



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



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***"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."***



***Camp Announcement: Meeting Location***

This is a reminder that this month's meeting will be held at the regular meeting place of the Golden Corral on North Monroe Street. However, it will be the last time we meet there for the year as the restaurant is undergoing renovations later this month and will be closed until 2019. If you are unable to attend this month's meeting be sure to check the newsletter for next month as it will contain our future meeting place which will be announced at the August Meeting.

***2018 National Reunion Franklin Tennessee!***

The trip of weird smells, flying shoes and a fallen angel. By Compatriot JR Miller

The trip up to Franklin commenced one early foggy/overcast morning and took about nine hours to complete. On the trip -up we were greeted with a series of some of the weirdest smells you ever smelt including two livestock trailers hauling pigs in July heat, so you can guess what that was like. We also had the pleasure of dodging (at 70 mph) a flying work boot that came out of the back of a pickup truck. Then we hit a frog strangler of a rain storm just outside of Birmingham Ala. So, we decided to take a lunch break and let the rain pass. After at least 30 mins. the rain slackened so we hit the road once again. Within no time we were in Franklin Tennessee.

Once in Franklin we went site seeing, including the towns of Brentwood, Franklin, Thompson Station, Spring Hill, Columbia, Smyrna, and Murfreesboro. We also went to several battlefields, plantations, homes, and cemeteries in the above-mentioned towns. I must say that all these towns have just about grown together. Thanks to good paying jobs, including plants run by GM and Nissan, Middle Tennessee is busting with wealth and people which in turn have threatened the battlefields of Middle Tennessee.

There is very little left of the battlefields of Spring Hill, Thompson Station, Franklin and Murfreesboro currently what is left is fragmented and scattered. One must keep in mind that these battles stretched out

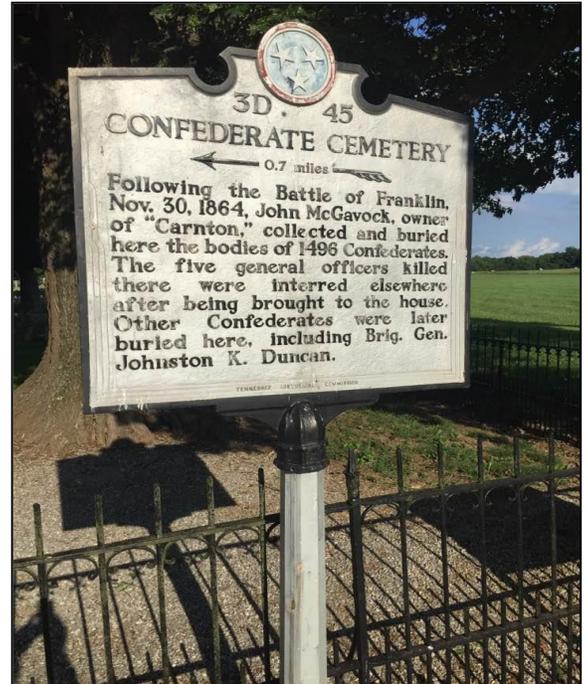
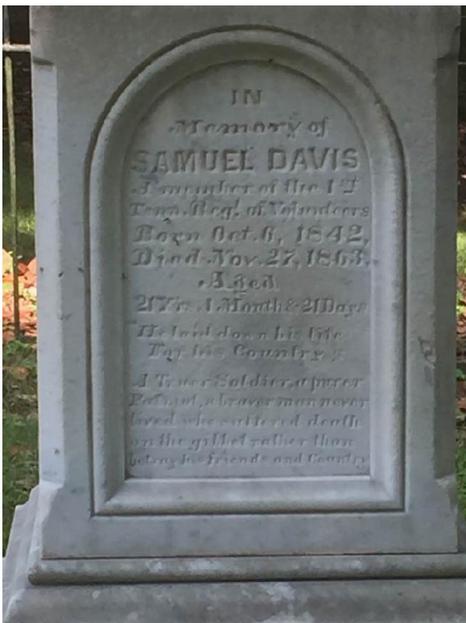
for miles in every direction, no map can give the scope of these battles justice you must visit these places for yourself to get a handle of what happened up there and how development had taken a firm grip on the area.

The good news is the people have realized that battlefield preservation is important and have taken steps and are continuing to take steps to preserve the battlefields, houses, plantations ext. at great expense. I do not think that the battlefields will ever be restored 100% there are simply too many houses and commercial buildings to have 100% restoration a realistic goal. Seeing what has happened to Middle Tennessee I am proud that our state has preserved Olustee and Natural Bridge Battlefields via state parks and national forest.

I believe, that the must-see item in the area is the Sam Davis home. Here, you will find a middle-sized museum with a short but powerful video of history of Sam Davis and an impressively stocked gift shop.

The tour included the actual house that Sam Davis lived in, various outbuildings and the family cemetery. Also, on site is a memorial bench dedicated to a Blue Angel pilot who crashed and died on site while preparing for an upcoming air show. The pilot had some sort of mechanical failure and instead of ejecting immediately decided to try to guide the falling plane from populated area to a more rural area. He succeeded but ended up giving up his life to save others.

The 2018 opened up with a color guard and a firing of a cannon (indoors). There were three days of SCV business to attend to including the election of army and national officers. The whole reunion is governed by parliamentary procedure. Resolutions were submitted and voted on by yeah or nay votes. The election of officers (if contested) is by ballot. The whole thing has a county commission meeting feel to it. There were various reports given and many speeches made that I cannot write due to limited space in this newsletter.



As a wrap-up I believe the S.C.V. is in good hands for the next few years. The members did their selves a favor but electing some top-notch people. The new commander has the potential to be the best commander we have ever had. I believe he will take the fight to our enemies he will act; not react. We have a chance to ally ourselves with some very respectable organizations to fight the alphabet bandits.

Other organizations are realizing that the alphabet bandits are after the erasing of all of America not just the South. Our counterpart The Sons of Union Veterans commander was in attendance and spoke at our reunion. They too have been victims of the alphabet bandits. I see an alliance between our two

organizations to be formed and hopefully many other. The time to save our Republic is now upon us. You can expect more court proceedings in the various states and maybe national court proceedings as well. In order to do this, we must get our organization out to the public. National has a good plan in the works to do just that and in order to do that we will need to raise funds to finance that plan. So, expect national dues go up some. Our ancestors gave their blood and lives, I think we can give a few more dollars.



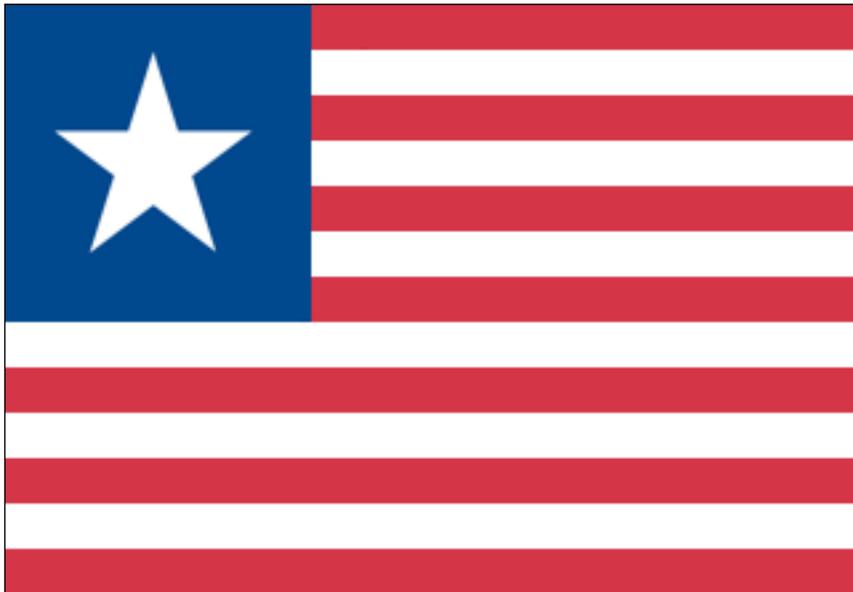
### **Trivia Question of the Month**

What American city had more confederate generals die in it than any other place in the country? How many generals died in this city?

Last month’s trivia question: An act of the Confederate Congress passed which despite even gaining the approval of General Lee was never implemented called for every regiment in the confederate army to have two companies of what kind of soldier? The answer: *Pikemen*



### **Confederate Flag of the Month**



This month’s Confederate flag of the month is the Chase Flag, sometimes called the “Florida Secession Flag”. Patterned off the U.S. flag even more than the first national, it is possible that this flag at one point was a jack for the Republic of Texas’s navy who flew an identical flag in their brief existence. Consisting of the familiar red and white striped field with a blue canton, it only features one star there. When Pensacola Navy Yard was seized in 1861 by Florida Confederates led by northern born Colonel William H. Chase this flag was

raised when the stars and stripes went down.

While it was a secession flag, many people will often bill it as a state flag. This is only partially true as this pattern was never adopted or recognized by the legislature and it is very likely that only one such flag ever existed. Whatever became of it is unknown as it is no longer believed to exist. Modern copies can be found in qualities from polyester to cotton from many online retailers even Confederate unfriendly Amazon and eBay. If interested in buying one though we would encourage you to first give your money to a flag merchant with less anti-Southern prejudices.

## **Committee Report: Natural Bridge Flag Project**

It's been sometime since we've given an update on our project to light and display flags at Natural Bridge. However, this month we have finally cemented what I am calling a halfway point. The ultimate goal of this project is to see it finished completely to a point where the monument is lit at night by a light pole with flags flying 24/7. However, work on obtaining the necessary permits to do that moves slowly as ever. In the interim we have found a stop-gap measure that will allow flags to be flown during daylight hours. Finley's has obtained approval to perform in house modifications to the flagpoles at Natural Bridge and install anti-theft lockboxes and channel covers that will stop vandals from stealing flags off the poles. As soon as these boxes are installed the park will begin flying four flags every day a ranger is present; the U.S., POW, Florida, and a national confederate flag. This part of the project was 100% funded by money raised at Finley's flea market booth. Thanks to all who have supported this project and continue to do so, it is my utmost hope that by the time the next newsletter is published we will be able to report that the flags are flying year-round.

2LT Timothy D. Cotton



## **Committee Report: Veterans Village**

Attached below are the target items for the Tallahassee Veterans Village for this month. This list has been assembled by our committee chairman, Keith Lassiter after consulting with the staff there. Our committee will inquire with the village a week before our meetings and drop off goods a week after our meetings. We also plan to partner with the Leon High MCJROTC in the future to supply more goods to charity. Sometimes just remembering the meetings can be hard, let alone to bring items for donation but philanthropy is an important part of our mission, just as we took care of our veterans of the War of '61 we must take care of our living veterans. Remember that everything you donate you donate in the name of *your* rebel ancestor.

Starting this month a small prize will be offered to whomever brings in the most goods for donation.

- Sheets (full size bed) AND pillow cases
- Toothpaste AND toothbrushes
- 3-in-1 shampoo; conditioner; body wash
- Canned soup
- Blankets



## **Upcoming Event: St. Mark's Stone Crab Festival**

We will once again be participating in this year's St. Mark's Stone Crab Festival in the Park Service's "Forts, Flags, and ArtiFACTS" event at the historic San Marcos de Apalachee, known to Confederates as Fort Ward. Like last year we will set up on the fort grounds and educate any visitors on the Civil War history of the site as well as go into town. A parade is also planned for this year which would give our uniformed members a chance to march through the town of St. Marks. Any, and all, are welcome regardless of possessing a uniform, it was a fun event last year and we hope to see even more participating this year. We are also looking for volunteers who would be interested in manning a booth at the festival to vend our merchandise and direct visitors to the fort.

## **Upcoming Event: Veterans Day Parade**

It's getting to be that time of the year again that we are now looking forward once more to participating in Tallahassee's Veterans Day Parade! Veterans Day will fall on a Sunday this year, but the parade will be held the next day on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to once again field a float and color guard. If you have a uniform we would be glad to field you in a marching unit, and anyone regardless of uniform may ride on the float. If you are interested in participating, please contact a camp lieutenant.



### **"If one cannot see God in this, he is blind!"**

*(Contributed by Compatriot Keith Lassiter)*

There is but one thing that supersedes my love for my family and my Southern homeland... my love for the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe we sometimes forget that, at the heart of the struggle for Southern Independence, was the Christian religion itself, as well as States' Rights and constitutional democracy (republican form of government). While it is true that Christians were on both sides of the struggle, the North was overwhelmingly more secular and the South more Christian. With that being said however, I want to focus on the religion, or more precisely, the relationship that binds us... across state lines, national boundaries, or even time itself--Christianity.

I was thinking about a way in which I could combine an article about the war and Christianity, and I remembered a story Bro. Larry Litzel shared with me in Palatka, one Sunday after church. The story involves two soldiers—one Union and one Confederate. The Union soldier was a well-known individual. He became well-known after the war. The Confederate soldier was, and still is an unknown; however, because of this unknown Confederate soldier, this story has been told for over a hundred years. Below is the story in my words, as told to me by Bro. Larry. It can be confirmed by a link I will provide at the end of this story.

The year was 1876. The Great Chicago Fire had destroyed much of the city of Chicago. Among the ruins was the great Moody Church. The church was being rebuilt, and because of such a great demand, Mr. Dwight L. Moody was preaching overseas, in the period of great revival which swept through England as the fire had Chicago. D. L. Moody had as his song leader, a man named Ira Sankey. Moody had asked Ira Sankey to accompany him on his trip overseas. Moody also took his family. Sankey did not. It was late December now, and because the demand for hearing Mr. Moody preach was even greater than expected, his series of meetings was extended. When the revival meetings finally ended, Mr. Sankey crossed the Atlantic, leaving Mr. Moody and his family in England.

Upon reaching America, Sankey boarded a ship heading up the Delaware River, and he was sulking. It was Christmas Eve, and he was not at home with his family. He thought of how Mr. Moody was with his family, spending Christmas Eve enjoying them. Had the meetings not been extended, he would be at home enjoying his family this night. While he was ruminating and sulking, some passengers recognized Ira Sankey and asked him if he would sing them a song, for it was Christmas Eve. Sankey thought for a minute. A Christmas song is what everyone expected, and what he would have chosen as well; however, Sankey

began singing a different song— “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us.” After singing a few verses, Sankey sat, his head down. He was still sulking and hoped everyone would leave him. The crowd dispersed.

A few seconds later, he noticed a set of boots standing next to him. For a while, he ignored the boots, hoping the owner would leave, like the rest of the passengers. They did not. Ira Sankey looked up. There in front of him stood a rough-looking bearded man. Ira asked, “May I help you?” To which the man replied, “I hope so.” There was a period of silence... only stares. Ira asked, “Do I know you?” The man replied, “No.” More stares followed. Realizing the conversation was going nowhere, Ira began to say something, but the man interrupted and asked him if he had been in the war. Ira told the man he had. The man asked Ira if he had been with the Union. Ira again replied in the affirmative. The man asked Ira if he had been on picket duty on a cold, moonlit night in 1862. Surprisingly, Ira remembered the very night and again replied, “Yes.” The man then told Ira Sankey that he was a Confederate sniper. He told Ira that he too was there... in the shadows, that cold, moonlit night in 1862. He said,

*“I was a sniper and very good at my trade. I said to myself, ‘This man will not escape me,’ but then, this picket began singing, ‘Shepherd, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care...’ I was there alone, but something moved the barrel of my musket. I decided to wait until he was through singing, before I shot him. Then, the second verse, ‘We are Thine, Thou dost defend us, be the Guardian of our way...’ My barrel dropped, and I knew this man must be allowed to live, for some reason. I didn’t know what to do, so I just slipped back in the shadows. That song was my mother’s favorite song. She died early on, and for the last fourteen years have wondered about that night... and the Savior Who like a shepherd leads us. When I heard you singing tonight, I knew it was you I saw that night. Will you tell me how I can know this Shepherd?”*

That night, two enemies became brothers, on the deck of a ship heading up the Delaware River. As far as I know, the world heard no more of this man. We don’t know if he did anything great for the United States or the cause of Christ, but what we do know is that this story of him is still being told 142 years later... much like the woman who poured expensive oil on Jesus. Jesus told His disciples, “For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.” Mathew 26: 12 Jesus said, “Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.” Mathew 26:13

To borrow a phrase from Bro. J. Vernon McGhee, “May I say to you,” what Ira Sankey allowed God to do through him, on the deck of that ship on Christmas Eve 1876 was more important in his life than all the revival meetings he and Mr. Moody held on their trip to England that December. Ira said that he asked God to forgive him that night. When he saw Mr. Moody, he asked him to forgive him as well. Ira Sankey had a Divine Appointment on the deck of that ship THAT night. It wasn’t until God revealed WHY the meetings in England were extended, and WHY he was alone, that Ira’s perspective finally became clear. I am so very proud and honored to be a Southerner and a descendant of many Confederate soldiers from different Southern states and from both sides of my family. Because of the bonds of the Lord Jesus Christ and our relationship with Him, I will be able to talk with many of them when I shall “*cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees.*”

## **Confederate Classifieds**

Finley's is excited to advertise several donated pieces of artwork for sale proceeds from which will benefit the camp. If you are interested in any of the items below, please contact the editor at least two days prior to the next camp meeting and they will be reserved. Payable by cash or check.

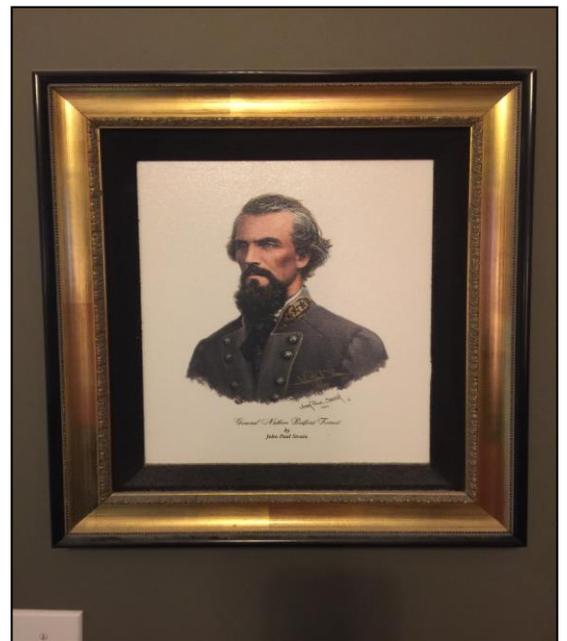
### **For Sale – Print of Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson**

- Framed and Matted
- Asking Price - \$75



### **For Sale – Limited Signed Print of Nathan B. Forrest**

- Framed and Matted
- Authentic Artwork by John Paul Strain
- Numbered with a COA
- Asking Price - \$400



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<http://www.finleysbrigadescv.com/>**

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***Happy Birth-Month!***  
***Brigadier General Carnot Posey***



***August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1818***

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***Heritage Opportunities***

August 14 – Regular Camp Meeting  
September 11 – Regular Camp Meeting  
October 9 – Regular Camp Meeting  
October 27 – St. Marks Stone Crab Festival  
November 12 – Veterans Day Parade  
November 13 – Regular Camp Meeting  
For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Crocker at [kvcroadking@yahoo.com](mailto:kvcroadking@yahoo.com) or 850-339-3051.

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*(Above, Restaurant in Naples, Italy displaying Dutch, U.S., Brazilian, E.U. and Battle Flag. Below, President John F. Kennedy in Georgia.)*



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