



# CAMPTALK

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## January 2017 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, Florida  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from menu 7:00 – 8:00 Program 8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December.

Male descendants of men who served the Confederacy, their wives and others interested in the War For Southern Independence are invited to attend.

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## COMMANDERS CORNER



Greetings,

I am excited to get things started for the New Year.

I want to begin this year with a challenge for all of us. As we continue our quest for Southern equality by defending our God given rights from ignorant attacks on our heritage, I challenge everyone to be uplifting, respectful, encouraging, and positive. We have enough people out there ready to do whatever they can to bring us down and that is where our fight is, not amongst ourselves. We always need to conduct ourselves as the Southern ladies and gentlemen we are or should be. We should never talk negatively about fellow compatriots. Our actions define how others see us. In turn, that is how they perceive us as a Camp.

The elected officers for the 2017-18 term of Camp 1387 are;

Commander: Marc Thornton



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Cmdr: Larry Thornton



2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Cmdr: Nick Nichols



Adjutant: Mike Reynolds



Treasurer: Tom Watkins



Chaplin: Tim Cobb



Appointed positions; Judge Advocate Don Lock, Webmaster Tom Watkins, Heritage Don Young, FaceBook Mike Reynolds, Editor Steve Smith, Q'termaster Marc Thornton, Historian Nick Nichols, Color Sgt OPEN, Recording Sec. OPEN, UDC/OCR Liaison OPEN, Public Information Officer OPEN, Surgeon OPEN. It would really help me if someone would take over the quartermaster position, but we really need a recording secretary for the Camp. Please consider volunteering for one of the listed positions. Your Camp needs the help.

We have a new Camp Talk Editor. Steve Smith has generously accepted the position. Compatriot Justin Murrell has unexpected family and work issues and could not continue. I want to thank Justin for the service he freely donates to Camp 1387 and pray his personal life returns to one of happiness and good health very soon. This is a great example of how I like to see our Camp act. One compatriot has some difficulty and another jumps right in to help. This also makes our Camp feel like a family.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting.

God Bless the South!

Cmdr. Marc Thornton

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## EVENTS

- a) **Jan. 14** - Lawndale Project; Cleaned up debris & mowed.
- b) **Jan. 21** - Sharpes Cemetery Project; Tree removed & general cleanup.



- c) **Jan. 21-22** - Brooksville Raid; Sand Hill Scout Reservation 11210 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL @ SR 50 & US 19
- d) **Jan. 26** – Camp 1387 Monthly Meeting
- e) **Feb. 3, 4, & 5 2017**; The Battle of Townsend’s Plantation and Civil War Festival Live Civil War Re-enactments, living history exhibits, folk music, weaponry demonstrations, authentic camps and Sutlers, full scale artillery, cavalry and soldiers in time-period uniforms and weaponry, Civil War era Dress Ball, and more. Please see attached flyer for times. \$6.00/adults and \$4.00/children 12 and under Friday, February 3, 2017 \*SCHOOL DAY \* (Contact us to arrange for students to attend: keristewart@scps.k12.fl.us or at 407-701-8700) Saturday, February 4, 2017 and Sunday, February 5, 2017 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Renninger’s Antique Center 20651 U.S. 441, Mt. Dora, Fl. 32757 Clay Townsend (407) 418-2075 or (407) 719-9866 ctownsend@forthepeople.com To view forms & the photo gallery on-line, visit [www.battleofwotnsendsplantation.com](http://www.battleofwotnsendsplantation.com)
- f) **Feb. 9 2017** E-Board meeting at Wickham Senior Center 7-9 pm
- g) **February 17, 18 & 19, 2017** The 153rd Anniversary & 41st Annual Reenactment Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park, Florida
- **Saturday:** Demonstration Battle - 3:30 P.M.
  - **Sunday:** Olustee Battle Reenactment - 1:30 P.M.  
[Activities daily](#) from 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
[Color ceremonies](#); [Infantry](#), [Cavalry](#), [Artillery](#),  
AND [Medical](#) demonstrations; [Authentic camps](#); [Memorial](#) and  
period church services; [Authentic sutlers](#); Period [crafts](#) and [music](#);  
Exhibits; [Food](#) and [much more...](#)
  - **Admission:** Adults - \$10 Children - \$5; Pre-school age children - FREE
  - The [Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park](#) is [located on U.S. 90](#), 15 miles east of Lake City, Florida.
  - For additional information call 1-877-635-3655, visit <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Olustee-Battlefield>, or email [olusteeco@yahoo.com](mailto:olusteeco@yahoo.com).
  - Visit the Battle of Olustee WWW site at <http://battleofolustee.org/>
- h) **Feb. 23 2017** – Camp 1387 Monthly Meeting

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**PROGRAM**

**General Robert E. Lee – Then and Now**

One of our favorite speakers Don Young will entertain and educate us on one of the finest generals ever, Mr. Robert E. Lee.

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**1. Pledge to the Flag of the Confederate States of America**

I salute the **Confederate** flag  
with affection, reverence, and undying devotion  
to the Cause for which it stands.

**2. The Upcoming 2017 Stephen D. Lee Institute in Knoxville, TN**

- **From: Cindy White; Office Manager; SCV HQ; 931-380-1844 ext 209**
- Details for the upcoming Stephen D. Lee event.
- It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville TN on 3/3 and 3/4/2017. The rates are the same as last year, \$125.00 for members and spouses. \$150.00 for non-members. You can go to the SD Lee website to register but at this time the correct hotel information is not up. The number for the hotel is: 865-522-2600. Our group code is STE. I have requested that they update the website as soon as possible.
- If you cannot reach me by phone to register, either Holly or Bryan can take your reservation and forward it on to me. I sincerely apologize for the delay in getting this information to you.
- By the way, **the first twenty-five (25) Compatriots who register will receive a special free gift in recognition of their support.**

**3. Current Confederate News**

**From our friends at “Save Southern Heritage” (as edited):**

**Press Release:**

**TWO VETERAN MONUMENTS VANDALIZED IN FLORIDA THIS WEEK  
VETERANS GROUP CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION AND ENHANCED PROTECTION  
OF ALL VETERAN OBSERVANCES**

**Tampa** - In a disturbing trend of continued violence against memorials to American Veterans, two more monuments were reported vandalized last week.

In Tampa, on overnight Tuesday, vandals wrought thousands of dollars of damage on

Veterans Memorial Park. The granite memorial was defaced in three places with the letters "BLM". Additionally, three 20' flag poles were bent 90' at the base, and the flags posted were burned.



The Hillsborough County Sheriff's office is conducting an investigation. The total damages may be in excess of \$1,000, eligible for a 3rd degree felony conviction.

In Gainesville on Tuesday, vandalism was discovered on the "Old Joe" Cenotaph to Veterans of Alachua County who served during the War Between the States. This is the second vandalisation of this Veteran Cenotaph, the first time being after a Alachua County Commission meeting prior to a vote by the Commission to move the monument from County property to appease a social justice activist that has since moved out of the area. The discovery was made after another meeting of the Commission after another activist, Faye Williams, threatened the Commission with a protest if the monument is not removed, calling it a symbol of 'white supremacy'.

"Law enforcement has indicated to us that incident like these are related" said David McCallister, Save Southern Heritage Florida spokesman. "Disrespect of Veterans memorials is beneath deplorable" he added. "Floridians realize monuments to dead heroes should be off limits as billboards for social protest and want tougher punishment for damage to these somber, sacred Observances", McCallister said.

Among other groups, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, has called for protection for all Veteran observances. Don Young, Commander of the Florida Division of the group said "many of our members served in America's armed forces and don't appreciate the disrespect this desecration shows to their service and those of their comrades".

In the last 18 months, there have been nearly a dozen incidence of vandalism against Veterans observances including in Tampa, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Ocala and Gainesville.



*Jacksonville*

An initiative has started to call for protection of Veterans Observances in Florida. More info: [www.savetheirhonor.org](http://www.savetheirhonor.org).

Reference: Press release of "Save Southern Heritage" of December 19, 2016. Media Contact: Save Southern Heritage Florida Spokesman: David McCallister 813-778-1202

### **St. Louis plans to BURY its Confederate Heritage**

On Christmas Eve last year, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay used what is traditionally a quiet period for news to announce that he wanted a 102-year-old monument to

Confederate war dead removed from Forest Park.

A year later, the statue remains in place. But city officials say they are committed to fulfilling the mayor's promise.

Slay put together a committee to study the statute's removal from Forest Park in June 2015. Since none of the local institutions that responded to the committee were willing to display the monument, the city has looked at other options, including the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, in Republic, Missouri, just south of Springfield.

A National Park Service official wrote back that commemorative works can only be approved by an act of Congress. A City Representative said President Barack Obama could accept the monument by a proclamation, and hopes the president will act before he leaves office.

But even if the president doesn't, the statue will be out of Forest Park by the time Slay leaves office in April. The City Manager said he's found a way to cut the estimated \$130,000 price tag in half - literally temporarily bury history.

"City staff, with some outside assistance, could excavate a hole near where the monument is currently situated, put timbers down in the hole, and essentially cover it up with soil," he said. "The granite would be no less worse for wear." In other words, they would just bury the monument at its present location. If the City of St. Louis succeeds at this will it fast track the "burying" of numerous other monuments by saving the need to "remove" them?

#### **4. Facts from the War for Southern Independence:**

Except for the exact quote, (paraphrased from the book **Punished with Poverty, The Suffering South, Prosperity to Poverty & the Continuing Struggle** by James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy. ©2016,) in a letter to the U.S. Secretary of War, General William T. Sherman gives us his own impressions, thoughts, and ideas about Southern people in general in his following officially documented quote:

**“There is a class of people (Southerners) men, women, and children, who must be killed or banished before you can hope for peace and order”**

Reference: William T Sherman as cited in *Official Records War of the Rebellion*, XXXIX, pt. II, 132

#### **5. It Happened During this month (January) in 1860:**

**Following South Carolina's secession on December 20, 1860**

- Mississippi secedes-1/9/1861 - vote of 84 for, 15 against
- Florida secedes-1/10/1861 - vote of 62 for, 7 against



- Alabama secedes-1/11/1861 - vote of 61 for, 39 against
- Georgia secedes-1/19/1861 - vote of 208 for, 89 against
- Louisiana secedes-1/26/1861 - vote of 113 for, 17 against
- Kansas admitted as the 34th state - 1/29/1861
- Corwin (13th) Amendment passing through Congress
- (Outgoing) President is James Buchanan – Dem
- President-elect is incoming Abraham Lincoln - Rep

## 6. Good Reference Reading for this Month:

1. **The Gray Book** by the Gray Book Committee, SCV. ©2000. Available only through the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
2. **When in the Course of Human Events** by Charles Adams. ©2000; ISBN-10: 0847697223, ISBN-13: 978-0847697229
3. **The South Was Right!** by James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy. ©March 31, 1994.
4. **Punished with Poverty, The Suffering South, Prosperity to Poverty & the Continuing Struggle** by James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy. ©2016. ISBN-13:978-0997939347; ISBN-10: 0997939346

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