



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



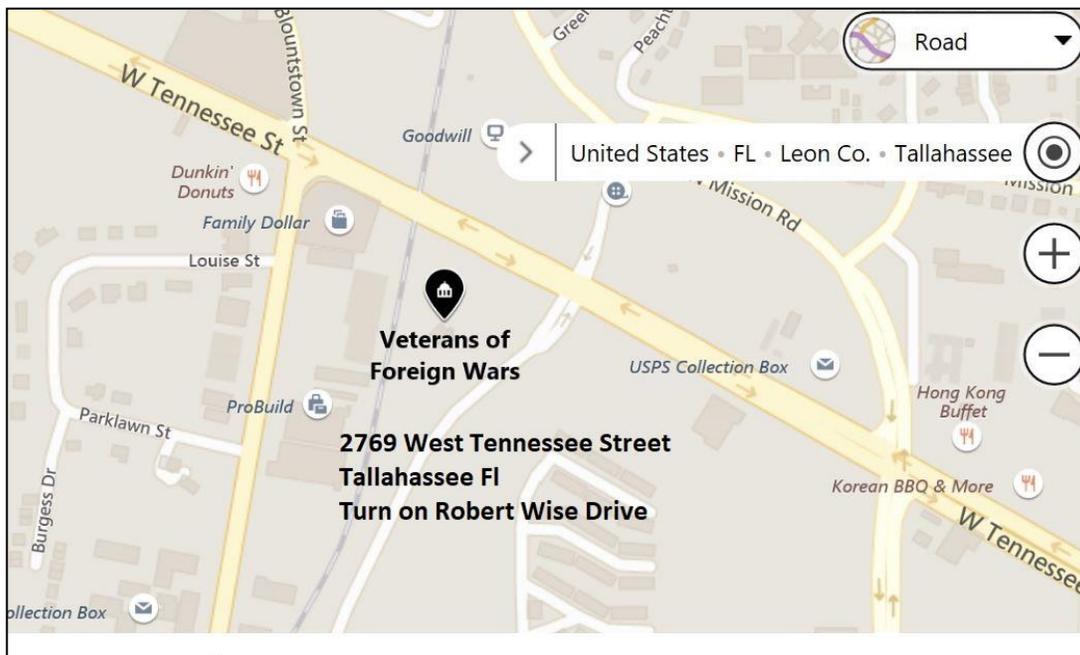
Recipient – 2011 and 2012 Dr. George R. Tabor “Most Distinguished Camp” Award

"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."



Camp Announcement: Meeting Location

This is a reminder that this month's meeting on September 11th will be held at the VFW Post on 2769 West Tennessee Street. You will turn off Tennessee Street on to Robert Wise Drive. Robert Wise Drive is on Google Maps if you navigate that way. <https://www.mapquest.com/directions/to/us/florida/vfw-post-3308-365229842> The VFW is having Taco Tuesday starting about 6pm for \$5 or \$6. Our old meeting location the Golden Corral is closed for remodeling through the end of the year. All meetings remaining in 2018 will be held at the Post.



Recent Event: Natural Bridge Work Day



In August our camp had a long-awaited workday at Natural Bridge. While we are still pursuing putting in a light pole to illuminate the flags and monument at night, this month we installed lock boxes and halyard covers on the flagpoles next to the memorial. We showed up around 9 in the morning and ended up staying until about three o'clock. With drills, rivet guns, paint, a forklift, and sweat we installed the necessary hardware on the poles.

This hardware which was funded through our flea market booth and several donors will make vandalizing or stealing a flag from the site very difficult. While all flags will still have to go down at the end of the day and due to logistics, they will not be able to be flown seven days a week. However, several days a week the U.S., POW, Florida, and a national flag will fly during daylight hours. We provided the park with all three nationals but mainly 2nd nationals as the stainless banner would have been the flag known to most of the defenders of the bridge. As we've suffered defeats this last month, let this be uplifting. A new flag flies in our backyard thanks to Finley's Brigade and hopefully soon it will fly 24 hours a day once the light pole comes in.

Special thanks to Scott O'Steen, Allen Gerrell, Park Ranger Mark "Sparky" Stevenson, Ned Roberts (Pictured right), Jay Lindsay, Chris Miller, and Tim Cotton for turning an idea into reality and coming out to brave the heat and sacrifice a morning to improve our local battlefield.



Confederate Trivia of the Month:
John Singleton Mosby Edition

1. John Mosby was expelled from what school at the age of 19?
 - A. West Point
 - B. University of Virginia
 - C. Yale
 - D. Trinity College
2. John Mosby's wife's name was?
 - A. Pauline
 - B. Flora
 - C. Mary Lou
 - D. Josephine
3. What Union General did Mosby capture in 1863 at Fairfax Courthouse?
 - A. Pope
 - B. Stoughton
 - C. Abercrombie
 - D. Carr
4. Colonel Mosby considered which southern general his closest wartime friend?
 - A. Fitzhugh-Lee
 - B. Longstreet
 - C. Stuart
 - D. Beauregard
5. After the war Mosby served as U.S. foreign consul to where?
 - A. Duchy of Luxembourg
 - B. Ottoman Empire
 - C. Portugal
 - D. Hong Kong



Fort Delaware during the Civil War.

By Compatriot J.R. Miller

Fort Delaware is a harbor defense facility, designed by chief engineer Joseph Gilbert Totten and located on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River. During the American Civil War, the Union used Fort Delaware as a prison for Confederate prisoners of war, political prisoners, federal convicts, and privateer officers. A three-gun concrete battery, later named Battery Torbert, was built inside the fort in the 1890s and designed by Maj. Charles W. Raymond. By 1900, the fort was part of the three-fort concept, working closely with Fort Mott in Pennsville, N.J. and Fort DuPont in Delaware City, D.E. The fort and the island currently belong to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and encompasses a living history museum, located in Fort Delaware State Park.

The first Confederate prisoners were housed inside the fort in sealed off casemates, empty powder magazines, as well as two small rooms inside the sally port. In those small rooms, names of confederates can still be seen carved into the brick. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, the island "contained an average population of southern tourists, who came at the urgent invitation of Mr. Lincoln." The first Confederate general to be housed at the fort was Brig. Gen. Johnston Pettigrew. During the war, a total of about a dozen generals were held within the fort as prisoners-of-war.

The first Confederate prisoner to die at Fort Delaware was Captain L. P. Halloway of the 27th Virginia Infantry. He was captured at Winchester, Va. on March 23, 1862, dying on April 9. Captain Halloway, a Freemason, was given a full Masonic funeral by Jackson Lodge in Delaware City. The funeral procession was led by fort's commander, Captain Augustus A. Gibson, from the town's lock on Clinton Street, and ending in the cemetery on Jefferson Street. According to church records, Halloway's body was reclaimed by family after the war.

By August 1863, there were more than 11,000 prisoners on the island; by war's end, it had held almost 33,000 men. The conditions were decent, but about 2,500 prisoners died on Pea Patch Island. Statistically, the overall death rate for prisoners was about 7.6 percent. Half of the total number of deaths occurred during a smallpox epidemic in 1863. Inflammation of the lungs (243 deaths), various forms of diarrhea (315 deaths) and smallpox (272 deaths) were the leading killer amongst the prison population. About 215 prisoners died as a result of Typhoid and/or Malaria, according to records in the National Archives. Other causes of death include scurvy (70 deaths), pneumonia (61 deaths) and erysipelas (47 deaths). Five prisoners drowned, and seven died from gunshot wounds. During the war, 109 Union soldiers and about 40 civilians died on the island as well.

Suggested reading: *The Union Prison at Fort Delaware: A Perfect Hell on Earth* by Brian Temple.
Fort Delaware State Spark: <http://www.destateparks.com/park/fort-delaware/>



Prisoners at Fort Delaware.

Confederate Flag of the Month

This month's confederate flag of the month is the flag carried by William Collins in a failed raid on a Calais, Maine. Collins, an Irishman living in British North America at the time of the war. Seeking glory for himself he organized a band of raiders to cross into Maine, rob a bank, and then make for confederate agents in Montreal where he would turn over the money in exchange for a commission in the Confederate Army. While not an actual agent of the rebel government, Collins made a flag which he



carried on his person in an attempt to gain recognition as a legitimate partisan of the war. His plan was foiled when one of his gang, a Union deserter, informed authorities about the plan in exchange for a pardon. He was captured, tried as a bank robber, and had his unique blue and yellow flag taken. Today it is still the property of the Maine Historical Society, an obscure banner no business today reproduces it.



Upcoming Event: Adopt-a-Road

Saturday September 15th we will have our quarterly adopt-a-road commitment at Natural Bridge. Our plan is to meet at 8:30 and clean up our two-mile stretch. Being early and in September it will hopefully be a cool morning. Last time we went we had poor attendance, please consider coming out. Many hands make light work and with enough people it could be done very quickly.



Upcoming Event: Marianna Day Memorial Service

Saturday September 29th the Theophilus West M.D. SCV Camp will host their annual Memorial Service. On September 27, 1864, the union army made war upon the people of Marianna, Florida. The yankee hoard killed old men and young boys of Jackson County, Florida in a short but bloody battle. One of the most egregious acts was the burning of St. Luke's Episcopal Church while it was occupied. The service commemorates the sacrifices of the soldiers and civilians of Marianna, who paid the ultimate sacrifice. The service will be at the Confederate Monument on US Hwy 90 in Marianna at 11:00 am EST.



Upcoming Event: Washington County Heritage Festival

Saturday September 29th we will be participating in the Washington County Heritage Festival as living historians at Falling Waters State Park. The event will begin at 9 AM CST and we will be setting up around 8 in the morning. This will be a standard living history event as we show and explain the uniforms, equipment, and life of the rebel soldier. Also present will be the North Florida Artillery who will be firing cannon off once every 45 minutes.

Upcoming Event: Caverns Cultural Celebration

Friday October 5th and Saturday October 6th Finley's will be participating the Caverns Cultural Celebration at the Florida Caverns State Park. In addition to highlighting rural historic life across Floridian history, this event will also have a heavy focus on the historic Battle of Marianna which happened not far from the park. We will be vending our wares and setting up a living history display for the educational pleasure of our visitors. Assuming enough participants a skirmish is planned for Saturday. The Saturday event starts at 9 AM CST and runs until around 4 in the afternoon.



Upcoming Event: Blountstown Pioneer Day

Saturday October 20th, we will be participating in Pioneer Day at the Blountstown Panhandle Pioneer Settlement. The day is dedicated to Florida history from the 1820's through World War Two and will primarily focus on Florida crackers and early settlers. We plan on participating as living history exhibitors to help educate visitors on Florida in the War Between the States. The event begins at 9 AM CST with setup around 7-8. We will wrap up around 4 PM.



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 12th. 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.



We are updating our web-site! Check it out at:

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

National Public Lands Day Saturday - September 22, 2018



<https://www.neefusa.org/event>

Join Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park & the park's Citizen Support Organization, the Natural Bridge Historical Society, Inc. in cleaning the St. Marks River Sink and surrounding park lands.

As water flows underground, trash and other debris that flow downriver collects with the park's waters. Participants may bring a personally-owned canoe if they wish. Other areas of focus are around the public use area that has become overgrown with natural debris.

For More Information:

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/Natural-Bridge>

<http://www.nbhscso.com/>

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Location:

Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park 7502 Natural Bridge Road,
Tallahassee, FL 32305



Webmaster's Advisory

Our webmaster has advised that if you are a member of the camp and wish your ancestor's name, rank, and unit to be on the Finley's Brigade website to contact him at webmaster@finleysbrigadescv.com. Additionally, a small biographical write up about your ancestor's service can be linked from his name. There is no limit to the number of ancestors who can be placed under your name.

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.

Happy Birth-Month! Lieutenant Colonel John Pelham



September 7th, 1838

Heritage Opportunities

- September 11 – Regular Camp Meeting
- September 15 – Adopt a Road 8:30 am at Natural Bridge Road and Old Plank Road.
- September 22 – Public Lands Day at Natural Bridge Battlefield Park
- September 29 – Marianna Day Memorial
- September 29 – Washington County Heritage Festival
- October 5 & 6 – Caverns Cultural Celebration Festival (Battle of Marianna)
- October 9 – Regular Camp Meeting
- October 20 – Blountstown Pioneer Days
- 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 kvcroading@yahoo.com or 850-339-3051.

For comments, questions, concerns, or submissions to the newsletter please contact the editor at 2ltcommander@finleysbrigadescv.com

Trivia answers: B, A, C, C, D

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