

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 many camp activities include Camp 1209 presenting twenty 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 2019 Annual Georgia Blueberry Festival to be held in Bacon County (Alma, GA) on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st, 2019. 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 22nd, 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.



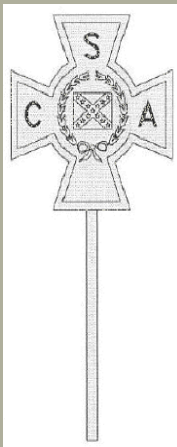
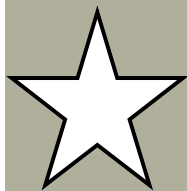
CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ -Camp Meeting
May 22nd, 2018
Tuesday 7pm @ Museum Southern History
- ◆ Executive Board meeting At Uncle Dave's June 4, 2018
@ 6:30pm



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God Bless the South
Commander Calvin Hart

"...the contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena."

President Jefferson Davis, C.S.A., address to the Mississippi legislature in 1881.





The Kirby Smith Signal Corps Needs You!

Kirby Smith Camp 1209 now has many options for the relay of Camp information. These different platforms will allow for everyone to be notified about upcoming Camp events.

- **Facebook** <http://m.facebook.com>

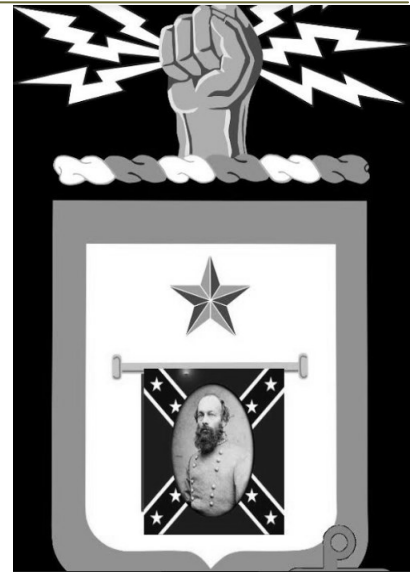
Search Kirby-Smith SCV Camp 1209 , join and follow our Facebook page. This is a great way to keep up with posted events such as City Council Meetings, Camp

meetings, and special events.

- **Kirby Smith Email Blast**— A platform where information can be sent directly to members and friends email. Any member not receiving or wish to receive the Email Blast contact mpbrandenburg71@gmail.com with your email address and you will be added to the group list.
- **Kirby Smith Camp 1209 Phone Bank** - Kirby Smith Camp has a call list to remind members of Special events and Executive Board Meetings. Anyone that needs to update a phone number or be added to that list please contact mpbrandenburg71@gmail.com with updates or phone numbers.
- **Kirby Smith Camp 1209 Website** -<http://scv-kirby-smith.org>

This site contains the history of Kirby Smith Camp along with a calendar that will update with monthly events.

- **Kirby Smith Camp 1209 Newsletter**—The "Sharpshooter" is sent out monthly containing articles and events. These options for Electronic communication will allow us to keep informed on events and happenings at a moments notice. This will also allow us to organize faster in the event we need to protect our Southern history or Honor our Southern Ancestors.



“When the South raised its sword against the Union’s Flag, it was in defense of the Union’s Constitution.” Confederate General John B. Gordon

Confederate Engineers in the War Between the States (PART 2)



The Confederate Army often demonstrated its skill at strategic defenses in the tactics used by General Joseph Johnston. His troops would construct as many as three lines of fieldworks, including one to their rear. Johnston attended, with meticulous detail, to the general organization and detail of the entrenchment, while the engineer officer of each unit was in charge of the entrenchment, selecting the lines and placing each unit in position. The Union Army routinely left this function to the troops themselves. Poe reported, "The constant practice of our troops has made them tolerably good judges of what constitutes a good defensive line and lightened the labors of the engineer staff very materially." [The Union was slow to appreciate the effectiveness of the Confederate defensive tactics. In June 1862, the defense

of Vicksburg, Mississippi, under the command of General John Pemberton, was under way. The Confederates threw up two circular fieldworks that were connected by rifle trenches. The Union Army's General Ulysses S. Grant failed to entrench his offensive line or even to entrench his camps. The Union forces staged three assaults, the first on 29 December 1862 with forces commanded by General Sherman. The second and third assaults by Grant's forces were on 19 and 21 May 1863, this time after a six-hour artillery bombardment by land and from the river. Grant captured a few works but could not hold them. On 4 July 1863, Pemberton, who was short of food and ammunition, surrendered after defending for 213 days. Grant had employed 220 artillery pieces, while the defenders hardly used any artillery. Pemberton had defended Vicksburg with a force of 18,500 men and lost about 800 during the siege. Grant had engaged about 30,000 men, and his force was almost decimated.

The Confederacy pursued a strategy of waging a defensive war but, in the offense, its engineer forces were both innovative and highly effective. One especially successful technique involved creating a skirmish line that moved increasingly closer to the enemy's works. The line protected itself by digging individual rifle pits. Working parties then joined the chain of pits into an ordinary rifle trench, which they later strengthened. By this means, entire earthworks could end up within 200 feet of each other. A number of items for use in the offense were invented out of necessity. One such innovation was the sap roller, a large cylindrical basket that was closed at both ends and filled with rocks and soil. "Sappers" would roll the basket until they were directly in front of the Union positions. The advantage to this was that troops could move onto enemy defensive works while under fire and prepare a rifle trench almost on top of the enemy and be relatively free of the murderous fire the enemy could deliver. (part 3 next month's issue)

The 48th Annual Florida Division Reunion



Ocala, Florida - June 1-3, 2018



Reunion REGISTRATION FORM

	Quantity	Total
<u>Registration Fee:</u> <i>Members Only</i>		
If Postmarked By May 15 th	_____ X \$37.00	\$ _____
After May 15 th	_____ X \$45.00	\$ _____
Luncheon on your own		
Awards Banquet: note chicken or pork	_____ X \$38.00	\$ _____

The banquet meal includes – Herb Crusted Chicken or Sliced Pork Loin with salad, mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, rolls and butter, dessert, tea and coffee.

Total Remitted: \$ _____

NOTE: We will not be able to take meal reservations received after May 18th

Special Note: Friday night Social Under the Oaks a \$5 donation at the event is appreciated but not required.

Please do not park on the north side of the Oaks area- New hotel's lot.

Please Make Checks Payable To: **SCV Florida Division Inc**

NAME: _____ Guest: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

CAMP NAME & NUMBER: _____

Please Mail Registration Form & Check to:

SW Region Lt. Commander David King 11206 Partridge Dr. Tampa FL. 33625-4971

Kirby-Smith Old City Cemetery April Work Day



Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 met under the canopy of the Confederate Grandstand during the rainstorm. We discussed the 2020 SCV National Reunion and planned Confederate Memorial Day.

Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 Members

Are Our Best Recruitment Tool

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

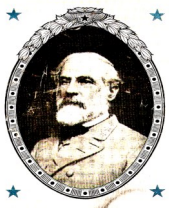
Florida S.C.V. Division State

Registration is now open for the 2018 Florida Division Reunion to be held June 1-3, 2018 at the Holiday Inn and Suites Conference Center, Ocala, Florida. This is an election year and all positions will be open for nominations and Constitutional Amendments will be presented. The deadline for submission of proposed Amendments to the Division Commander is Monday 02 April. General distribution on Proposed Amendments must be made by Wednesday 02 May. Procedures and Nominating Committee contact information can be found in the Elections Procedures document below. The registration flyer can be posted in this newsletter.



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!!!



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*Camp Meeting May 22, 2017 @
 7:00PM Museum of Southern
 History*



New Orleans, La.—Sept. 15, 1862

THE ALABAMA SINKS ANOTHER UNION SHIP

The Confederate Naval power jolted the North today when the death ship "Alabama" sank the Union frigate "Commerce." The frigate tried to outrace the "Alabama," but could not compete with the powerful warship. The "Commerce" started sinking after the first few hits had been made. The seamen on board leaped into the churning waters and clung to whatever

driftwood was available. Struggling to survive the whirlpool the men panicked and pulled one another down under the sea. The "Alabama" sent down rescue boats to help the crew of the "Commerce." Many lives could not be saved. So far, not one Union ship has been able to stand up to the terror of the sea, the "Alabama."