



# Camp Cresset

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614  
Habana, Florida  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



**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."*



**“Finley’s Brigade” by Deborah Allison**

## “Finley’s Brigade”

Greetings compatriots! If you were unable to make it to the September camp meeting, you missed the unveiling of the painting of our camp’s Color/Honor Guard. It has taken about a year to complete, but we finally have. When this painting was requested, it was believed that we were only going to get a small likeness of the Finley’s Brigade Color/Honor Guard. This was not the case. We now have a four foot by six foot masterpiece immortalizing our camp members representing Finley’s Brigade and our Confederate ancestors.

I must apologize for the tardiness of the newsletter this month. The painting was delivered and I wanted to surprise the camp with it, so the newsletter was delayed until after the unveiling. The painting has been valued at \$17,000. My wife told me that my 1963 Plymouth Valiant was finally worth something after I had secured the painting in the trunk. I would have to agree, but do not let her know. Below is the press release the artist had published in the local Texas newspaper:

Press Release – Sept 14, 2013

“Finley’s Brigade”, a portrait of the Sons of the Confederacy color guard of the same name, was unveiled at Tuesday’s monthly meeting in Tallahassee, Florida. The artist, Deborah Allison of Alpine, Texas, was commissioned to create a piece that included the company and their commander in parade formation with historic uniforms as well as the flags of the U.S, Florida and Confederate States of America in front of the Historic Capitol Building. The painting will be present at the meetings and activities of the Finley’s Brigade throughout the year. For information about Finley’s Brigade, see [www.finleysbrigadescv.com](http://www.finleysbrigadescv.com) and for information about Deborah Allison see [www.DeborahAllisonStudio.com](http://www.DeborahAllisonStudio.com) or call (432)294-3706. Prints of the painting may be ordered through the artist.

Photos of unveiling and painting attached.

Deborah Allison  
702 E. Holland Ave.  
Alpine, TX 79830

Please, feel free to contact the artist and let her know what you think and order a print of the painting to hang on the wall of your house or office. This will probably be a rare opportunity for you to capture the Finley’s Brigade Color/Honor Guard all marching in step.

Also, please be patient while the *Camp Cresset* is going through changes.



The Finley's Brigade Color/Honor Guard posing with their painting.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander's Comments

*Marshall Carroll*

Our fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 thirty and here we are already into the third month of 2013-2014. We finished up the year on a high note reaching our goal of one hundred Camp members by the end of June. The call went out and many of you responded by recruiting and allowing us to hit the mark. Thank you for your effort! Our newest member is twelve year old Matthew Nipper. Congratulations Matt!! I wish that I had become a member at twelve. Youth is what we need if we are to have a future.

Now is the time when the Camp needs to plan ahead, set goals and get energized. We all need to rethink our obligation to our Confederate ancestors and what we will do for the cause and Camp in coming months. As events are finalized they will be posted on the [finleysbrigadescv.com](http://finleysbrigadescv.com) calendar and in the Camp Cresset. Check them out and participate when you can. It would be great to see a photo of YOU in the scrapbook.

## Welcome New Members

### *Graham Smith*

As Commander of Finley's Brigade it brings me great pleasure to welcome additional Southern Gentlemen into our ranks. As stated previously, our membership at the end of the 2012/2013 fiscal year totaled 100 members and the eight compatriots below have helped us to get to that mile stone. I am very proud of every member of our Camp and am honored that each of our new eight members chose Finley's Brigade, Camp 1614, Sons of Confederate Veterans, to honor their ancestors and the cause for which they fought.

Donald Reeves comes to us through his ancestor Private David Reeves; Co. H, 10<sup>th</sup> Florida Infantry. The 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was assembled in June, 1864 and was formed by consolidating six companies of the 1<sup>st</sup> and four of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Florida Infantry Battalions. Some of the men were from Alachua and Putnam counties. Attached to General Finegan's Brigade, the regiment was active at Cold Harbor, then participated in the long Petersburg siege south of the James River and in the Appomattox Campaign. It surrendered with the Army of Northern Virginia with 18 officers and 154 men. Its commander was Colonel Charles F. Hopkins.

Barney Gregory joins under his ancestor Private Henry Jasper Kite; Co. H, 63<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Infantry. The 63rd Infantry Regiment was organized at Savannah, Georgia, in December, 1862, using the 13th Georgia Infantry Battalion as its nucleus. With more than 1,100 officers and men, the unit was assigned to the Departments of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. It served as infantry and heavy artillery at Thunderbolt and Rosedew Island, and Companies B and K were engaged at Battery Wagner near Charleston. Later the regiment was placed in General Mercer's and J.A. Smith's Brigade, Army of Tennessee. Now serving as infantry, it participated in the Atlanta Campaign, July 20 to September 1 and reported 10 killed, 61 wounded, and 39 missing and in December, 1864, totaled 143 effectives. Very few surrendered on April 26, 1865. Its field officer was Colonel George A. Gordon.

Nicholas Andrew Cline and Ashby Wayne Cline (nephew and father of Compatriot David Cline) join us through their ancestor Sgt. William Harvey Arehart; Company H 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry. The 12th Cavalry Regiment [also called 10th Regiment] was organized at Conrad's Store, Virginia, in June, 1862, with companies from the 7th Regiment Virginia Cavalry. The unit served in W.E. Jones', Rosser's, and J. Dearing's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. It fought in Northern Virginia, in the Maryland Campaign, at Brandy Station and was involved in various conflicts in the western part of Virginia. The regiment continued the fight at Bristoe and Mine Run, in the battles around The Wilderness and Cold Harbor, and in Early's operations in the Shenandoah Valley. During mid-April, 1865, it disbanded. Its field officer was Colonel Asher W. Harman.

Calvin Wilks comes to us through his ancestor Sgt. Noah Marshall Carroll; Co. F, 33<sup>rd</sup> Alabama Infantry. The 33rd Infantry Regiment was organized at Pensacola, Florida, in April, 1862. Its members were raised in Coffee, Butler, Dale, Montgomery, and Covington counties. The unit was ordered to Mississippi and then Kentucky where it took an active part in the conflicts at Munfordville and Perryville. Brigaded under Generals Wood and Lowrey, and in 1865, Shelley; the 33rd participated in the campaigns of the Army of Tennessee from Murfreesboro to Atlanta, moved with Hood to Tennessee, and fought at Bentonville. It

lost eighty-two percent of the 500 engaged at Perryville, and reported 100 casualties at Murfreesboro and 149 at Chickamauga. On December 14, 1863, the regiment totaled 536 men and 385 arms. Many were lost during the Atlanta Campaign and of the 285 at Franklin, sixty-seven percent were disabled. Very few surrendered in North Carolina. The regiment was commanded by Colonels Samuel Adams and Robert F. Crittenden.

Charles Dewayne Masterson joins under the service of his ancestor Private John D. Masterson, Co. C, 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. The 5th Cavalry Regiment [also known as the Lafayette County Cavalry] was organized during the late spring of 1862. The unit was assigned to General Shelby's Brigade in the Trans-Mississippi Department. It skirmished in Missouri and Arkansas, served in Marmaduke's Missouri expedition, was part of the operations against Steele's expedition from Little Rock to Camden, then was active in Price's Missouri operations. The regiment reported 15 casualties at Newtonia, 44 with Marmaduke, 14 at Helena, and 6 against Steele. At Marks' Mills only 1 man was wounded, then 15 were killed, 50 wounded, and 41 missing during Price's Expedition. It disbanded in mid-May, 1865. The field officers were Colonels B. Frank Gordon and Joseph O. Shelby.

William Grissom joins our camp through the service of his GGG Grandfather William Peter Taylor of the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Virginia Infantry. The 9th Infantry Regiment completed its organization at Portsmouth, Virginia, in July, 1861. Its members were from Portsmouth and the counties of Roanoke, Chesterfield, Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Lunenburg, Dinwiddie, and Norfolk. The regiment served in the Department of Norfolk and in June, 1862, totaled 435 men. During the war it was attached to General Armistead's, Barton's, and Steuart's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. It fought in many conflicts from Seven Pines to Gettysburg and after serving in North Carolina participated in the Battle of Drewry's Bluff. Later the unit was involved in the Petersburg siege north of the James River and the Appomattox Campaign. It lost 9 killed, 34 wounded, and 23 missing of the 150 at Malvern Hill, and of the 318 engaged at Gettysburg more than half were disabled. The unit reported 47 casualties at Drewry's Bluff, and many captured at Five Forks and Saylor's Creek, and surrendered 2 officers and 37 men on April 9, 1865. Its field officers were Colonels David J. Godwin, James J. Phillips, and Francis H. Smith.

Matthew Nipper, brother of compatriots David and Brian Nipper and the son of Compatriot Jason Nipper, is the 100<sup>th</sup> member of Finley's Brigade. Matthew comes to us on the record of his ancestor Lieutenant Hugh Black of the 6th Florida Infantry. The 6<sup>th</sup> organized at Chattahoochee, Florida, in March, 1862 and contained men from Gadsden, Jackson, Union, Collier, and Washington counties. During April the unit had 31 officers and 511 men, and soon moved to East Tennessee. Later it was assigned to Colonel R.C. Trigg's, and General Finley's and J.A. Smith's Brigade, Army of Tennessee. It served on many battlefields from Chickamauga to Atlanta, was active in Tennessee with Hood, and ended the war in North Carolina. This regiment reported 35 killed and 130 wounded at Chickamauga and in December, 1863, totaled 214 men and 133 arms. Only a remnant surrendered in April, 1863. The field officers were Colonels Jesse J. Finley, Daniel L. Kenan, and Angus D. McLean.

## Adjutant's Report

We are hoping to include an Adjutant's Report in the *Camp Cresset*. This month I will just say that 2013 – 2014 annual dues are due to the Adjutant. I was so reminded the other day by Compatriot Grissom. I know the wife gave me the check a couple months ago, now I just have to find where I put it. Do not procrastinate like me, please send in your annual dues.

**Camp Officers**

**Commander**

Graham F. Smith

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander**

Marshall Carroll

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander**

Bill Beckham

**Adjutant**

Michael Grissom

**3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander/Chaplain**

Kelly V. Crocker

**Color Sergeant**

Anthony Harvey

**Color Guard Drill Instructor**

Richard Witt

**Past Commanders**

Bill Beckham

Marshall Carroll

Doug Croley

**Upcoming events**

September 21 – Adopt A Road Clean-up

September 27 -29 – Rifles, Rails & History

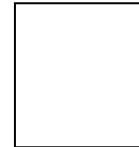
Tavares, FL

October 8 – Monthly Camp Meeting

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Smith at [GFSmith@embarqmail.com](mailto:GFSmith@embarqmail.com) or 877-9183.



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