

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

November 2008

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CAMP MEETING

Our next meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Camp will be **Saturday, November 22 at 9:30 at Stacey's Buffet, 1451 Missouri Avenue, Largo.** We plan a “special” morning! **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.” The 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 welcome her. Please plan on joining us for the 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!

OCTOBER 18, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Our meeting was held at 10:00 at Greenwood Cemetery in St. Petersburg. Members in attendance were Compatriots Ted Dahlem, Bill Emerson, Don Palen, Charles Saunders, Rick Johnson, Rick Gray and Randy Bailey. Art Hays, 9th Brigade Commander, was there and used his renowned map-reading techniques to help us locate the graves. Compatriot Ted had ordered and received two grave markers that we placed at the gravesites of Veterans Andrew P. Canova – Private, Company B, 3rd Florida Infantry Regiment (1833-1903), and William Connell – Private, Company C, 2nd Florida Cavalry Regiment (1830-1905). Setting the markers was not as bad as anticipated (due to the soil and not having any roots) but, finding the locations is sometimes a challenge. It was decided that the Camp needs to set a future date to clean up some of the markers and graves. It was a special, memorable occasion and felt good to accomplish this task. This is one of the most important accomplishments that the Camp performs and it is in keeping with our “charge” of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. A special thanks to Ted!

NEW MEMBER – REX “BUTCH” CRAIG

Butch Craig has joined the Stonewall Jackson Camp as a Legionnaire. Butch has been a Camp friend for several months and is researching his ancestry. We are so glad to have you with us, Butch. Welcome, Compatriot Butch!

SUNCOAST CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Our own, Compatriot Ted Dahlem, spoke at the October Suncoast Civil War Roundtable meeting. Camp members in attendance were Rick Gray, Randy Bailey and 9th Brigade Commander Art Hays. Compatriot Ted discussed a southern patriot, 'Cat' Miranda, and the events that took place around Pinellas Point during the war and then answered questions. Good job, Ted! You made us proud!

CAMP SHIRTS

Compatriot Art has made arrangements for us to order Camp shirts. The person's husband is a SCV member and has provided shirts for other Camps and therefore no set-up fee. The polo shirts will have the SCV logo and Camp name and number over the pocket on the left side (over the heart). The shirts are gray. The cost is:

XS – XL \$30; 2X \$31; 3X \$33

Please let Randy know if you are interested in ordering a shirt and what size.

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2009

Nominations will be taken for our slate of officers for 2009. Anyone interested in serving as an officer for the upcoming year, please give your name to Randy. Also, please be thinking about serving this new year. We need men to step forward!

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.

NOVEMBER DATES IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY

November 3, 1813: Lieutenant General Jubal A. Early born
November 3, 1863: Battle of Collierville, Tennessee
November 6, 1861: Jefferson Davis elected President of the Confederacy
November 6, 1863: Battle of Droop Mountain, West Virginia (**Randy's ancestor was killed here**)
November 7, 1861: Battle of Belmont, Missouri
November 7, 1861: Battle of Port Royal, South Carolina
November 7, 1862: Battle of Clark's Mill, Missouri
November 7, 1863: Battle of Rappahannock Station, Virginia
November 9, 1825: Lieutenant General A. P. Hill born
November 16, 1863: Battle of Campbell's Station, Tennessee
November 19, 1861: Battle of Round Mountain, Oklahoma
November 23-25, 1863: Battle of Chattanooga, Tennessee
November 27, 1863: Battle of Ringgold, Georgia
November 28, 1861: Missouri admitted to the Confederacy
November 29, 1863: Battle of Ft. Sanders, Tennessee (Knoxville)
November 29, 1864: Battle of Spring Hill, Tennessee
November 30, 1864: Battle of Franklin, Tennessee

BATTLE OF FRANKLIN

With Atlanta lost on September 1, 1864, the Confederate commander of the Army of Tennessee, General John B. Hood, resolved to move northward, striking at Maj. General William Sherman's 140 miles of communications back to Chattanooga. Hood marched rapidly, pausing only to jab at Federal detachments in Georgia, at Allatoona on October 5 and at Resaca on October 12. On October 31 the Confederates crossed the Tennessee River in northern Alabama. Sherman, who had been following, now turned back to Atlanta to organize his "march to the sea." Maj. General George Thomas, put in charge of containing Hood, ordered Maj. General John Schofield to fall back toward Nashville. Hood now hurried into Tennessee to intercept Schofield. The latter withdrew across the Duck River at Columbia on November 27. Hood crossed upriver and both armies raced northward on almost parallel courses. At Spring Hill on November 29 the Confederates just missed blocking off the Federal retreat.

After an all-night march to escape the trap, Schofield reached Franklin, where he entrenched in front of the Harpeth River with some 32,000 troops. Hood closed up rapidly that afternoon (November 30) at the head of 38,000 Confederates who were eager for a battle. His initial assault opened a gap in the center of Schofield's line. But a determined counterattack led by Brig. General Emerson Opdycke sealed off the penetration. For almost five hours Hood's men hammered at the Federal defenses without breaking through. By 9 P.M. the fighting had died down. The attackers had lost 6,252 men, including 12 general officers (6 killed). Among the dead was the veteran division commander Patrick Cleburne. Federal casualties totaled 2,326. East of Franklin the Confederate cavalry of Maj. General Nathan Bedford Forrest were held in check at the hands of Federal horsemen under Maj. General James Wilson. That night Schofield crossed the Harpeth to the safety of Nashville's lines, where Thomas assumed command. Hood followed but was too weak to make another assault.

QUOTE

"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance."

Jefferson C. Davis

*CAMP MEETING
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 22
9:30 AT STACEY'S*

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

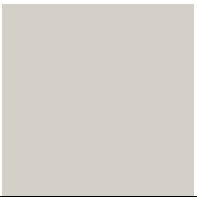
"We could have pursued no other course without dishonor. And sad as the results have been, if it had all to be done over again, we should be compelled to act in precisely the same manner." - **General Robert E. Lee**

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

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

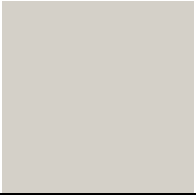
Send an e-Letter that details the Origins of Memorial Day, starting in Columbus, Georgia during the War of Northern Aggression. The Source of the material is the Confederate Veteran magazine. Very educational e-Letter.



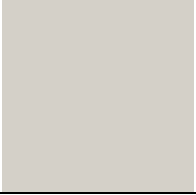
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