come together to celebrate the birthdays of two of the greatest men in American history. Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson. This years celebration will be held at Maggianos Little Italy Restaurant at 5:00pm. It is located at 10367 Midtown Parkway in the Town Center shopping area. We are very fortunate to have as guest speakers Thomas Jesse and Curt Fields for this event . They offer a first person interpretation dedicated to the life and times of General Robert E. Lee and General Grant at Appomattox . Cost for the event is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children 5-11 years of age. Please mark your calendar as we expect a large turnout and seating may be limited. This is a family event so please plan on joining us as we pay tribute to these two great men as well as our Confederate ancestors who sacrificed life and property fighting for our independence. I hope to see you all there.**



## **It's time We Go on the Offensive in Jacksonville**

**Kirby-Smith camp #1209 is actively searching for a small piece of property located near a major highway to raise a Confederate battle Flag and build a park dedicated to Confederate Veterans. If you know of such a piece of property please contact Calvin Hart (904-730-0343) or Chris Bunton ( 904-777-51111).**

**We are working on ideas to become an active part of Southern Heritage Defense and a flag flying near a heavily traveled area in Jacksonville would accomplish this goal.**



### **Points of Interest in September for Camp #1209**

- **The Camp Web-Site ([www.scv-kirby-smith.org](http://www.scv-kirby-smith.org)) and 2020 Reunion web-site ([www.scv2020reunion.com](http://www.scv2020reunion.com)) is being updated to a better visual product.  
Thanks to WEB Master Dave Lott**

## Winans Steam Gun-

While the gun is named after Ross Winans, a locomotive builder and inventor from Baltimore who was never known to be constrained by conventional thinking, his involvement in the project didn't go much beyond repairing it in his shop. The credit really belongs to a pair of Ohio inventors, William Joslin and Charles S. Dickinson.

What is today known as the Winans Steam Gun was a giant automatic gun that ran on steam and was attached to an armored carriage. On some level, this was just another machine gun prototype, and there were a lot of those being built at the time, most famously Richard Jordan Gatling's gun, otherwise known as, well, the Gatling gun.

But what set the Steam Gun apart was that it was designed for use on railroad tracks, not to mention its tremendous theoretical power. Harnessing steam, the gun was supposedly capable of firing 200 balls a minute up to two miles. It could also fire a hundred-pound cannonball or fire conventional bullets...at least, those were the claims that Charles Dickinson made when he brought the gun to Baltimore in 1861.

Ross Winans was a vehement state's right advocate, probable Confederate sympathizer, and vociferous critic of what he saw as the federal government's invasion of its own country. His stated motivation in buying and repairing Dickinson's gun, it seems, was to ensure that his beloved Baltimore would be protected from any and all attackers. At a time of national hysteria, the newspapers turned all this into Winans inventing a potential war-ending super-weapon, which explains not only why it now erroneously bears his name today but also why he was soon thereafter arrested for anti-Union activities.

In reality, the Steam Gun never actually had to be put to the test, and it remained for the rest of the war quietly perched above the Baltimore & Ohio Patuxent River Viaduct. In fact, when the Union took active control of Baltimore, Dickinson reportedly removed some key pieces of equipment so that the soldiers would not be able to operate it. It's hard to say how well the Steam Gun worked, if at all, but its curious history at the crossroads of the war means that its actual impact was just about zero.



## The Harmonica Pistol and the Chain Rifle

Vaguely resembled more popular firearms like the revolver or the repeating rifle, the harmonica pistol was really something else. It's pretty much exactly what its name suggests it is - minus the ability to play music with it, that is - and it represents one of the most unusual ways to cram additional ammunition into an otherwise small firearm.



Not much is known of its history, but we do know a French inventor named J. Jarre filed patents for it between 1859 and 1862. The user simply had to push the magazine from right to left after a round was fired. There's no precise word on why the gun never caught on, but the fact that it must have been nearly impossible to holster the damn thing was probably a factor.

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**Your Voice and Membership  
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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 Project s(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**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ -- E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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S.C.V. Membership Renewal : \$57.00

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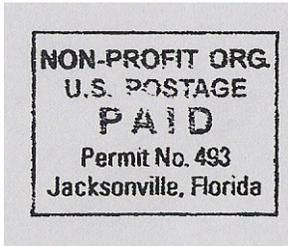
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**Special Thanks to all Those  
that have already sent your dues.**



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To:

--AFTER NAME ON ADDRESS LABEL INDICATES YOUR DUES TO THE S.C.V. ARE NOT CURRENT EMAIL

THE STATUE OF  
**General Edmund Kirby Smith**  
IS THE PROPERTY OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA. BEING CENTRALLY LOCATED, LAKE COUNTY IS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA.

HISTORY CAN NOT BE CHANGED BY HIDING OR DESTROYING ITS ARTIFACTS. THE MUSEUM'S ROLE IS TO PRESERVE HISTORY AND ITS ARTIFACTS.

*Old City Cemetery Clean-Up Sept. 22, 8:30am*

Old City Cemetery—  
East Union St./ Wash-  
ington St. @  
8:30am—Please  
make Plans to Attend  
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730-0343 for  
information



Join these men in the fight for Southern Heritage and  
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