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COMMON MEN UNCOMMON DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE

Commander's Corner

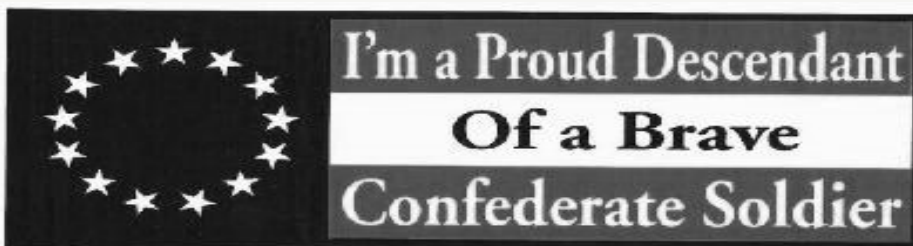
On June 7th, fifteen members of Camp #1209 attended the Sons of Confederate Veterans Florida State Reunion in Ocala, fulfilling our responsibilities of the largest camp within the Florida Division and the S.C.V. Several Camp #1209 members were recognized for their commitment to their heritage and the Sons of Confederate Veterans and received several S.C.V. Florida Division Awards.

As I write this, your executive board is preparing to depart for the 2017 National SCV reunion July 19th-23th, in Memphis, Tennessee. There is considerable amount of work that goes into the logistics of getting the members to the table at the National Convention. We know that we represent each member of Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 and promise to fulfill our duties to the best of our abilities. Look for an update on the National Reunion in the next Sharpshooter.

On July 22nd, we will meet at 8:30am in Old City Cemetery for our monthly clean up. It has been 2 months since we have performed clean up duties in our Cemetery and I am sure there are issues to correct there. Please bring gloves and any equipment that you might feel necessary to make this cemetery clean-up a successful event. The maintenance of the CSS Hunley continues next month, and we are now on a time schedule for completion because the exhibit is committed to "Rifles, Rails & History: Steam Back to the North and South" on September in Tavares Florida. Our next Executive Board meeting is August 7 at 6:30pm at Uncle Davey's Americana. These Executive Board Meetings are where future projects and events are discussed and approved. Camp members are always encouraged and welcomed to attend.

God Bless the South

Commander Calvin Hart Camp #1209 Jacksonville, Florida



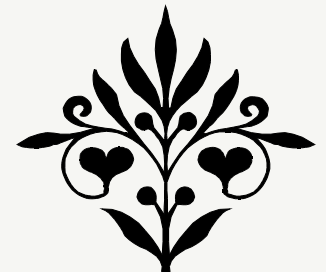
"Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you."

Robert Lewis Dabney, Chaplain for Stonewall Jackson



CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ -Cemetery Work
Day
Old City Cemetery
8:30am July 22, 2017
- ◆ Camp Executive
Meeting
August 7, 2017
6:30pm @ Uncle
Davey's Americana



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THE LARGEST S.C.V. CAMP IN S.C.V.

FLORIDA STATE REUNION 2017 OCALA, FLA.



It was the first official outing on the camp's Mobile Transport Vehicle. We traveled thru Gainesville and ran the flag up in the middle of town right across from Old

Joe the Confederate Monument located there. We then traveled south on I-75 flying the short mast and Battle Flag, many motorists gave us the thumbs up. We checked into the motel and ran the large Battle Flag up 75ft right in front of the hotel during the entire reunion. Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 had seventeen camp members attend the SCV Florida Division in Ocala, Florida.

June's Camp #1209 Turkey Shoot

This month's meeting the "Annual Turkey Shoot" went extremely well. Members participated in the Turkey Shoot, Fishing and riding boats out the lake. The cooks did a great job cooking the food and everyone went away from the event fat, happy and Southern Proud.



Joining the Kirby-Smith Camp #1209

Peter Druash — Ancestor Larkin Evans 3rd Tenn. Mounted Infantry

Welcome Southern Brothers to the S.C.V. The Last Defense for Southern Heritage



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

The storm has reached Jacksonville, the Occupy Jacksonville, announced they want to take down Confederate monuments. 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.



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GET INTO THE FIGHT SON!

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM MAHONE



As the political differences between Northern and Southern factions escalated in the second half of the 19th century, Mahone was in favor of secession of the Southern states. During the American Civil War, he was active in the conflict even before he became an officer in the Confederate Army. Early in the War, in 1861, his Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad was especially valuable to the Confederacy and transported ordnance to the Norfolk area where it was used during the Confederate occupation. By the end of the war, most of what was left of the railroad was in Federal hands.

After Virginia seceded from the Union in April 1861, Mahone was still a civilian, and not yet in the Confederate Army, but working in coordination with Walter Gwynn, he orchestrated the ruse and capture of the Gosport Shipyard. He bluffed the Federal troops into abandoning the shipyard in Portsmouth by running a single passenger train into Norfolk with great noise and whistle-blowing, then much more quietly, sending it back west, and then returning the same train again, creating the illusion of large numbers of arriving troops to the Federals listening in Portsmouth across the Elizabeth River (and just barely out of sight). The ruse worked, and not a single Confederate soldier was lost as the Union authorities abandoned the

area, and retreated to Fort Monroe across Hampton Roads. After this, Mahone accepted a commission as lieutenant colonel and later colonel of the 6th Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Confederate Army. He commanded the Confederate's Norfolk district until its evacuation. He was promoted to brigadier general in November 1861.

In May 1862, after the evacuation of Norfolk by Southern forces during the Peninsula Campaign, he aided in the construction of the defenses of Richmond on the James River around Drewry's Bluff.[11] A short time later, he led his brigade at the Battle of Seven Pines,[12] and the Battle of Malvern Hill. He also fought at Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville,[13] Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House.

Small of stature, 5 foot 5 or 6 inches, and weighing only 100 lb (45 kg), he was nicknamed "Little Billy". As one of his soldiers put it, "He was every inch a soldier, though there were not many inches of him." Otelia Mahone was working in Richmond as a nurse, when Virginia Governor John Letcher sent word that Mahone had been injured at Second Bull Run, but had only received a "flesh wound." She is said to have replied "Now I know it is serious for William has no flesh whatsoever."

Although his wound at Manassas had not been serious, Mahone did suffer from acute dyspepsia all of his life. During the War, a cow and chickens accompanied him in order to provide dairy products. Otelia and their children moved to Petersburg to be near him during the final campaign of the War in 1864-65 as Grant moved against Petersburg, seeking to sever the rail lines supplying the Confederate capital of Richmond.

It was during that final campaign that William Mahone became widely regarded as the hero of the Battle of the Crater on July 30, 1864. Coal miners in the Union Army tunneled under the Confederate line and blew it up in a massive explosion, killing and wounding many Confederates and breaching a key point in the defense line around Petersburg. But Mahone rallied the remaining Confederate forces nearby, repelling the attack, and the Union lost their initial advantage. Having begun as an innovative tactic, the Battle of the Crater turned into a terrible loss for the Union leaders. The quick and effective action led by Mahone was a rare cause for celebration by the occupants of Petersburg, embattled citizens and weary troops alike. "Little Billy" Mahone was promoted to major general as a result.[14]

However, Grant's strategy at Petersburg eventually succeeded as the last rail line from the south to supply the Cockade City (and hence Richmond) was severed in early April 1865. At the Battle of Sailor's Creek on April 6, Lee exclaimed in front of Mahone "My God, has the army dissolved?", to which he replied "No, General, here are troops ready to do their duty." Touched by the faithful duty of his men, Lee told Mahone, "Yes, there are still some true men left ... Will you please keep those people back? Mahone was also with Lee at the surrender at Appomattox Court House three days later.

Compatriots and friends,

The purge of our Confederate ancestors in Florida is heading our way Jacksonville. This evening , a group "Take em down Jacksonville" has put out a call on social media(change.org) and on our local news channel to purge our Confederate history in Jacksonville.

This group is calling for the removal of our Hemming Plaza monument, monument to Southern Women at Confederate Park, Confederate Park itself, OLD CITY CEMETERY GRAVE TO GENERAL FINNEGAN, Robert E Lee high school, Jefferson Davis middle school, Kirby Smith middle school, and J.E.B Stewart middle school.



It seems this fight, which we have seemed to avoid for two years, is knocking on our doors. If our city government jumps on the bandwagon of destroying our history and heritage.... WE NEED TO BE READY. These fights have proven(as in Tampa) push back to the destruction of history is the only thing city councils will listen to. This means LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WILL BE NEEDED!. Nothing official has come from our City government, but where ever these "Occupy/take em down"groups show up, carnage of our Confederate history follows. Be vigilant, be prepared, and remember our charge.

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

Cultural Cleansing

Get use to this term. It is my belief that this is what is happening right now in this country. If there was ever a time to take a stand against the tidal wave of Political Correctness, this is it! We can't sit back and say, Oh Well, I guess that's the way things are going to be, We have to fight for what we believe in and what we know is right Don't let the Liberals think they have us on the run, "Fly the Confederate Flag", "Wear Confederate flag T-Shirts", Put an "SCV" Sticker on your vehicle.. Tell People you talk to the Truth about Our Confederate Hero's. Our Ancestors fought for what they believed in against overwhelming odds and didn't flinch. It's Our turn to show that we are made of the same Metal!! Don't back down, Push forward. Take the High Ground! If we do this, then nothing can keep us from Victory! Gentleman of the South, This is a call to Arms in Our Hour of need! Stand Fast, Give a Rebel Yell and Charge! Put the Enemy on the Run with the Truth and we will Overcome the Lies!

God bless You and God Bless the South!

Deo Vindice!

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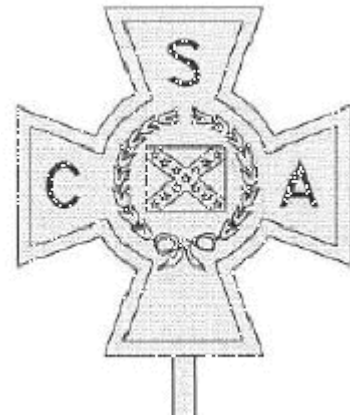
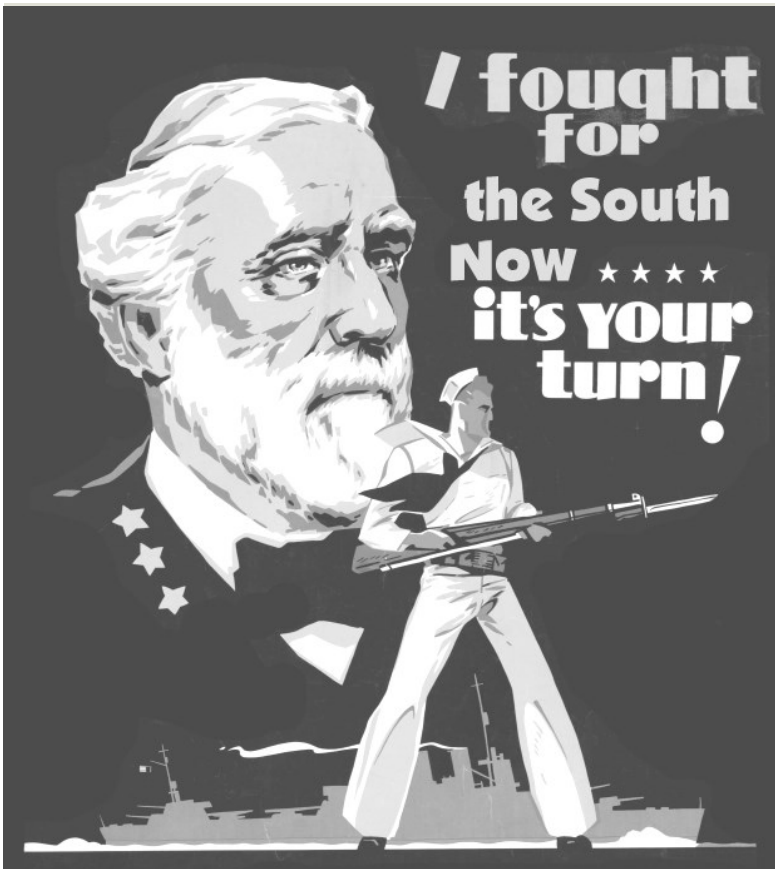
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Old City Cemetery Work Day
June 22, 2017
8:30 AM
Meet at the Confederate Section

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