

The General's Dispatch



The monthly newsletter for the St. Petersburg, Florida
Stonewall Jackson Camp 1381,
9th Brigade, Florida Division, Army of Tennessee,
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Meets the 4th Saturday of the month from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
at Stacey's Buffet, 1451 Missouri Avenue, Largo, Florida



Stonewall Jackson

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CAMP MEETING

Our next meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Camp will be **Saturday, February 28 at 9:30 at Stacey's Buffet, 1451 Missouri Avenue, Largo.** Since this is the bicentennial year of Abraham Lincoln, our program will focus on a discussion of "Honest Abe" and his real actions during the Second American Revolution. There may be some insights that you haven't heard before, definitely not the views you learned in school! But, the victors get to write history. Please plan on joining us for this educational meeting and enjoying the fellowship of your fellow compatriots. Bring a guest! Also, plan to stay for lunch and more fellowship! You won't want to miss this meeting!

NOVEMBER 22, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Our meeting was held at 9:30 at Stacey's. Commander Randy called the meeting to order and Compatriot Frank Thornton led the pledge of allegiance with Compatriot Don Palen leading the salute to the Confederate flag. Members in attendance were Compatriots Don Palen, Charles Saunders, Rick Johnson, Rick Gray, Frank Thornton and Randy Bailey. Guests included Art Hays, 9th Brigade Commander, Becky and Carol Grimmer and Diana Byther (from the Mary Custis Lee Chapter of the UDC), Jeff Cotten (Jubal Early Camp) and Rose Collins. Andy Collins was initiated into the Camp by Brigade Commander Art and penned by Becky Grimmer, President of the Mary Custis Lee Chapter. Welcome Compatriot Andy! Diana Byther presented the program on "Florida Voter Registration in 1867-68" which was very interesting and informative and well received by all. Jeff Cotten brought us up to date on the Tampa Flag Project and the Camp voted to donate \$200 to the project. Camp shirt orders were taken and have been ordered. Nominations for Camp officers were accepted and the vote for the new officers for 2009 was taken. Resolutions to the memory of former Compatriots Doug Pedrick and Chuck Dedman for the SCV were read to the Camp. Randy mentioned that the Camp website is up and running. The website is www.pinellascv.org, check it out! Pictures were taken by Brigade Commander Art using the print of Stonewall Jackson that the ladies of the Mary Custis Lee are using as a raffle to raise money for repairs to their building. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 and many of us stayed for lunch and fellowship. It was truly a great meeting and those of you who missed it missed a really good one!

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2009

Nominations were taken for our slate of officers for 2009 and a vote was conducted. The new officers for the Stonewall Jackson Camp for 2009 are:

Commander/Adjutant – Randy Bailey
Lt. Commander – Rick Gray
Chaplin – Bill Emerson
Sergeant of Arms – Don Palen

SUNCOAST CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Diana Byther, past president of the Mary Custis Lee Chapter of the UDC, will be making a presentation on “Florida Voter Registration in 1867-1868” at the next meeting of the Suncoast Civil War Roundtable on February 18 at 7:00 P.M. The Roundtable meets at Jason’s Deli, 25801 US Hwy 19, Suite 1110, Clearwater, FL 33763. Diana’s presentation deals with the Reconstruction with the main focus on the disenfranchisement, corruption and Federal military intervention that happened here in Florida. Controversial, interesting stuff that not many people realize or talk about now and definitely not taught in our schools. Diana is a special friend to the Camp and we certainly want to show our support, so please plan on attending the Roundtable meeting.

CAMP DONATION

As a result of the Stonewall Jackson Camp’s \$200 donation to the Flags Across Florida – Confederate Memorial Park in Tampa, and in the memory of long-time Stonewall Jackson Camp members Charlie Pedrick and J.P. Jones, the names of their Confederate veteran ancestors will be inscribed on the memorial wall at the site. Their ancestors were 3rd Lt. Thomas I. Pedrick, Co. G, 1st Florida Cavalry, CSA, and Sgt. Andrew Paul Wyrosdick, Co. H, 23rd Alabama Infantry, CSA.

Submitted by 9th Brigade Commander Art Hays

CONFEDERATE PARK DEDICATION SET

The Gen. Jubal Early Camp and the Florida Division SCV are proud to announce the date of the dedication ceremony of the Tampa Flag and Monument Site. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25, 2009. On the day of the event, music and speakers will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will continue until 2:00 P.M. At 2:00 P.M. the dedication service will begin. For more information visit: www.tampaflag.org.

SCV SUES FLORIDA OVER CONFEDERATE HERITAGE SPECIALTY PLATE

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Florida Division have filed suit in Federal Court to force the State of Florida to approve a proposed CONFEDERATE HERITAGE specialty license plate for the state.

The bill authorizing the CONFEDERATE HERITAGE specialty plate was introduced and filed during the 2008 Legislative Session by State Representative Don Brown (R-Holmes County) but was not taken up in committee.

“The SCV did everything that was required by Florida Statute to have the Confederate Heritage plate approved by the Legislature and we were not given the time of day by the Florida Legislature,” stated SCV Plate Chairman John W. Adams of Deltona, Florida.

“Ten states have similar plates and the courts have, without exception, ordered that the plates be produced by the states involved – we seek the same consideration here in Florida.”

The lawsuit seeks to order the State of Florida to create and distribute the plate to the 67 counties along with the other 106 specialty plates that have been approved and distributed.

Proceeds from the plate will be used to repair and enhance veteran’s cemeteries in Florida; provide for academic grants and scholarships and support patriotism in Florida’s schools.

The SCV is a nationally recognized historical organization comprised of individuals whose ancestors fought during the Civil War for the 11 states of the Confederacy and other states that provided soldiers for the effort. Florida was the third state to join the Confederacy on January 10, 1861.

Also providing legal support for the lawsuit is the nationally recognized *RUTHERFORD INSTITUTE*. The Rutherford Institute has emerged as one of the nation's leading advocates of civil liberties and human rights, litigating in the courts and educating the public on a wide spectrum of issues affecting individual freedoms in the United States and around the world.

Orlando Attorney Frederic B. O'Neal is the attorney for the SCV. Individuals wishing more information on the plate or the organization may visit: www.HeritagePlate.org

From John W. Adams

NEW MEMBER DRIVE

The Camp has gained seven new members this year, but we can't stop recruiting! We have also lost several of our members. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact them and invite them to a meeting. We need to enlist brothers with Southern heritage. If the camps in surrounding areas can recruit members, surely we can too. Invite, follow-up, and then follow-up again. We have a great bunch of guys and it is to all of our benefit to get new members to help us protect our heritage and the heritage of the South. Please take the extra effort.

MEMORIAL FEBRUARY DATES IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY

February 1, 1861 – Texas secedes
February 2, 1803 – General Albert Sydney Johnston born
February 3, 1807 – General Joseph E. Johnston born
February 3, 1863 – Battle of Dover, TN (Forrest swears never to serve under Wheeler again!)
February 5, 1865 – Battle of Hatcher's Run, Virginia
February 6, 1833 – Maj. Gen. James Ewell Brown (Jeb) Stuart born
February 6, 1832 – Maj. Gen. John Brown Gordon born
February 6, 1834 – Maj. Gen. William Dorsey Pender born
February 6, 1862 – Battle of Ft. Henry, Tennessee
February 7-8, 1862 – Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina
February 9, 1861 – Jefferson Davis becomes President of the Confederate States of America
February 12-16, 1862 – Battle of Ft. Donelson (Thank God for Forrest)
February 14-20, 1864 – Battle of Meridian, Mississippi (Polk shows what a good general he is?)
February 20, 1864 – **Battle of Olustee (Florida saved!)**
February 20-21, 1862 – Battle of Valverde, New Mexico

QUOTE

“All the South has ever desired was that the Union, as established by our forefathers, should be preserved, and that the government, as originally organized, should be administered in purity and truth.”

General Robert E. Lee – January 5, 1866

DEO VINDICE



CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

**The marching armies of the past
Along our Southern plains,
Are sleeping now in quiet rest
Beneath the Southern rains.**

**The bugle call is now in vain
To rouse them from their bed;
To arms they'll never march again--
They are sleeping with the dead.**

**No more will Shiloh's plains be stained
With blood our heroes shed,
Nor Chancellorsville resound again
To our noble warriors' tread.**

For them no more shall reveille

Sound at the break of dawn,
But may their sleep peaceful be
Till God's great judgment morn.

We bow our heads in solemn prayer
For those who wore the gray,
And clasp again their unseen hands
On our Memorial Day.

Author Unknown

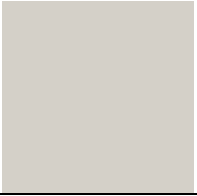
"We could have pursued no other course without dishonor. And sad as the results have been, if it had all to be done over again, we should be compelled to act in precisely the same manner." - **General Robert E. Lee**

Confederate Memorial Day e-Greetings for April 26 - Confederate Memorial Day in Florida

(click on image to send Confederate Memorial Day eCard)

Origins of
Memorial Day,
[Click Here](#)

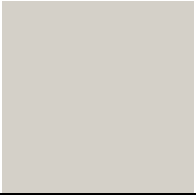
Send an e-Letter that details the Origins of Memorial Day, starting in Columbus, Georgia during the War of Northern Aggression. The Source of the material is the Confederate Veteran magazine. Very educational e-Letter.



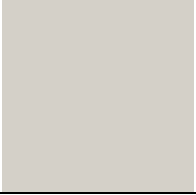
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For Information on Confederate Memorial Services at Stone Mountain, click [here](#).



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