

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, March 28 at 9:30 at Stacey's Buffet, 1451 Missouri Avenue, Largo.** We have another special treat! **Frank Crawford**, special friend to the Camp, will present a program on the Battle of Lexington, Missouri. We won that one! Frank has visited with the Camp several times and it is always a pleasure to have him. Frank is a historian, has conducted numerous battlefield tours and has written a book on the soldiers' aspects during the war. 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!

FEBRUARY 28, 2009 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, Bill Emerson, Rick Gray, Frank Thornton and Randy Bailey. Guests included Lori (a guest of Rick Gray). Minutes from the November meeting were approved and a treasurer's report was given. Reports on Jay Wilfong, Ruth Mallonee and a thank you note from Jackie Dedman (former Compatriot Chuck Dedman's widow) was read. Camp shirts had arrived and were distributed to Camp members who had placed orders. An update on the Flag Project was presented and a motion was made to donate another \$200 to the project. The Flag and Monument Dedication is scheduled for April 25. Rick Gray gave a report on the Civil War Days at Heritage Village on May 16. The Camp has decided to participate in this event. Randy pointed out our website www.pinellasscv.org is up and running. New Camp rosters were distributed to the members present. Randy presented a program on *The Real Lincoln* with excerpts from Dr. Thomas Dilorenzo's book by the same title. Many interesting facts about "Honest Abe" that aren't taught in school. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 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!

CAMP DONATION

The Camp members voted to donate another \$200 to the Flags Across Florida – Confederate Memorial Park in Tampa, Another member decided to contribute an additional \$50 to the project through the Camp. This brings our total Camp donations to the Flag Project to \$550 which is quite impressive for our small Camp. Thank you, Compatriots.

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.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

This year we will celebrate Confederate Memorial Day with the Mary Custis Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, on April 18 at 10:00, at the Confederate Memorial Building on Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. in Clearwater. This has been a tradition of the Camp and it is always a very nice program. The ladies have invited us to participate again this year so we want to make a positive impression with as many members as possible in attendance. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending!

NEW MEMBER DRIVE

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 MARCH DATES IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY

March 6, 1865 – **Battle of Natural Bridge, Florida** (teenagers from West Florida Seminary (FSU) whip Yankees)
March 7 - 8, 1862 – Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas
March 9, 1862 – Battle of Hampton Roads, Virginia (CSS *Virginia* vs. USS *Monitor*)
March 14, 1862 – Battle of New Bern, North Carolina
March 16, 1861 – Territory of Arizona secedes
March 17, 1828 – Major General Patrick Cleburne born
March 17, 1863 – Battle of Kelly's Ford, Virginia
March 19 - 21, 1865 – Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina
March 22, 1817 – General Braxton Bragg born
March 23, 1862 – Battle of Kernstown, Virginia (Stonewall's only defeat)
March 25, 1863 – Battle of Brentwood, Tennessee (Forrest wins)
March 25, 1864 – Battle of Paducah, Kentucky (Forrest again – shows that he can go anywhere he wants!)
March 25, 1865 – Battle of Ft. Steadman, Virginia
March 26 - 28, 1862 – Battle of Glorieta Pass, New Mexico
March 28, 1818 – Lieutenant General Wade Hampton born
March 30, 1862 – Battle of Stanwix Station, Arizona (westernmost action in the war)
March 31, 1865 – Battle of Dinwiddie Court House, Virginia (Pickett beats Sheridan)

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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)

<p>Origins of Memorial Day, Click Here</p>	<p>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.</p>
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For Information on Confederate Memorial Services at Stone Mountain, click [here](#).



Lest They Be Forgotten ... Confederate POW's at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.
