

# THE SHARPSHOOTER

COMMON MEN UNCOMMON DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE



## Commander's Corner

To my fellow Compatriots:

Confederate Memorial Day in Evergreen Cemetery was one outstanding event held on a beautiful Florida morning. The theme of the Confederate Memorial Service was family and Southern Fellowship while remembering the sacrifices of our ancestors. The event success was achieved with cooperation from local UDC Martha Reid Chapter. The event will be documented within next month's newsletter. This month's newsletter also highlights many camp activities including Camp 1209 presenting twenty two CSS Hunley Awards to area ROTC High School Cadets.

Additionally, we have already had several inquiries wanting the Confederate Submarine at different events. One of those events is Armed Forces Celebration Day being held on Saturday May 20th in Green Cove Springs. It is important that we continue to push our goal of educating the public on the valor of the Confederate Soldier.

Our camp meeting on May 16th, is being held at The Museum of Southern History at 7pm. It is an honor having Compatriot Larry Skinner as a speaker. Come on down and get involved, you're guaranteed to have a good time.



## CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ -Camp Meeting  
May 16, 2017 Tuesday 7pm @ Museum Southern History
- ◆ Executive Board meeting At Uncle Dave's June 5, 2017 @ 6:30pm



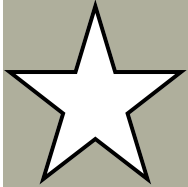
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God Bless the  
Commander

South  
Calvin Hart

***"General, unless he offers us honorable terms, come back and let us fight it out!" James Longstreet said this to Robert E. Lee as he rode off to discuss terms for surrender with General Grant at Appomattox***



I AM A PROUD  
DESCENDANT  
OF A CONFEDERATE  
SOLDIER





March 31, 2017,  
Green Cove Springs,  
Florida. Cadet Chief  
Petty Officer Jacob  
L. Greenwood re-  
ceives the H. L.  
Hunley JROTC  
Medal in front of

family, cadets and friends that  
packed the gymnasium at Clay  
High School in Green Cove  
Springs, Florida. The award  
certificate and medal were pre-  
sented on behalf of Kirby-  
Smith Camp #1209, Sons of  
Confederate Veterans, Jackson-  
ville, Florida Division, by Camp  
member Commander Odeen L. Tyre, U. S. Navy (Retired).



**Camp Meeting May 16, 2017 at 7pm**  
**Museum of Southern History**  
**Topic: Union Occupation of Jacksonville**  
**Speaker: Compatriot Larry Skinner**

## **New members to Kirby-Smith Camp #1209**

**Willard Gates III—Ancestor Henry Casey—N. C. Walkers Bn. Thomas Legion**  
**Willard Gates Jr. — Ancestor James Gates Mo. 3rd Cavalry**  
**Timothy Brett Swango— Ancestor Frank Goulding—Jefferson Davis Cav. Legion**

# Confederates Flags in World Wars



In June 1916, as Woodrow Wilson began to push through Congress a remarkable set of laws militarizing the country, including the expansion of the Army and National Guard (and an authorization to place the former under federal authority), the construction of nitrate plants for munitions production, and the funding of military research and development. Confederate veterans descended on Washington, DC, to show their support for the coming war in Europe.

“About 10,000 men wearing the gray, escorted by several thousand who wore the blue, marched along Pennsylvania Avenue and were reviewed by the President,” one observer reported. “In the line were many young soldiers now serving in the regular army, grandsons of those who fought for the Confederacy and of those who fought for the Union. The Stars and Bars of the Confederacy were proudly borne at the head of the procession.... As the long line passed the reviewing stand the old men in gray offered their services in the present war. ‘We will go to France or anywhere you want to send us!’ they shouted to the president.” it was Wilson who started the presidential tradition of laying a Memorial Day wreath at Arlington Cemetery’s Confederate War Memorial.

During World War II, some U.S. military units with Southern nicknames, OR that were made up largely of Southerners, made one or another of the Confederate flags their unofficial emblem. The US Navy warship USS Columbia flew a Confederate Navy Ensign as a battle flag throughout combat in the South Pacific in World War II. This was done in honor of Columbia, the ship’s namesake and the capital city of South Carolina — the first state to secede from the Union at the start of what became the Civil War. Yes, flown in wartime by the US Navy “in honor” of the capital of the state that started the secession movement and the Civil War.

Some soldiers carried Confederate flags into battle in World War II. After the Battle of Okinawa, a Confederate flag was raised over the conquered Imperial Japanese strong point, Shuri Castle, by a Marine from the self-styled “Rebel Company” — Company A of the 1st Battalion, 5th US Marines. That version of the Confederate flag flew for three days and was visible for miles. It was taken down and replaced with a US flag — after flying for those three days — on the orders of US General Simon B. Buckner, Jr. — son of Confederate general Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr. — who stated that it was inappropriate, because “Americans from all over are involved in this battle.”

With the Korean War, the NAACP’s journal, *The Crisis*, reported a staggering jump in sales of Confederate flags from 40,000 in 1949 to 1,600,000 in 1950. Much of the demand, it reported, was coming from soldiers overseas in Germany and Korea.

**SATURDAY MAY 20, 2017**

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**MILITARY MUSEUM OF NORTH FLORIDA**

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# **ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION**

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW, MILITARY VEHICLES,  
REENACTMENTS, MILITARIA SHOW AND MUSEUM**

**BUNKER AVE. & STATE RD. 16 EAST**

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

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**FREE ADMISSION**



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**CAMP #1209 HUNLEY SUBMARINE AND CONFEDERATE CAMP  
WE ENCOURAGE ALL CAMP MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS EVENT**

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## *Confederate Observation Balloon goes to Kirby Farms*



**Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 took its Confederate Observation balloon to the Natures Coast Reenactment at the Kirby Family Farm. Special recognition to compatriots; Chris Bunton, Joe Hill, John Ruff and Jim Shillinglaw This event was part of our commitment to educate the public on our Confederate Ancestors and their sacrifice.**

### **Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 Members Are Our Best Recruitment Tool**

**Ask Friends and Family to Join the Largest Camp In the Confederacy**



### **FLORIDA**

**Is in the field! The piercing cries of her Eagle has been heard throughout the Confederacy, and will be answered by her noble sons !!!**

*Kirby-Smith encourages and needs  
all members to attend*

**46th ANNUAL FLORIDA  
DIVISION REUNION  
OCALA, FLORIDA  
JUNE 3-4, 2017**

**[www.florida-scv.org](http://www.florida-scv.org)**

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**Lt. Commander Chris Bunton**

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**Please attend at least 1 day on Saturday June 4th**



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*Camp Meeting May 16, 2017 @ 7:00PM  
 Museum of Southern History*



Antietam Creek, Md.—Sept. 15, 1862

## LEE'S ARMY ALMOST DEFEATED BY UNION

Just when defeat appeared certain, General A. P. Hill arrived with a fresh regiment and saved the day for General Lee. The Southern Army had fought valiantly, but the men were fatigued and they were losing ground. The arrival of the new troops was just what the Confederate fighters needed to turn back the Northern Army. The two Armies battled each other at close range during the day, with soldiers resorting to their swords rather than their rifles. The continued head-on fighting was what the better trained Union Army desired. Whenever an opportunity for the Union Army existed, there was no support from reinforcements. The battle was won by the help brought to Lee at the last possible moment.

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