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JUNE 2017

COMMON MEN UNCOMMON DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE



CAMP #1209 LARGEST CAMP IN SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



Compatriots,

April and May were productive months for Camp 1209. Kirby-Smith's Confederate Memorial Day was held in Evergreen Cemetery commemorating the sacrifices of our Ancestors. The event went extremely well and is documented in this issue of the Sharpshooter. The camp's Mobile Flagging Transport project is going well. The Van was professionally restored by our membership and is a representation of the fine skills this camp possesses. The next phase of the preservation project being completed is the restoration of the interior of the Van.

It has already made an appearance on Confederate Memorial Day by sending our Battle Flag instantly 75 ft. into the air. Look forward to seeing this important heritage tool at an upcoming meeting. This month's meeting on June 24th is a tradition that started years ago for the last meeting before summer break to be a family picnic. We will also have the Turkey shoot at the Pecan Park hunting camp. At this meeting we encourage each member to bring a friend or neighbor as this event is always a family favorite. Whether you're coming to the meeting to shoot or just to see what will show up, this meeting/picnic is always a crowd pleaser.

Several camp members are preparing to go to the 2017 National Reunion in Memphis Tennessee. It is not too late if you would like to attend, give Lt. Commander Chris Bunton a call for details (777-5111).

June 2017 is a Busy Month for Camp #1209

June 1 - Kirby-Smith Executive Board Meeting: Uncle Davey Americana 6:30pm

June 3 - Florida 45th Division Reunion Ocala, Florida. Directions: (Going west) on I-10 get off on Lane Ave (Going North) turn right on Stuart

June 24, 10am to 2pm Camp #1209 Meeting—

Family Picnic and Turkey Shoot

God Bless the South and the Men and Families of Kirby-Smith Camp

Commander Calvin Hart

CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ -Meeting
June 24, 2017
Family Picnic



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Proclaim Your Southern Heritage!
Join Now
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

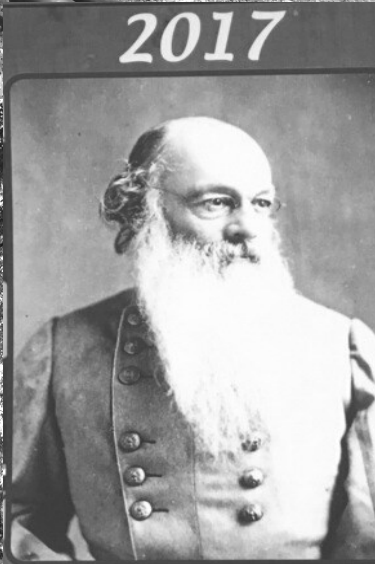


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**"NEVER TAKE
COUNSEL FROM
YOUR FEARS."
STONEWALL
JACKSON**

CONFEDERATE SHARPSHOOTER - THE NEWSLETTER OF CAMP #1209

2017 Confederate Memorial Day Service



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.



I am proud to announce that we have met the challenge to raise \$1,000.00 by each SCV Camp, but let's not stop now when we are on a roll. Without everyone's help, we can't meet the goal to fund The Museum. Remember we still have until July 1st to raise these funds. We are now trying to raise an additional \$1,700.00. Please donate any amount you can and remember no amount is too small. Let our donation set the bar high for the other camps to duplicate. Our donation will be presented in person at the National Convention in July in Memphis, TN. Let us show the entire SCV what Kirby Smith Camp 1209 can do for the cause.

Please send any and all donations to:

Kirby Smith Camp 1209
c/o Mr. Larry Skinner
P.O. Box 209 Bryceville, FL 32009

Thank you so much for your support!

Article in the Lexington, Va., Newspaper on October 15, 1915.

Forty five years ago today General Robert E. Lee was buried in the basement of the Lee Memorial Chapel, situated on the college campus. Imposing, yet simple, ceremony marked the occasion. General Lee died on Wednesday morning, October 12, 1870, at 9:30 o'clock, in the President's house at Washington College, now Washington and Lee University. The body was conveyed to the chapel on Thursday, October 13, at noon, and the funeral services were held at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 15.

The casket in which General Lee was buried had an interesting history. The greatest freshet in North River (now MAURY RIVER) remembered by the oldest people occurred the first week in October, 1870, when the lumber house at the Point conducted by Archibald Alexander and James D. Anderson on the old canal was washed away, and among the goods stored there was a consignment of metallic caskets for C.M. Koones & Brother, furniture dealers and funeral directors, which had arrived only a few days before the freshet. No casket could be secured in Lexington for General Lee's body, and these caskets at the lumber house were thought of. Search was made along the river with the hope that they might have lodged in some place. One of them was found on the island just below the first dam down the river from East Lexington. It had been caught in a brush pile and was lodged in the forks of a tree.

W.P. Hartigan and J.L. Root, who were cabinet makers with Koones & Brother, secured the casket and brought it to Lexington, and this was used in which to bury the mortal remains of the great Confederate chieftain. But for this find it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to secure the right kind of a casket, as the canal was practically destroyed, roads ruined, and there was no communication for some time with other towns.

TURKEY SHOOT AND PICNIC

**JUNE 24, 2017
10 AM TO 2 PM**



**3RD ANNUAL S.C.V.
FLORIDA DIVISON
KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209
TURKEY SHOOT**

SATURDAY JUNE 24 , 2017

169 PECAN PARK ROAD JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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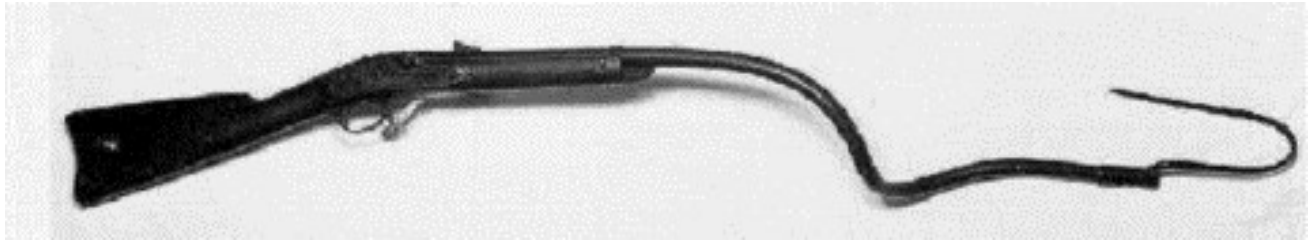
SHOTGUNS AND AMMO WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN SHOTGUN.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT : HERITAGE CAMP PROJECTS

A shocking tale of a Springfield musket from 150 years ago

One of the more interesting exhibits at the Springfield Armory National Historic Site is a Model 1861 rifle and bayonet left over from a lightning strike.



*You can be sure the sentry holding this thing had a severe case of static cling— for the rest of his life.
(Photo: Springfield Armory NHS)*



According to the tag on the rifle, a contract Springfield 1861 with a 1864-marked barrel equipped with a Confederate-made Tredegar socket bayonet: During a thunderstorm, a sentry's musket was struck by lightning which left it just as you see it. Despite the intense heat caused by the lightening, a regulation Civil War paper cartridge was found intact in the breech when the weapon was disassembled for cataloging and preservation. The identity of the sentry, who survived, is not known. It is believed that he was a Confederate since, while the rifle is a Springfield contract arm, the bayonet is apparently of Confederate manufacture.

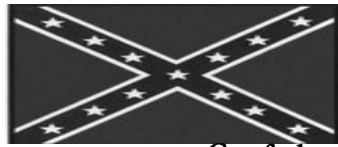
When disassembled in 1981 it was found to still be loaded with a charge of century-old black powder and a .58-caliber Williams Type III "cleaner" bullet. Records relate the sentry walked away unhurt, but that the soles of the shoes were burned away.



Confederate States Marines played a crucial role during the battle between the Confederate ironclad Virginia and the Union ironclad Monitor. Marines manned many guns during the standoff, and were praised for their "coolness of the Marines on the Virginia."

The CSMC was involved in many battles, mostly on the sea, but also some on land. Some Confederate Marines went to Savannah, Georgia, and were caught in Sherman's capture of the city. They remained with the Army when they retired to the North. CS Marines stationed at Fort Fisher fought tooth and nail with Union troops, and went out in a bayonet fight until they were all killed or captured.

Dear Compatriots



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

Thank you to all that came out to our Confederate Memorial Day, truly that was an amazing event and it was great to see so many new faces. With this I'd like to bring the camp together for another event, for the purposes to gain friendships and have a good time outdoors. A few of us thought for the Member meeting for June, we could come together and have a Turkey Shoot and lunch outdoors. On Saturday June 24th we have decided to do so and hope that you and family can come out and enjoy an amazing day with the camp.

Lunch will be Hamburgers and Hotdogs with the usual sides, fruits and deserts. There is a fishing pond and you are welcome to bring your poles (No Permit needed), and would be a good chance to relax. As a Camp Fundraiser we are holding a Turkey Shoot, the winner receives half the cash prize and the other half will be donated to the camp. If you don't have a gun, let us know and we will be able to help you out. Only bring shotguns and muzzle loading rifles, please do not bring out any A.R 15's and types like that. Any other games you would like to bring let me know and we can set something up, the more the merrier.

The date is June 24th which is a Saturday, and it will go from 10am-2pm possibly a little longer depending. The location of this is off Pecan Park Rd in between 1-95 and H-17, if you need directions call Joe Hill at (904)-591-9997. Cost for a meal is \$5.00 and to be in the Turkey Shoot it is \$5.00 as well. If you have any questions or want to help bring some food or drinks, email me and we can set that up. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated. If you plan on coming out please email either Calvin, Chris Bunton or myself so we can try or plan for the food. Thank you greatly and have a great day.

Chris Elands

904-553-3228

THE CAPTURE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS



"If you bring these [Confederate] leaders to trial it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution secession is not rebellion. Lincoln wanted Davis to escape, and he was right. His capture was a mistake. His trial will be a greater one."

Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, July 1867

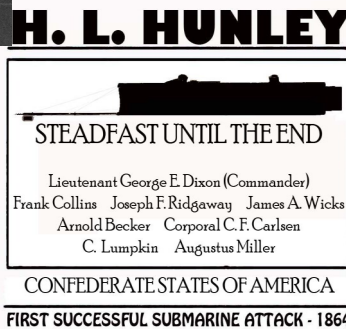
CAMP #1209 Presents Hunley Award to Area JROTC UNITS



These awards were presented by Commander Odeen L. Tyre, US Navy (Retired) on behalf of Kirby-Smith Camp #1209, Florida Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Commander Tyre is a direct lineal descendant of 8 Confederate soldiers.



Jacksonville, Florida--May 3, 2017. Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jumaya Batts is awarded the H. L. Hunley JROTC medal in the Terry Parker High School auditorium filled with families and friends of the



Jacksonville, Florida--April 29, 2017. Cadet/SSGT Justin Watson, Ribault High School MCJROTC, is awarded the H. L. Hunley JROTC Medal at the unit annual Pass in Review.



May 9, 2017--Fleming Island, Florida. Cadet Senior Chief Petty Officer Kevin Ellis is awarded the H L Hunley JROTC Medal in the Fleming Island High School Auditorium packed out with cadets, families and friends of the Navy JROTC unit. .



Compatriot James Shillinglaw at Orange Park HS giving the HL Hunley award to Cadet LCDR Dashner St. Vilus



Compatriot James Shillinglaw at Mandarin HS giving the HL Hunley award to Cadet Corbin Bretton .



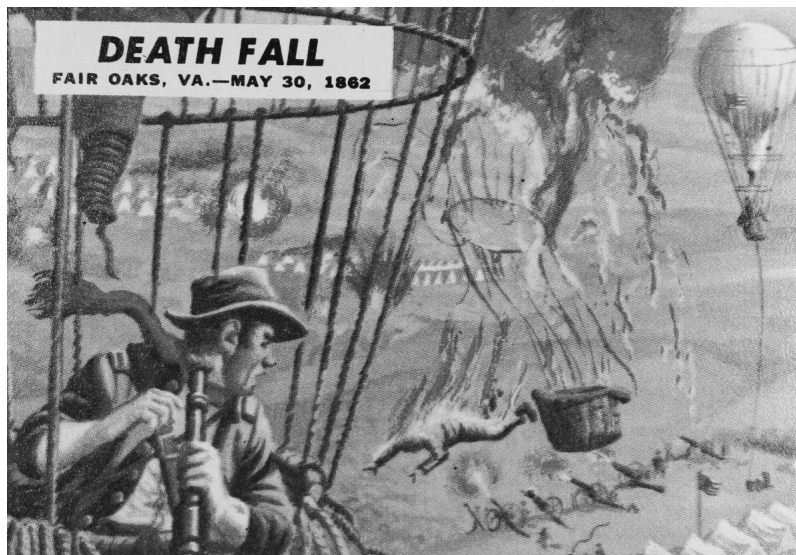
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Fair Oaks, Va. — May 30, 1862

BALLOONISTS WATCH BATTLE FROM SKY

A daring balloonist was struck by a cannon-shell and plunged to his death in flames, over the battlefield today. Northern observation balloons were hovering over Fair Oaks to get an aerial view of the combat. Watching from the air, the North hopes to spot mistakes in military strategy and not let them reoccur. The Confederate Army suffered a severe blow, too, when General Johnston was badly injured during the battle. Johnston was struck in the shoulder and chest by shells. Early medical reports say that Johnston will be out of action for several months. Both the North and the South are beginning to realize that this war will not end in the near future. Many more will die before the last shot has been fired.

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