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Sharpshooter

July 2018

Commander's Corner

We will continue to defend the Confederate Veterans Monument in Hemming Park. This is a Heritage fight, and special thanks to those members who are going to the Jacksonville City Council and standing up for the honor of our Ancestors. The camp membership has participated in every Jacksonville City Council Meeting, either by speaking or by filling out opposition cards. It is critical that we keep the heat on them and again we are asking you write another letter to a council member or call. The names, addresses and phone numbers are listed in this newsletter. Please make good use of them, the monuments depend on you. We have seen a surge in new memberships at Camp #1209; and old members renewing their membership and now it is your time to renew your membership in Camp #1209. The renewal information is listed in this newsletter. As I write this, your executive board is preparing to depart for the 2018 National SCV Reunion July 18th-21st, in Franklin, Tennessee. There is a 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.

There are several ways for you as a member to contribute to the continued success of Kirby-Smith Camp #1209:

We are now collecting dues, send yours in now! The processing of dues is a large task and defers many camp resources. Please send your dues in as soon as you can.

Recruitment! Help us in the fight, there is power in numbers.

This month's meeting is the Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 Cemetery Work Day in Old City Cemetery. Come down and show support for the Confederate Veterans at their final resting place on July 28, 2018.

Consider attending your camp's Executive Board meeting the first Monday of the Month at Uncle Davey's Americana at 6:30pm. You have a voice in the direction that Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 will take in the future. For more information on the Executive Board please give Lt. Commander Chris Bunton a call at 904.777.5111

God Bless the South Commander Calvin Hart Camp #1209 Jacksonville, Florida



KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209

Renew Your
Membership
Now!
Avoid late Fees

Check your
Address Label for
Status

Confederate Calendar

. July.28, 2018
Cemetery Work
Day
8:30 AM
at Old city Cemetery
Jacksonville Florida

RECRUITS WANTED!



Florida Division Reunion Review by Camp Adj. M. P. Brandenburg

June 1-3 2018 members of Kirby Smith Camp 1209 attended the 48th Annual Florida Division Reunion. The Reunion weekend started Friday with the famous welcome social hosted by Mechanized Cavalry. A great time of fellowship and full bellies were had by all due to the bottomless servings of smoked ribs. Many Thanks to the Mechanized Cavalry and OCR for all their hard work on a great social.

Saturday morning started with opening ceremonies and the business session where 15 members of Kirby Smith Camp were present. In Kirby Smith fashion, all members in unison answered when roll was called. Saturday's session was busy. Topics covered included reports on Florida's Confederate Monuments, Interstate flag sites (including restoration of White Springs) ,and a presentation by Kirby Smith Camp 1209 on Florida's 2020 National SCV Reunion.

The morning's business continued into the afternoon with the election of our new Division Commander Kelly Crocker. In addition to our new Commander, Kirby Smith Camp Member Jason Montes was elected Florida Division Adjutant and Kirby Smith Camp Member Mark Sizemore was elected Division Treasurer. Congratulations to all division Officers.

This years Reunion ended with the annual Division Banquet. A full course meal was served. National candidates from Sons of Confederate Veterans addressed the Division followed by our guest speaker with an informative presentation on the history and restoration of Virginia's historic Confederate Cemeteries. A great time was had by all who attended. This year's State reunion was a great success. Much important work was completed along with great fellowship of compatriots from camps across the state.



Your Voice and Membership is Important!

Renew Today!

New Members Joining Kirby-Smith Camp #1209

- ♦ La Ru Cook Ancestor J.A. Mc Keller 39th Alabama Regt.
- ♦ Wendell Craig Ancestor William Craig 65th Georgia Infantry
- ♦ Jesse Ezell Ancestor Simeon Ezell 31st Alabama Infantry
- ◆ Peyton Quina Ancestor Arthur Quina—62nd Alabama Infantry Regt.

Strange War Between the States Facts

- In 1861 the American Banknote Company of New York city was printing the
 first issue of the new United States of America "greenbacks." At the very
 same time, they were also printing the first issue of Confederate States of
 America currency. The US government soon prohibited American Banknote
 from continuing this practice. To overcome this, they just moved a portion
 of their operation to New Orleans and continued producing Confederate
 currency under the nom de guerre of Southern Banknote Company.
- The oldest general officer at Gettysburg was Confederate Brigadier General William Smith, who was 65. He fought on Culp's Hill against the oldest Union general on the field, Brigadier General George Greene, who was 62.
- Confederate Major General George Pickett was not in command of all of the troops in Pickett's Charge. Of the nine brigades who took park in the main assault, Pickett only commanded three. First Corps commander Lieutenant General James Longstreet was in overall command of the attack, even though six of the nine brigades were from A.P. Hill's Third Corps.



Historically, the South has never been known as a bastion of Catholicism. But what most historians have overlooked for going on the past century and a half, were the contributions made by Catholics on behalf of The Confederate States; most notably, Pope Pius IX. Jefferson Davis, all though he was Protestant, attended Catholic school (Dominicans) as a youth in Kentucky. Young Davis even expressed a desire to convert. But the good Fathers denied his request out of re-

spect for the Davis family. Evidently, his first contact with Catholicism wouldn't be his last. Twenty of the Confederacy's fighting generals were Catholic. Among them General P.G.T Beauregard, who ordered the barrage on Fort Sumter; General James Longstreet of Gettysburg and Chickamauga fame; and Gen. Joseph Finegan, the victor at one of the few major battles fought in Florida. Most that at least dabble in the history of The War Between The States have heard of the all Catholic New York 69th. But how many knew that The South had Catholic Brigades as well? The 6th Louisiana Tigers fought with valor in Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The 10th Tennessee fought with equal élan at Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Atlanta. Not only on the battlefield had Catholics well represented The South. Bishop Patrick Lynch of Charleston, South Carolina was the Confederate Ambassador to The Papal States. Infact, the Papal States was the only nation to ever formally exchange ambassadors with the Confederacy.



Jewish Confederates

Here is an account we should look to from Joseph Goldsmith in reference to numbers in the Confederate Army. He was connected to the war from start to finish. He was close to the War and Navy Departments and the Confederate Government as a contractor for side arms and accourrements. Joseph Goldsmith was known as the "Jewish Confederate 'Chaplain'". In 1895, Goldsmith wrote, "I am still a living witness and can, from my own memory, give you many names of gallant Jewish soldiers of the confederate Army. I had ample opportunity to see and to know. Many a

wounded Jew have I met in the hospitals of Richmond and administered to his wants, and many a Jewish soldier have I seen walking on his crutch or having his arm in a sling, traveling to and from his command during the war. And I know further that it was simply a sense of loyalty to their homes and their neighbors that prompted them to fight for the South. If not, they could readily have left this country at any time as I myself could have done, had I so chosen. But love for our adopted country kept us here and we offered all we had in its behalf.

KIRBY-SMITH REAPER CREW



Cemetery Work Day

by Chris "Stash" Eland

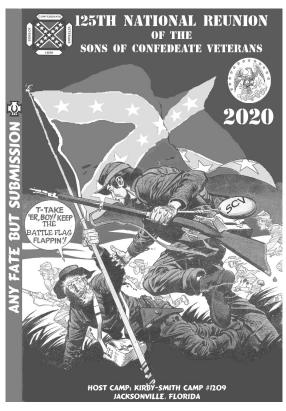


This month's Cemetery Work Day was very productive and we had an amazing turn out, Thank you to all that came out. We raised a military marker that had sunken in too deep in the plot next to ours. We have a large old tree on the western end that needs to be removed and were able to chip a good chunk away. As usual we walked the grounds and the streets cleaning up the trash and doing our part for the community in the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful program. Thank you to

Mr. Ruff and all the other people that come out there and do what they can for our plot. It truly Shines in the light. After getting the bulk done at the cemetery we had a crew break off and head to the Warehouse. We had some maintenance on the Van that needed to be done. The mast needed to be lubricated and oiled section by section and had to be held down so we could reach each section. Here wood was used too hold down lower sections so it could be oiled properly. Always learning something new with this project and it is always amazing to see that mast go up. Thank you to all that came out and helped with the Projects.



REMEMBERING OUR MILITARY VETERANS MONUMENTS





Camp #1209 Ancestor will be listed in a Special Section in 2020 Program

125th Annual National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

2020 Reunion Held in Florida

Ancestor Memorial (Recognition in the Kirby-Smith Section 2020 Reunion Program)

\$10.00 each (limited space)

Your name and your ancestor's name and unit will be printed in the Kirby-Smith Memorial section of the 2020 SCV Reunion Program

Your Name:	
Ancestor's Name:	Rank:
Ancestor's Unit:	
	\$10.00 each
Ancestor's Name:	Rank:
Ancestor's Unit:	
Ancestors Registration Quantity x \$10.00 = \$	
Make Check payable to	: Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 2020 Reunion
Mail to: Calvin Hart, 4884 Victoria Chase Ct Jacksonville, FL 32257	

We Need Camp #1209 Members to be Recognized in Program



"It Not over to the Last Standing Member"

Please Keep the Writing, Calling and E-mail Effort Up it is Making a difference The Success of this Fight Depends on <u>You</u>

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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Got to www.coj.net then to city Council Members and it will list their phone numbers. Call each member and leave a voice mail to let them know you are against the removal of Veteran Monuments in Jacksonville Florida

This is important

E-mail and Write At Least One of the Jacksonville City Council Members

> Address all Letters to: 117 W. Duval St., Suite 425 Jacksonville FL 32202

it Doesn't matter what others are Doing. It matters what <u>YOU</u> are doing.





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 (\$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)

NAME _______ = E-MAIL ______

ADDRESS ______

S.C.V. Membership Renewal For the Cause ______ (+) _____
Total Amount Sent_____ that have already sent your dues.



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Jacksonville, Florida

To:

If **** is listed at the end of your name on address label, your Membership Needs to Be Renewed

Next Old City Cemetery Work Day/Camp Meeting is on July 28 2018 @ 8:30am

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Please Renew Your Membership Today

Your Voice and Membership is important to our Camp

***** After your name means your SCV membership renewal is needed

Nothing after your name means your dues are current!

