



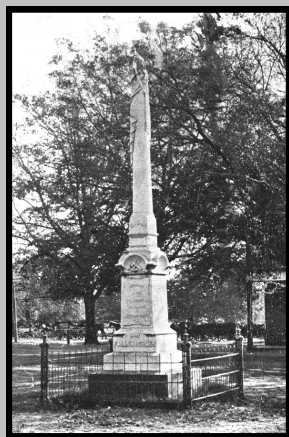
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55th Annual Reunion Florida Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Saturday, June 7, 2025

At the **Hilton Ocala**, 3600 Southwest 36th Ave., Ocala, Florida 34474

The **Col. Samuel St. George Rogers Camp #1865** is honored to host the 55th Annual Reunion of the Florida Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, in Ocala, Florida on Saturday, June 7, 2025. We will be hosting this year's reunion at the Hilton Ocala, the location of the 2021 and many prior years reunions.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Banquet the night of the Reunion at the Hilton Ocala. We have secured Past National SCV Chaplain-in-Chief **Pastor John Weaver** as the guest speaker at the banquet. Banquet tickets can be purchased on the registration form. Ancestor memorials are also available for publication in the Official Reunion Program.

Please also consider advertising in the program to show your support for the return of the Reunion to Ocala!

See you in Ocala!

Commander Bob Highbaugh
505 N Brighton Rd.
Lecanto, FL 34461

Reunion Schedule

Schedule Of Events

Saturday, June 7, 2025

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Registration**

9:00 AM - 9:20 AM **Opening Ceremonies and Welcome**

Division Commander Calvin Hart
Invocation - Division Adjutant Rick Roberts
Moment of Silence for Last Roll
Pledge to the United States Flag
Salute to the Confederate Flag
The Charge

Welcome by Dignitaries

President, Order of Confederate Rose Florida Society, Ms. Annette Lindsey

9:20 AM - 9:30 AM **Break**

9:30 AM - 12:00 **Business Session** Opening - Division Commander Calvin Hart

Roll Call of Camps - Division Adjutant Rick Roberts
Standing Rules - Division Adjutant Rick Roberts
Commander's Report - Commander Calvin Hart
Adjutant's Report - Adjutant Rick Roberts
Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Mark Sizemore

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **Lunch Break** - Off Campus

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM **Business Session**

Flags Across Florida - Jeffro Cotten
Florida Confederate Soldiers Monument Update - Commander Calvin Hart
Hunley Awards
Division Awards Presentation Commander Calvin Hart

3:30 PM **Adjourn**

6:00 PM—7:00PM **Banquet Social Hour**

7:00PM—9:00PM **Banquet**



What is the Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the Second American Revolution. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought, underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built. Today, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes, so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either direct or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for a Cadet membership.



Orlando Evening Star
Orlando Florida, Thu, Oct 18, 1923

TAMPA CHOSEN FOR NEXT YEAR'S VET ENCAMPMENT

QUINCY, Fla. Oct 18 —(By the Associated Press)—General J H. Harp was re-elected commander and Tampa selected as the place for the next annual encampment of the Florida division, United Confederate Veterans, at the closing session here today of the thirty third annual reunion. Next year's reunion will be held some time in October, but the exact date was not fixed.

The Sons of Veterans re-elected Dr. Sumner L. Lowry, of Tampa, as commander, and John G. Rearson as adjutant general.

Prior to adjournment about noon, resolutions were adopted by the veterans memorializing members of the organization who have died since last year's encampment and commending State Comptroller Amos for the interest he has taken in behalf of the veterans in getting out their pension vouchers promptly each month. A resolution also was adopted thanking the people of Quincy for entertaining the veterans.

Dinner was served again today by two men of Quincy in a tent on the courthouse yard, after which the veterans began departing for home, many leaving on the east-bound train.

C.S.S. Chattahoochee Mass Grave Memorial Service

Hosted by 8th Florida Quincy Young Guards Camp #703

Date

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Time

11:00 AM EST

Location

14 Main St Chattahoochee, FL

(Parking located beside United Methodist Church)

Guest Speaker

Miller County Historian, Jack Cowart

Author, Minister &

Captain of the CSS Chattahoochee Camp. Ga. Div.



Florida Division Officers

Commander	Calvin Hart
Adjutant	Rick Roberts
Treasurer	Mark Sizemore
Chaplin	Kim Hoffecker
1st Lt. Cmdr.	David King
2nd Lt. Cmdr.	Daryl Ratterrie
3rd Lt. Cmdr.	Roy Hudson
4th Lt. Cmdr.	Christopher Bunton
5th Lt. Cmdr.	Mark R. Bess

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The SCV Florida Division reserves the right to reject content of any copy.

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Gerald Bell
Jeff Sizemore



White Springs Flag Site Fundraiser

Saturday, April 5, 2025



Thank you all who made this day possible, especially the Captain Winston Stephen's Camp and the Olustee Camp.

It was a great day of fellowship that saw the replacement of the huge flag that flies over the I-75 Interstate and produced some funds for continued SCV activity at White Springs.

These are the times that make the SCV more meaningful and enjoyable.

Keep up the good work!

DEO VINDICE  !





One of three billboards sponsored by the Florida Division. This one is on the east side of I-75s, just before Ocala. Another was located in Reddick Florida on I-75 south of Gainesville. The remaining is located on I-10 near Hwy-275 east of Marianna Florida.



Lt. Thomas H. Gainer Camp #1319, Lynn Haven Florida, erected this billboard and flag site on private property located on the south side of I-10, just west of Hwy-231. It can be viewed from both east and west bound traffic.

Thanks to 2nd Brigade Commander William Platt, who is also the camp commander, and the compatriots who worked so hard to make this happen.



Content Submission

The SCV Florida Division actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics are articles about the state and local SCV Camps, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should be included when possible. All submissions will be printed in a timely manner. Camp News submissions should be 150 to 200 words; single photo size should be at least 600x600 pixels. Other article submission should be original material or submit other author's articles with publication releases accompanying the submission.

The SCV Florida Division assumes no responsibility for statements made or opinions of contributors. All submissions are requested by email.

The Florida Division Editor reserves the right to make any editorial conformity of style. Authors must grant the SCV Florida rights to publish articles either in print & electronic format.

To submit material via email, send it to:

editor@flscv.org



St. Augustine, Florida (April 3, 2025)--
Cadet Max Mooneyham (center) next to his mother, is awarded the Horace L. Hunley Medal at St. Augustine High School in a packed auditorium with fellow Army JROTC cadets, faculty, family and friends in attendance.

The award was presented by **Commander Odeen L. Tyre**, U. S. Navy (Retired), a member of Kirby Smith Camp #1209, Florida Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, camp member and former JROTC instructor who is a direct lineal descendant of 8 Confederate soldiers.

Honorable Jefferson Davis



Originally, **Jefferson Davis** had represented Mississippi in the United States Senate and House of Representatives, but during the War between the States he became the president of the Confederacy.

Arrest and Imprisonment (1865-1867)

Immediately after the Lee's surrender at Appomattox in April 1865, Jefferson Davis fled Richmond, Virginia. He was eventually captured on May 10, 1865, at Irwinville, Georgia, and taken into custody by Union forces. President Davis was charged with treason and conspiracy against the United States and was imprisoned at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

No Trial and Release (1867-1869)

In 1867, President Davis was to be put on trial for treason and conspiracy against the United States. Salmon P. Chase, 1866, Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court opined that, "If you bring these Confederate leaders to trial, it will condemn the North, for by the constitution secession is not rebellion."

There was no trial. President Davis was ultimately released on May 3, 1869.

Post-Imprisonment Life (1869-1889)

After his release, President Davis returned to his home in Beauvoir, Mississippi, where he spent the rest of his life.

President Davis remained active in politics and continued to advocate for the rights of Southerners. He also wrote several books, including a memoir about his time in prison and a history of the Confederate States of America.



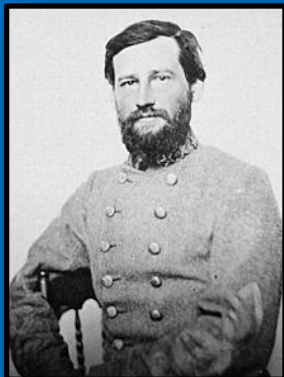
Brigade Commanders

1st Brigade Randall W. Crooke
2nd Brigade William Q Platt III
3rd Brigade Gerald F. Bell
4th Brigade James F Taylor
5th Brigade Byron Peavy
6th Brigade Harold D Schemer
7th Brigade Clement Lindsey
8th Brigade Bob Highbaugh
9th Brigade Bobby Van Zant
10th Brigade Al Massey
11th Brigade Leon Arthur
12th Brigade James Odell, Jr.
14th Brigade Warren Caulett, Jr.
15th Brigade Sean McFall
16th Brigade Paul W Norris

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"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."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee,
Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



Welcome to the neighborhood sir.

On May 03, 2025, **CSN First Engineer, John Henry Loper**, was welcomed into the Confederate section of the "Old City Cemetery" in Tallahassee Florida.

Extensive research proved undeniably that First Engineer Loper served in the Confederate States Navy, and is buried in an unmarked grave in this cemetery. After a denial for a marker from the Veterans Administration, an appeal, and another denial, private funds were used to purchase a marker for him.

Many thanks to Finley's Brigade, Historic Cemetery Preservation, and Hall's Monuments for making this happen.

Commander Mark R. Bess



FLORIDA DIVISION



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GUARDIAN

Purpose: The purpose is designed to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and through its implementation will provide the preservation of their final resting places and will document for future generations their sacrifices.

Eligibility: Any Florida Division camp member, Friend of the SCV, UDC, or OCR member, in good standing, who is at least 12 years of age, and who has demonstrated the desire and ability to serve as a GUARDIAN. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in the program to honor our ancestors and to protect their final resting place.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- A. You shall care for and protect the grave of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the gravesite is kept clean and well-maintained year-round. You shall perform these duties personally unless you are physically unable because of health reasons. At no time shall these responsibilities be passed on to another without the approval of the GUARDIAN committee for the Florida Division.
- B. You will be responsible to appropriately mark the grave, so it is designated as the final resting place of a Confederate Veteran. This can be by stone, plaque, Cross of Honor, etc. You will also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is worn, damaged or destroyed.
- C. You shall personally visit the grave a minimum of four times a year to include Confederate Memorial Day or at least a week prior. You shall place a wreath, a small Confederate flag or both on the grave.

Applications, Reviews & Approval:

- A. Individuals who wish to participate in the GUARDIAN program must complete and submit the Guardian Application Form to a Camp Commander, or UDC / OCR Chapter President. The Camp Commander, or UDC / OCR Chapter President will submit the form to the Guardian Committee of the Florida Division. The application must be accompanied by a map showing the location of the gravesite along with written driving instructions to the cemetery. A photograph of the gravesite must be submitted before approval. Additional photographs can be submitted for the file as cleanup work is completed.
- B. The applicant must also remit a one-time \$10.00 fee with the application to cover the cost of the GUARDIAN pin and certificate, which will be awarded upon the candidate's approval for membership in the GUARDIAN program. The fee is non-refundable.
- C. Individuals who are not accepted into the GUARDIAN program will be given an explanation in writing by the review committee. The applicant can request an appeal of the decision. The Review Committee will review the applicant's appeal and render a decision. The decision of the Review Committee is final.

Additional Information:

- A. Multiple Gravesites: GUARDIANS may care for more than one gravesite and will be recognized by the Guardian Review Committee. The cost of additional certificates is \$3.00 each.
- B. Forfeiture of Guardian position: A Guardian who cannot meet the requirements of the position due to relocation, health or other reasons must notify the Review Committee. All fees are non-refundable.
- C. Bequeathing of GUARDIAN position: A Guardian may transfer his responsibilities as a Guardian to another Guardian, SCV member, Friend of the SCV, UDC, or OCR member in good standing, with prior approval by the Review Committee. There is a \$10.00 fee for transferring Guardianship. This fee will cover the new Guardian's membership pin and certificate. If they are already in the Guardian program, there will be a \$3.00 fee to cover the certificate designating the new guardianship they are undertaking.
- D. Revocation of GUARDIAN status: The Review Committee may revoke the status of a participant in the Guardian program if they fail to carry out the duties and responsibilities as outlined. The committee reserves the right to inspect any GUARDIAN'S Confederate Veteran's gravesite, with or without notice, to confirm compliance with all the rules and regulations specified in the program.



FLORIDA GUARDIAN PROGRAM APPLICATION

Turn application in to Camp Commander

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____ Ancestor: _____

GRAVESITE DETAILS

Confederate Veteran's Name: _____ Rank: _____ Unit: _____

Born: _____ Died: _____ Condition of Gravesite: _____

Location of Grave: (Include Name of Cemetery, City, State & Country) _____

Marker on Grave denoting Confederate Service: _____ Cross of Honor: _____

Documentation of Confederate Service: _____

I affirm that all the information here is true and accurate.**I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veteran's grave in accordance with the GUARDIAN PROGRAM rules for as long as I am able.****In the event I cannot carry out my duties, I shall notify the Review Committee immediately.****I also understand that the Review Committee can revoke my status as a GUARDIAN for good cause.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Camp Commander: _____ Date: _____

Mail the completed forms to the attention of:

Florida Guardian Program/ Florida Division, SCV**3428 Laura Street****Tallahassee, FL 32305**Make checks payable to Florida Division, SCVSubmit a separate form for each soldier you are requesting to be a guardian for.*******DO NOT WRITE ON LINES BELOW*******

Application Approved: _____ Disapproved _____ Date: _____

Approval Signature: _____

