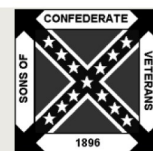


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JANUARY 2018

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LOOK FORWARD TO 2019  
LEE-JACKSON DINNER

## 66th Annual Lee & Jackson



As we start this New Year, your camp is not resting on the successes of last year. We are coming out in full charge with this year's Lee and Jackson Dinner on January 27, 2019 at Maggiano's at the Town Center. This event is our 66th Annual Celebration of the births of two of our greatest Southern Heroes, Robert E. Lee



and Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson. Military historians consider Lee and Jackson to be the most gifted tactical commanders in the nation's history. It is important that if you are going to attend please send in your R.S.V.P. along with your check to allow us to plan for enough seating for this camp activity. We will be honored at this ceremony to have Thomas Jesse and Dr. Curt Fields as speakers. Compatriot Jesse and Fields will portray General Lee and Grant, and we are fortunate that he has chosen our camp to speak at. This will be a milestone event and one you do not want to miss.

God Bless the South,  
Commander Calvin Hart



For the dinner to be successful, we depended on the membership to be successful. We look forward to seeing you and recognizing two of the greatest American Military leaders Lee and Jackson, and they are ours.

### CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ♦ -Lee & Jackson Dinner  
January 27, 2019  
Starts: 5:00pm
- ♦ Executive Board Meeting  
February 4, 2019  
6:30pm @ Uncle Davey's Americana
- ♦ Camp Meeting  
February 15-17, 2019  
Olustee Battle Reenactment



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## *December Camp Meeting Review*



Camp #1209 Christmas Dinner was very successful. The food was great thanks to the membership bringing their favorite dish to the dinner. The membership also collected \$300 to donate to the Children's Home Society. The Children's Home assists with adoptions and the care of orphans in Jacksonville. This year is the tenth year that the camp has made a donation to the home.

### **The Death of General Thomas J. Jackson**

**"I am not Afraid to Die"**

Jackson continued to decline, fading in and out of consciousness. When he awoke in the afternoon and saw several surgeons standing around his bed, he said, "I see from the number of physicians that you think my condition dangerous, but I thank God, if it is His will, that I am ready to go. I am not afraid to die." Following another difficult night, the general awoke on Sunday, May 10, completely exhausted. It was apparent to everyone that he could not last the day. Anna broke down sobbing and told Jackson that there was no hope for his recovery. Jackson called for McGuire and said, "Doctor, Anna informs me that you have told her I am to die today. Is it so?" McGuire replied that there was nothing further the doctors could do. Jackson paused, then responded, "Very good, very good. It is all right."

After brief visits from little Julia and Major Pendleton, Jackson lapsed into a coma. He awoke shortly before 3:15 pm and spoke his final, enigmatic words: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."

As a means by which to harness their sorrow and honor their revered leader, the members of the 1st Brigade, Virginia Volunteers, requested a formal declaration by the C.S.A. legislature to name the brigade after its founding commander. On May 30, 1863, Confederate Congress acquiesced and Special Orders, No. 129 was issued by command of the Secretary of War, stating that "the brigade referred to be hereafter designated as the 'Stonewall Brigade'







## *Cemetery Clean Up*

*January 19, 2018*

*Clean -Up and Recon for Future Projects*

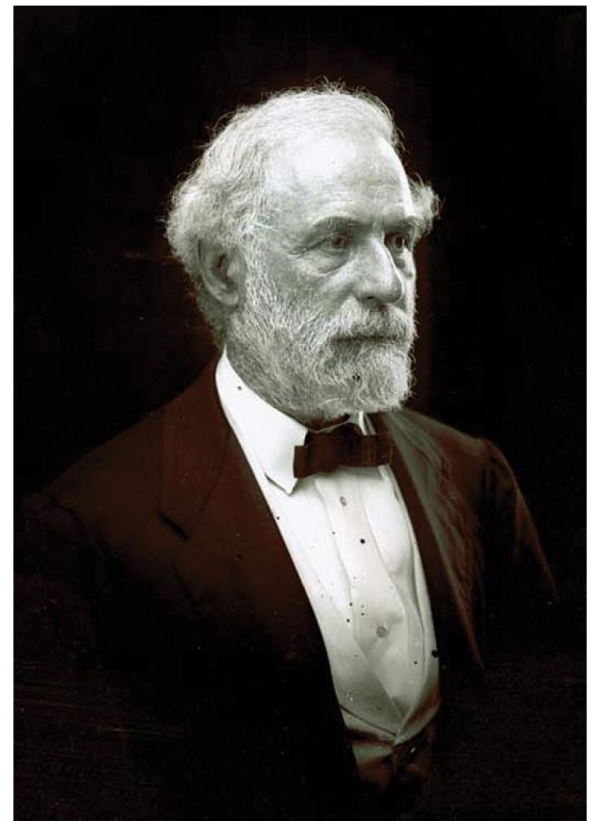
### ***Little Known Facts on Robert E. Lee***

He slept in a modest soldier's tent and ate the same rations as his men. Much to the chagrin of his staff, Lee almost always turned away delicacies offered by the wealthier civilians in the area where his army camped. When fresh fruits or vegetables, fine meat, good bread, or even quality spirits were sent to his headquarters, Lee would write a gracious letter of thanks to the benefactor and quietly send the food onto his men, usually the wounded in hospital. Lee always ate simple meals and took the typical army ration given to his men. Similarly, he routinely turned down offers to use the homes of Southerners as his headquarters, preferring to sleep outside in his modest tent, which, incidentally, was that of a New Jersey officer captured by the Confederates. He thus made it a point to share the daily hardships of his men as much as possible, and to know them as much as he could. Once, as Lee was returning to his tent, he noticed a soldier peeking inside. "Walk in, Captain," Lee called out, "I am glad to see you." The startled soldier turned and addressed Lee: "I ain't no captain, General Lee. I's just a private in the Ninth Virginia Cavalry." "Well, come on in, sir," Lee responded. "If you aren't a captain, you ought to be."



### **Lee turned down many lucrative business Offers after the war ended**

The Lees' Arlington estate had been seized by Union forces before war's end, and after Appomattox, he returned to a modest house in Richmond that he had rented for his wife and family. With his legal status an open question, and his financial resources much reduced, Lee looked for a way to make a living and to contribute to society. "Lee turned down every invitation to prosper by his name," Ernest B. Furguson writes: "to be president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway; to command the Romanian army; to be governor of Virginia; to write his memoirs—or merely sign them written by someone else; to be president of insurance companies; to move into an English manor house with an annual stipend." Lee at last found a position that suited him: the presidency of Washington College in Lexington, where he would earn \$1,500 a year, plus a percentage of the total tuition payments the college received. Lee revitalized the dying institution, building it into a university by adding practical courses in modern languages (including one of the very few Spanish programs in the country), engineering, commerce, farming, and the law to the existing program of classical education. He also opened the first-ever journalism school in the country. His efforts at Washington College, author Charles Bracelen Flood asserts, entitle Lee "to a position in the first rank of American educators."

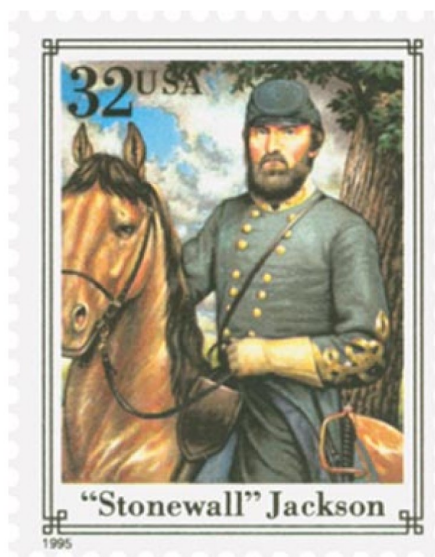


**Robert E Lee**  
**1807 - 1870**

## *General Robert E. Lee*

**Did You Know:** According to a popular legend, U.S. Marine Corps General and two-time Medal of Honor recipient Smedley Butler refused to believe that Jackson's arm was buried at Ellwood. While conducting operations nearby in 1921, he ordered his men to take up shovels, but was shocked when they found the arm. As the story goes, they reburied the limb and attached a commemorative bronze plaque to the stone marker. Whether or not the entire tale is true, the plaque does exist – and is currently held by the National Park Service.

**Did You Know:** Jackson's horse, like his master, was not buried in one piece. "Little Sorrel" outlived his rider – soaking up some of the celebrity that the general was unable to enjoy after death, becoming VMI's mascot. After his death, the faithful steed was (mostly) buried at the VMI parade grounds, but his hide was removed and stuffed. Little Sorrel can still be seen on display at the college's museum.



**U.S. 1995 32¢ US  
Stonewall Jackson Stamp**

After being singled out when it issued a stamp that showed the wrong person, the Postal Service changed its selection process and spent a year choosing the stamps in a historical series about the Civil War. Historians, biographers and artists spent a year making sure that the mistake will not be repeated when the new series went on sale. Among those historians helping the Postal Service was Shelby Foote, well known for his three-volume history "The Civil War: A Narrative." I was pleased enough with the result," Mr. Foote said in a telephone interview. "The aim wasn't to display the 12 greatest generals or something." Postal Service compiled a panel of four experts to suggest the stamp selections to Mr. Foote and to assist in checking historical accuracy.



*Lee and Jackson*

*Dinner*

*January 27, 2019*

*Get Your R.S.V.P.*

*In Now*

The main program of will be enacted in first person and called "Grant and Lee at Appomattox." Curt Fields will be U.S. Grant and Thomas Jessee will be Robert E. Lee. Both men stay in character the complete time, even when talking casually to the audience. Fields is from Nashville, TN and Thomas is from Central Florida.

They have done this enactment for many years and performed in many states, specifically at Appomattox. For Curtis Fields, who portrayed Grant for the National Park Service, both at the sesquicentennial and in the movie made last summer for the visitors center, the transition to Grant not only required a promotion, but also a change of sides. Fields, who is from Tennessee, had been portraying Confederate soldiers but decided to switch to Grant after realizing he was, essentially, Grant's body double. Thomas Jessee, of Lakeland, Florida, shares some of those feelings about portraying Lee, something he started doing in the later part of his now 45-year reenacting career. Thomas Jesse has portrayed Lee for the National Park Service and friends group, something he did last summer for the new visitors center video at the park. As a native Virginian, he had always admired and studied Lee. "But to have the honor of presenting myself as him, I don't have enough words to describe how honorable that is but also intimidating... you've got to get it right, you've got to do it right," he said.

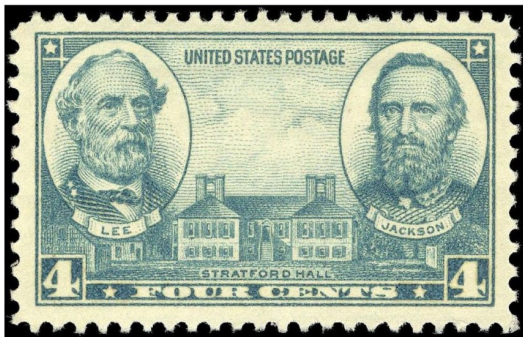


## Union Civil War Generals Stamp Released 1937

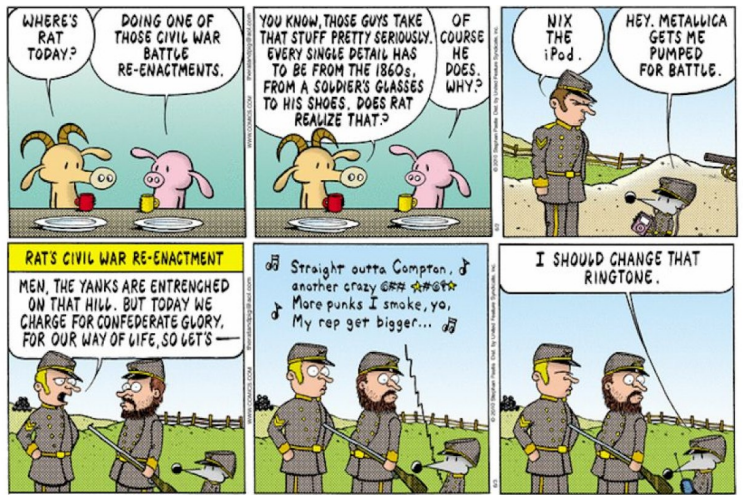


Many Southerners were outraged by this stamp featuring three Northern generals: William Tecumseh Sherman, Ulysses S. Grant, and Philip Sheridan. Grant and Sheridan most could live with, but Sherman was still despised for his harsh tactics and his famously destructive March to the Sea in 1864. State legislatures in South Carolina and Georgia took up the matter, the latter suggesting that the stamp not be issued until the federal government reimbursed Georgians for Sherman's destruction and that it also be engraved with a lengthy list of his misdeeds. The postal department attempted to mollify critics by assuring them that a stamp featuring Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson was coming soon. But...

## Confederate Civil War General Stamp released 1937



Although postal authorities hoped this stamp honoring Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson would placate Southerners offended by an earlier one with the reviled Union general William Tecumseh Sherman, it proved controversial in its own right. Trouble was, the portrait of Lee showed just two stars on his collar, even though he was a three-star general, making it appear that he'd been demoted. The post office variously claimed that the stamp had been based on an older photo or that the third star was actually hidden by his collar. Nonetheless, when Lee was next honored on a stamp, in 1949, he wore civilian clothes.



## OLUSTEE 2019



## 1949 Washington and Lee Stamp



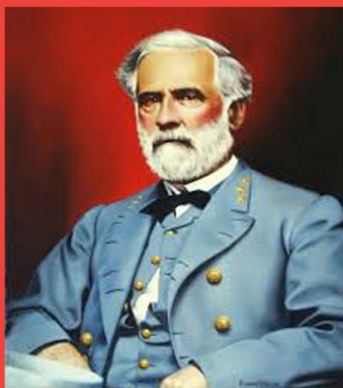




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**KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209**  
**LEE AND JACKSON CELEBRATION DINNER**  
**Sunday, January 27**  
**5:00 p.m.**



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**Event will include a gourmet four course meal,**  
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**Thomas Jessee and Dr. E.C. (Curt) Fields**

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**together for this celebratory event.**

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**Your Attendance Is Required to Make This Event Successful**  
**Entire Tables Can Be Reserved/ Business Attire**





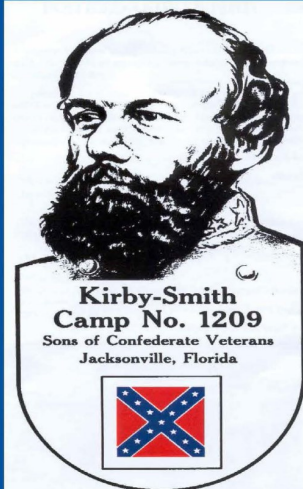


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**First Course- Choice of Appetizers and Salads**

Crispy Zucchini Fritte -Strips of zucchini hand battered with Japanese bread crumbs and fried to a golden brown, served with a zesty lemon aioli cream sauce.

Tomato Caprese -Sliced tomatoes topped with fresh mozzarella and basil, drizzled with a balsamic glaze.

Caesar Salad -A traditional Caesar salad of romaine lettuce, croutons and shaved parmesan. Served with caesar dressing.

Italian Tossed Salad -Iceberg lettuce, arugula, kalamata olives, red onions and pepperoncini. Served with Italian vinaigrette.

**Second Course – Choice of Pastas**

S Fettuccine Alfredo – Fettuccine tossed with garlic in an Asiago cream sauce.

Mom's Lasagna - Meat Sauce -Pasta sheets layered with ricotta cheese, crumbled meatballs, Italian sausage and marinara. Topped with provolone cheese and meat sauce.

**Third Course - Entrees – Choice of Entrees**

Oven-Roasted Pork Loin, Balsamic Cream Sauce ~ Pork tenderloin served in a portabella and balsamic cream sauce; served with garlic mashed potatoes,portabella mushrooms and crispy onions.

Tilapia - Filet of tilapia lightly coated with parmesan and sautéed with capers, tomatoes, sage and lemon butter. Served with orzo and spinach.

**Fourth Course- Choice of Desserts**

Apple Crostada, Caramel Sauce -Granny smith apples baked in a pastry crust dipped in cream and crystallized sugar. Served with caramel sauce and a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream.

Cheesecake, Seasonal Fruit - Cheesecake topped with fresh berries and whipped cream

**Dinner and Generals Lee and Grant Portrayal ----\$50.00 per person**

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### *General Thomas Stonewall Jackson Quotes*

Our movement was a great success; I think the most successful military movement of my life. But I expect to receive more credit for it than I deserve. Most men will think I planned it all from the first; but it was not so. I simply took advantage of circumstances as they were presented to me in the providence of God. I feel that His hand led me - let us give Him the glory.

Stonewall Jackson



"The patriot volunteer,  
fighting for country and his  
rights, makes the most reliable  
soldier on earth."

General "Stonewall" Jackson

THE LEE & JACKSON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IS ON JANUARY 27, 2018

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