



# CAMPTALK

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## Thursday, April 27, 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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Greetings,

Thanks to Larry Thornton for the March presentation on the Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC).

We will be swearing in a new member so if you have a uniform please wear it.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting.

God Bless the South!

Cmdr. Marc Thornton

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### ➤ **Upcoming Events:**

1. May 6, 2017 - The first Saturday of each month
  - a. Cleanup at Lawndale – Williams House in Rockledge, FL
  - b. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
2. May 11, 2017 – The Second Thursday of each month
  - a. Next E-Board Meeting
3. May 20, 2017 - The third Saturday of each month

- a. Cleanup at Sharpes Cemetery
- b. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 4. May 19-21, 2017 – Battle of Resaca, Georgia – Part of Sherman’s Atlanta Campaign.
  - a. Battle Reenactment at 2:00 PM both Sat and Sun.
  - b. Event Coordinator: [battleofresaca@gmail.com](mailto:battleofresaca@gmail.com)
  - c. GPS Location: N34deg36.8298 min/ W084deg56.5698min)
  - d. Location: Chitwood Farms, Chitwood Road NE, Resaca, GA.
    - i. I-75N exit 320;
    - ii. Drive east approx. 3/10 mile to US Hwy 41.
    - iii. Turn left, and go north approx. 3 miles then
    - iv. Turn right onto Chitwood Road.
- 5. May 25, 2017 – The fourth Thursday of each month
  - a. Next Camp 1387 Monthly Meeting
- 6. May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day Holiday

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**PROGRAM**

The April program will be on Flags of the Confederacy, The Confederate Flag, and Swearing in a new member, and several short presentations.

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➤ **SCV 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.

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➤ **Notable Quotes**

“Slavery is no more the cause of this war than gold is the cause of robbery”  
 Governor Joel Parker of New Jersey, 1863

"Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can, and strike him as hard as you can. And keep moving on!"

- Ulysses S. Grant's philosophy of war

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➤ **It Happened During this month (April) in 1861:**

- Jefferson Davis is President of the Provisional CSA; Alexander Stephens, Vice Pres.
- Provisional Confederate Capital is still located in Montgomery. Alabama
- CSA President Jefferson Davis' 3 men ambassadors still in Washington trying (ultimately unsuccessfully) to negotiate friendly relations with new incoming President Lincoln. Ambassadors return home after no meetings allowed by Lincoln.
- Lincoln suspends "Writ of Habeas Corpus" & "Right to Free Speech" for opponents (Unconstitutional)
- Lincoln uses the Militia Act of 1795 to call up 15000 federal troops & 75000 State militia for 3 months' service. Lincoln then extends troops term of service to 3 years (Unconstitutional without Congressional approval.)
- Corwin (13th) Amendment sent to states for ratification.
- Lincoln seeks to resettle all Blacks in Panama
- Lincoln's war ships arrive at Charleston.
- Sovereign State of South Carolina demands Ft Sumter to surrender
- With Union warships in sight, South Carolina fires on Ft Sumter
- With no one killed during the battle, Union Forces at Ft Sumter Surrender and evacuate Ft Sumter to the off shore war ships
- Union war ships mission accomplished; drew the South into firing the first shot
- Lincoln calls on 75000 Troops to **invade** south
- Lincoln calls for a naval blockade of the 1st 7 Seceding (Confederate) States
- In Maryland, Union Volunteers, State militia, and citizen protestors converge leaving 28 dead (Including women/children)
- Feds seize, arrest, & imprison most of Baltimore City Leaders, a congressman, and much of the state legislature
- Grandson of Francis Scott Key imprisoned at Ft McHenry

- Now All Border states come under Fed Military rule - DE, Maryland, KY, Missouri, WV - in order for southern invasion by Union troops
- Slavery still exists in the North
- CSA Constitution bans slave trading, Art I, Sec 9.

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➤ **Good Reference Reading Books for this Month:**

**Good, short, quick reads:**

1. **Why Lincoln Chose War and how he ran his war**; By Spencer Gantt. ©2011
2. **Washington’s KKK: The Union League During Southern Reconstruction**, by John Chodes; ©2016, Shotwell Publishing, ISBN-13:978-0692718179; ISBN-0692718176.

**Jefferson Davis, longer reads**

1. **Jefferson Davis & The Confederacy**, Edited By: Ronald Gibson© 1977
2. **Was Jefferson Davis Right?** ; By James R. Kennedy and Walter D. Kennedy, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, Louisiana, ©1997

If you have read any good “Southern point of view” books and feel that others would benefit from reading them, please submit them to Steve Smith at [smsmith3@bellsouth.net](mailto:smsmith3@bellsouth.net) for inclusion in our ever expanding camp book list. Also, if you would like your own copy of our entire camp suggested reading list, please contact me and I will gladly email you the latest version.

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➤ **Current events concerning Confederacy News:**

**FIGHTING BACK IN VIRGINIA**

Dixie Heritage Readers in Virginia are fighting the City of Charlottesville over City Council's decision to move a monument to Confederate Army General Robert E. Lee.

Councilors voted 3-2 on February 6 to move the statue of Lee out of Lee Park. They also unanimously voted to rename the park.

Descendants of its donor, Paul Goodloe McIntire, and sculptor are a part of this lawsuit against Charlottesville and City Council. Joining them in their lawsuit are The Monument Fund, Inc. and The Virginia Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. and eleven individuals: Frederick W. Payne, John Bosley Yellott Jr., Edward D. Tayloe II, Betty Jane Franklin Phillips, Edward Bergen Fry, Virginia C. Amiss, Stefanie Marshall, Charles L. Weber Jr., Lloyd Thomas Smith Jr., Anthony M. Griffin, and Britton Franklin Earnest Sr. Their attorneys filed their lawsuit in Charlottesville Circuit Court Monday, March 20.

The plaintiffs' suit alleges Councilors acted beyond their authority and violated a State Law which prohibits removing monuments or memorials to war veterans:

That the Lee statue and the Jackson statue are Confederate monuments and memorials of the War Between the States protected by the provisions of Section 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

The lawsuit also argues Charlottesville is violating terms of McIntire's gift in 1918 of the land for Lee Park and the statue:

"Defendants [Charlottesville City Council] are required by law to protect and to preserve the aforesaid historic monuments."

Weber, one of the plaintiffs and an attorney, says he joined the suit in order to protect history and the law. "I believe that our history is what it is We don't change it. We have to deal with it, and we have to come together to deal with it," he said.

Don Gathers, who chaired the Blue Ribbon Commission on Race, Monuments and Public Spaces, said that he expected their decision would face a legal challenge and the City is prepared to fight for the monument's removal.

## **ARKANSAN POLITICIAN PLOTTING TO ATTACK HERITAGE**

The blue star above the word "Arkansas" on the State Flag represents the state's membership in the Confederacy.

But one politician is working on legislation to change that.

"We have never accurately recognized the native tribes that were here," said Rep. Charles Blake, D- Little Rock.

The Arkansas legislature adopted the official State Flag in 1913. It amended the design to reflect the state's involvement in the Confederacy in 1924 when the state government made it the way it is today.

The 25 stars in the shape of a diamond on the state flag signify Arkansas becoming the 25th state to join the Union. The three stars under the word "Arkansas" partially represent how Arkansas belonged to three countries: France, Spain and the U.S. "Before France and Spain, there were Native Americans," Rep. Blake said. That's why he believes the star above the word "Arkansas" should instead honor the contributions Native Americans have made to the Natural State.

The Arkansas division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are calling the legislation ignorant. Its commander, Robert Edwards, said the Confederacy has nothing to do with this battle, calling the accusation "a lie from the pits of Hell."

"Until all of our African American legislators remove their blinders of slavery, we won't see a full picture," Edwards added.

Rep. Blake said he held his legislation in light of the Governor's bill to end the Robert E. Lee holiday. But he said that he may run the bill this year if there's a special session.

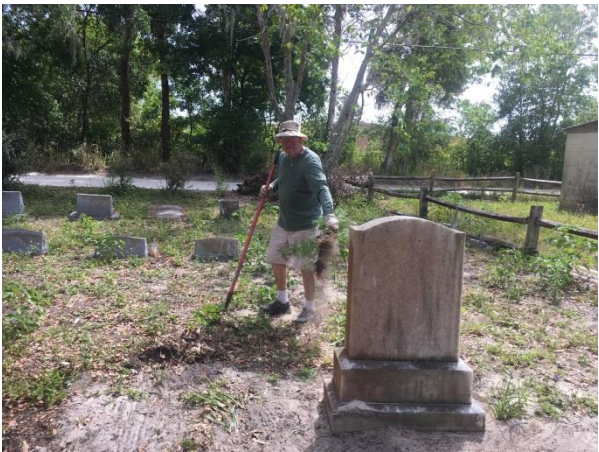
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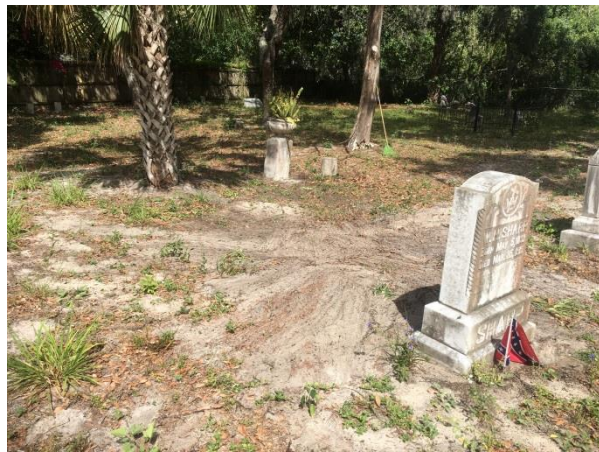
1 Jim Meeks @ Lawndale



2 Geoff Barnett cuts up a larger fallen tree.



3 Don Young @ Sharpes Cemetery weeding



Fallen tree from hurricane Matthew including roots are gone.







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