



***Camp Cresset
Finley's Brigade
Camp #1614
Havana, Florida***



Recipient – 2011 and 2012 Dr. George R. Tabor “Most Distinguished Camp” Award

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."



H.L. Hunley Awards

Finley's Brigade has been busy presenting Hunley Awards at local High School JROTC programs for about 8 years. This Spring is no exception. Finley's has always been present, to present the Hunley's, and we have always had veterans to present them. But you don't have to be a Veteran to support the Hunley program! We need a photographer for every presentation, and we need a medal for every presentation. You can sponsor a Hunley medal for \$30. Finley's has/will present seven awards this Spring.

Photo left: Compatriot Ned Roberts, SCPO USN Ret. presents at Lincoln High School Navy JROTC

Photo right: Compatriot Scott O'Steen US Army Vet and Godby alum, presents at Godby High School AFJROTC



Facebook Part II

Well... I can't believe it! Two months in a row about Facebook. Finley's Brigade has a "Group Page" on Facebook; created by Past Finley's member Ron Colson. Ron is still an Administrator. I, Commander Crocker, am an Administrator. Libby Smith, the President of the Confederate Rose Society, a support group for Finley's, is also an Administrator. I recently made member Lee Norris an Administrator. Facebook Administrators have authority to approve new members, delete members, approve posts, delete inappropriate or outdated posts and/or comments. Lee was made an Administrator to help me monitor Finley's Facebook Group page. I needed help keeping our page up-to-date, like it should be.

We decided to have folks get approval to make posts on our Group Page. This is just business. We will approve most, if not all, of our members posts. We also created a Facebook "Page" that is linked to our Group Page. A Page will allow us a little more flexibility in hosting applications and conducting merchandise sales. You can be a member of both.

Two people have quizzed me about the creation of the Page. Neither of these two are people are members of our Group Page but drop in to see what we are doing. I owe them no explanation, but I like them, so I tried to explain it. So, here we are again in the newsletter, trying to explain to anyone who has the same questions.

Facebook lists the differences and advantages/disadvantages between Pages and Groups.

<http://www.differencebetween.net/miscellaneous/culture-miscellaneous/difference-between-facebook-page-and-group/>

1. Pages are there to provide a presence for entities while groups are for people who share a common interest.
2. Groups provide more control than pages.
3. Groups can have their own chat room while pages cannot.
4. Pages can host applications while groups cannot.

Technology is evolving daily. They tell me that young people have moved away from Facebook and Myspace. Finley's Brigade may move to another form of Social Media. In the last ten years, Finley's has created a web-site, a Facebook presence, and began accepting credit cards. What does this mean? As a SCV Camp, we are ahead of most, but still way behind reaching our youth.

There are those who question the Commander and his decisions...have a little faith in me. You drafted me. I do my best to do what is best for Finley's Brigade. I fail at times. I am human.

Finley's will have a new Commander this November...have faith in him. He will do his best. It is hard work, but most rewarding jobs are. Our Cause is Just.

Y'all think about it,

Kelly V Crocker, Commander
Finley's Brigade Camp 1614
Sons of Confederate Veterans

**FRIENDS OF SOLDIERS CEMETERY
MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM**

What a perfect way to honor a veteran, family, event or business with a commemorative brick. The bricks will be incorporated in Soldiers Cemetery around a monument bearing the names of men who died in Gadsden County hospitals 1861-1865

ENGRAVING INFORMATION

4X8 brick contain three (3) lines with twenty (20) characters per line

8X8 brick contain six (6) lines with twenty (20) characters per line

Characters include all letters, numbers, punctuation and spaces

Price

4X8 75.00 each, 8X8 110.00 each

10.00 discount per brick for multiples

Payment Method

Name _____ Phone _____

Address or Email _____

Cash _____ Check _____ Card _____ Type AX MC Visa

Credit Card # _____ 3 Digit on back _____

Credit or Debit? _____ Expiration date _____ Zip Code _____

**Mail to: Friends of Soldiers Cemetery
4315 Lonnie Gray Rd Tallahassee, Fl 32305
Phone 850-545-6804**

Or e-mail to: vacarroll@msn.com

Over for order form

Your Name _____

Phone _____

Address or Email _____

Number of 4X8 _____ Number of 8X8 _____

Text for 4X8

Text for 4X8

Text for 8X8

Finley's Brigade New Shirts

Finley's Brigade has bought some new shirts and we are making them available to our members at a discount. Hopefully, they will be here by the May Meeting. These are "Dry-Wicking SPF Performance Shirts" or as I call them "Super High-Performance Fishing Shirts."

For SCV Members only.

Sizes XS-XL are \$35 each (for Finley's members) Sizes 2X-4X are \$40 each (for Finley's members) We have a minimum order to get the best price. Please notify Commander Crocker at kvcroadking@yahoo.com or 850-339-3051 (leave message) if interested. You can let us know at the May Camp meeting as well.



The “Sons of Confederate Veterans”

An organization that almost wasn’t!

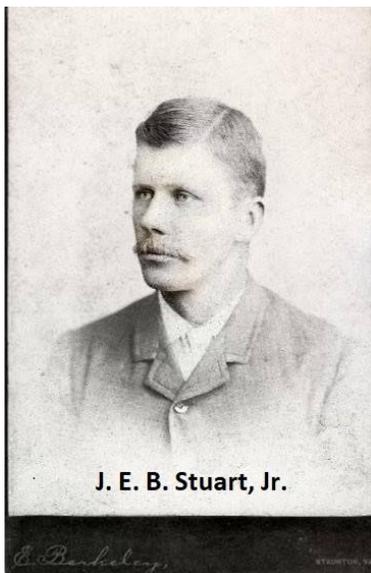
What a privilege it is to be a descendant of a Confederate Soldier, Sailor, or Marine! What a privilege it is to be a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans! Please don’t ever take these two lightly. You have no choice in your bloodline, but you do in your membership in the SCV.

The United Confederate Veterans (UCV) was officially formed June 10, 1889 in New Orleans, LA. Prior to this, there were several local Confederate veterans groups, but no National Organization like the yankees had (GAR). The United Confederate Veterans began to hold annual reunions and did so until 1951. These reunions were attended by Confederate and Union Veterans and sometimes, their entire Families. Sons of the Confederate Veterans formed unofficial “camps of sons”. These sons and grandsons sought to form their own Official Organization.

At the UCV Convention in Birmingham, AL in 1894, a proposal surfaced, but failed to pass, to give official status to these “camps of sons”. A similar proposal was defeated the next year at the UCV Reunion in Houston, Texas. Some of the Veterans stated that “the War should die with them”. There may have been other reasons for their reluctance to approve the “sons”.

But, at the 1896 Reunion in Richmond, Virginia, another petition was circulated by the Robert E Lee Camp of Richmond, which stated ***“To all Confederate Veterans, to all sons of Confederate Veterans, and to all who revere the noble and generous sacrifices of the Southern Soldiers; Believing that a general federation of Sons of Confederate Veterans is absolutely necessary for the accomplishment of the cherished purposes that to everyone to whom this circular is addressed is singly laboring to carryout, R. E. Camp issues a call for such a federation at the time of the Reunion in Richmond.”***

The resolution was embraced by other “camps of sons” and they formed their own federation. The sons elected J. E. B. Stuart, Jr. to be their temporary chairman, and appointed a committee to draft a constitution. On July 1, 1896, with a constitution in hand, the United Sons of Confederate Veterans came into existence! The constitutions preamble highlighted the goals of the USCV: ***“To encourage the preservation of history, perpetuate the hallowed memories of brave men, to assist in the observance of Memorial Day, to aid and support all Confederate Veterans, widows and orphans, and to perpetuate the record of services of every Southern Soldier, these are our common aims. These objects we believe will both promote a purer and better private life, and enhance our desire to maintain the national honor, union and independence of our common country.”***



The Sons of Confederate Veterans had high-hopes that membership would grow fast throughout the South. Recruiting inexperience, a non-existent budget, and tedious communication, made for a “less than auspicious” showing at their next Reunion which was held in Nashville, Tn in 1897. Commanding General J. E. B. Stuart, Jr. was absent, and only 17 Camps were represented by 50 delegates.

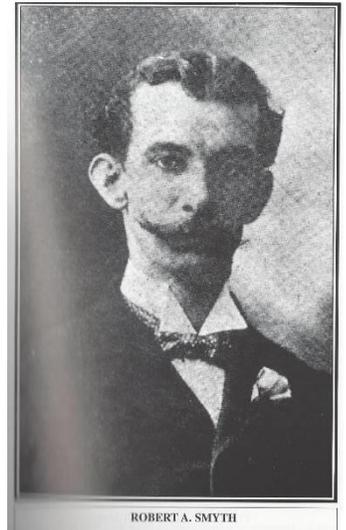
At the 1897 Reunion, Robert A Smyth was elected “Commanding General”. Commander Smyth deserves a great deal of the credit for making the Sons of Confederate Veterans a success. Smyth invested an extraordinary amount of time, energy, and timely communication to make the USCV thrive. When the 1899 convention opened in Charleston, SC, Commander Smyth announced that the USCV membership was at 6000 members in 140 Camps across eight states!

At the 1906 Reunion in New Orleans, General Stephen Dill Lee gave the USCV the famous Charge that we recite at our meetings.

At the 1912 Reunion in Macon, Georgia, the USCV shortened the organizations name to: The Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In 1992, the SCV purchased historic Elm Springs in Columbia, TN and established its Headquarters there. Currently the Sons of Confederate Veterans is building a Confederate Museum on property adjacent to Elm Springs.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have over 1000 Camps in 40 US states (including Alaska and Hawaii), Europe, South America, and Australia.



ELM SPRINGS TN.
SCV HEADQUARTERS

Meals at the VFW

For the record: If you eat there, you must purchase a meal ticket first! You can do that at the bar when you get your non-alcoholic beverage. It is customary to tip. All employees of the VFW Post 3308 are strictly volunteer. Five bucks for some tacos and one dollar for a soda-water aint bad. Pop for a tip now and then.

Tallahassee Veterans Village

Finley's Brigade has been a sponsor of the TVV for many years. Veterans need food! Veterans need linens! Whoever brings the most to the May Camp meeting will win a free book! Bring a can good with you to the meeting!

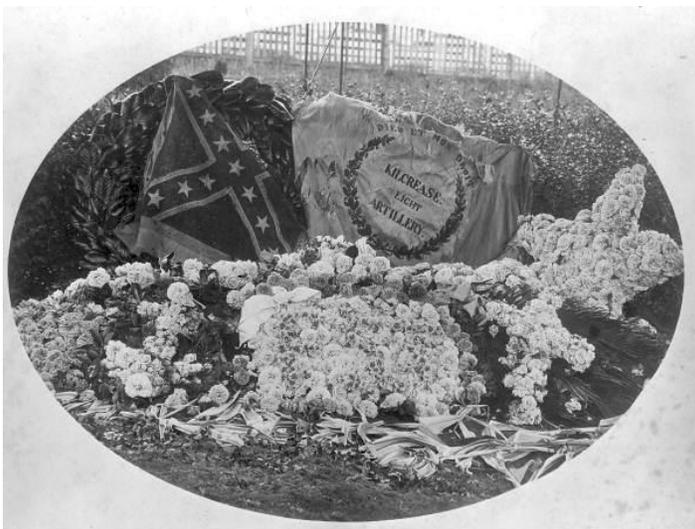
Confederate Memorial Day Services

Finley's Brigade conducted our own service on April 3, 2019 at Soldiers Cemetery in Quincy. On April 27, Finley's members participated in services in Bainbridge Georgia, Oxford Florida, and Ocoee Florida.

Heritage Opportunities

- May 14 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW
- Jun 7-9 – SCV Florida Division Reunion in Ocala, Florida
- Jun 11 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW
- July 9 – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW
- July 10-13 SCV National Reunion in Mobile, AL
- Nov 10 – Annual Captain Henry Wirz Memorial Service, Andersonville, GA 3 PM

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Crocker at commander@finleysbrigadescv.com or 850-339-3051.



Gravesite of Captain Patrick Houston.