



# CAMPTALK

The monthly Newsletter of the Capt. J.J. Dickison Camp 1387, Sons of Confederate Veterans, 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Florida Division, Army of Tennessee, Melbourne Florida

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Editor Don Young

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## March 2010 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, FL

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from the menu

7:00 – 8:00 Program

8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting

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### COMMANDERS CORNER

At our February meeting 21 compatriots and guests celebrated the birthdays of Robert Edward Lee and Thomas Jonathon Jackson. Commander Young presented an overview of Lee's life and impact on the 20<sup>th</sup> century and its leaders. We had a spirited and informative discussion on Lee after the presentation.

Re-enacting season is well underway. The Battle of Narcoossee Mill will be 26-28 March. The Vietnam and All Veteran's Reunion will be held in Wickham Park, Melbourne, 21-25 April. We need volunteers to man a recruiting table, please let Cmdr. Young know if you are available.

The Southeast Region Spring Officers call was held 13 March at the Little House in Vero Beach. All the camps in our region are planning their April Confederate History Month programs and Confederate Memorial Day services. A report on the status of our

Confederate Heritage license plate is in this issue. It is always a pleasure to visit with compatriots from other camps. The Florida Division Reunion will be in May. The registration information is included in this issue of Camptalk. I urge each compatriot to attend and learn more about how our organization is run. This is an election year and any compatriot can be a voting delegate. We'll close this month with a Happy Birthday to ya'll! Camp 1387 was chartered in March of 1982.

In Service of The South, Don C. Young Commander Camp 1387

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**EVENTS**

- 25 Mar Camp Meeting
- 26-28 Mar Battle of Narcoosee Mill
- 08 Apr E-Board Meeting
- 22 Apr Camp Meeting
- 24 Apr Vietnam and All Veteran's Reunion
- 24 Apr Marker Dedication Webster
- 25 Apr Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony Old Melbourne Cemetery
- 21-23 May Division Reunion

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**PROGRAM**

**Southern Speech**

Why do Southerners have a more noble form of speech than yankees? Why do different Southern regions use different phrases, words and place names? Where did it all come from? Our own **Miss Lee** will explain some of the basics and origins of Southern Speech and where it came from for our enlightenment. Maybe we need to record this one!

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**Confederate Memorial Day Service**

This year Camp 1387 will hold our annual Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony with the Melbourne UDC Sunday 25 April. The ceremony will begin at 1400 hours with refreshments provided by the UDC and Camp ladies after the service. The Old Melbourne City Cemetery is located on the north side of Hibiscus St. just west of US 1 and adjacent to the railroad. We meet in the Southeast corner of the cemetery under the shade trees. Those setting up the tent cover, table, pulpit and flags will arrive at 1200 and the Honor Guard will muster at 1300. Please be mindful of the crowded ceremony area and park well away after dropping off passengers or unloading. If you would like to participate by doing a reading please contact Miss Lee. If you are available for the Honor Guard please contact Cmdr. Young.

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**Battle at Narcoosee Mill**

The 17th annual Battle at Narcoosee Mill (near Orlando airport) will be held 26-28 March. We will be participating with reenactors on the field. Saturday arrive 10-1100 hours to tour the sutlers. Battle is usually 1300. Contact Cmdr Young for details or directions.

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**Heritage Plate Status -**

Prior to Christmas 2009, Federal Judge Antoon ruled on the State's Motions to Dismiss, and denied all but one. The Judge gave the State Legislature immunity in the case, but upheld our lawsuit against the DMV Director in her capacity. He wrote a very detailed reasoning to support his ruling.

The Florida Division SCV and its attorney began preparing a Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court ordered both remaining parties to attend Mediation on 03/22/2010. We do not expect anything to come out of this, as it is not within the power of the DMV to issue our plate or give us anything we are asking for. John Adams will be present in Orlando to speak for the SCV.

On 03/01/2010 the Florida DMV's attorneys (a.k.a. the Florida Attorney General's Office), filed a Motion to Dismiss, and Motion for Summary Judgment.

They are claiming the following:

1. The Federal Court lacks jurisdiction by virtue of the Tax Injunction Act. (Federal Courts may not enjoin, restrain or suspend the levy of taxes when a state court could rule instead)
2. The Federal Court lacks jurisdiction by virtue of the 11<sup>th</sup> amendment.
3. That the SCV has failed to state a claim or alleged misdeed by the DMV's Director.
4. That Specialty Plates are "Government Speech" and not subject to the US Constitution's 1st Amendment protection.

In a nutshell, the State is claiming that the \$25 collected from the license plates is not money for the charity, but is instead taxes collected by the State. In truth, the State only gets \$2 per tag plus the normal fees. They are claiming that a Federal Court cannot deny them taxes to be collected.

They claim that since the DMV Director didn't do anything to hold up our plate (it was the fault of the Legislature), that they can't be held liable for damages, and we have not claimed any damages from them.

The State claims that Specialty plates are Government Speech, not an individual's expression. Strangely, when a Specialty Plate makes it to the roads that the State doesn't like, they claim it is "individual speech", and not representative of the State's opinions, but when they can claim the opposite to prevent a tag from getting on the roads they will do so.

Our attorney, with the advice of The Rutherford Institute is preparing a response to these motions, and has indicated that we should prevail on all counts. Rutherford's Chief Counsel noted that most of the cases the State cited to support their motion are actually cases that were decided in FAVOR of the group trying to get a specialty plate and not in favor of the State In plain words, they have brought appellate citations into the case that will do more harm to their motions than good. We will be filing an answer before the end of March.

By the end of March a fund-raising appeal letter will be mailed to everyone who responded to the Plate Survey indicating support for this plate. The Division needs to raise at least \$3000 to pay currently due attorney fees related to the filing of our Motion for Summary Judgment, and an additional \$10,000 to pay for litigation related to the State's Motion for Dismissal and associated case research. Donors of at least \$20 will each receive a replica plate for use on the front of their vehicles - limited to the first 500 donors.

**OCR RAFFLE *Florida Society Order of Confederate Rose* .....**

**Raffle, Raffle, Raffle**..... we are endeavoring to raise money for the Florida SCV Heritage License Plate legal bills. They need to raise several thousand dollars in a short amount of time. We need to generate as much capitol as we can. I have told Commander Dawson he could count on the Rose to help them out. We are raffling a **40" flat screen TV**. We will have it delivered or made available for pick up. Drawing will be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Division Reunion.

**Tickets are \$ 5.00 each, 6 for \$ 25, 12 for \$ 45 and 24 for \$85**

**Yes sir we will be selling at the reunion.** [Sylvia Darby](#) 

**Camp 1387 be forewarned!! Miss Lee won the yard of Confederate Rose Tartan prize several months ago for selling the most tickets in the OCR for the last raffle and is determined to win another yard!! Hang on to your wallets gentlemen!**

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**Black History Month - Churches in the Antebellum South Integrated**

From: [bernhard1848@att.net](mailto:bernhard1848@att.net)

In antebellum days Southern churches served both white and black congregations, but the postwar witnessed the rise of separate black churches. The infamous Union League and Loyal Leagues of the North can be largely blamed for this as they fomented racial hatred in the blacks against Southern whites for political purposes. The dominance of the Northern Republican party in the South depended upon the freedmen voting for the right candidates to keep the white population politically powerless.

Bernhard Thuersam, Director, Cape Fear Historical Institute [www.cfhi.net](http://www.cfhi.net)

Churches in the Antebellum South Integrated:

"As Seen By a Northern Editor: Dr. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, referring to the fact that the Seventh Day Adventists in Washington City have recently established two distinct churches for the two races, with white and colored pastors, says: "This seems to have been the case everywhere slavery of one race has existed, except where a very small number of either race attended with a large number of the other. In the cities of the South before the war the whites and blacks occupied the same church building, and in many instances worshipped together. Those servants who were not detained by household duties in the morning of the Sabbath occupied the capacious side galleries, the white choir occupied the front. The colored people worshipped in the body of the church in the afternoon. The slave heard the gospel from the same lips as his

master, and was much better instructed in Bible truth and Bible ethics than, as a rule, the freedman is now.

The writer had charge of a church in the far South in antebellum times in which there was a large colored membership in connection with the white. On Sabbath morning there was a good representation of the blacks in the side galleries. Once a month we administered the Communion to the colored members and baptized their children. We married a number of them, and any failure to observe the requirements of matrimony was made the subject of discipline. Every two weeks we met their leaders, who reported any cases of moral delinquency or any departures from Christian consistency among those under their special charge.

These colored members contributed several hundred dollars annually to the support of the church. They did it without solicitation, and would have considered themselves insulted had they not been allowed to do it. Many of them had the opportunity weekly to make a little money for themselves, and as they were at no personal or household expense it was clear gain, and they dispensed it freely.

A number of them could read and write. The law, indeed, prohibited instruction in these rudimentary branches, but it was largely a dead letter. In many homes the mistress or older children taught the servants. The writer has in his possession several letters received from colored members of his charge after he left, which he prizes among the most precious souvenirs of his ministry.”

(North America and Africa, Their Past, Present and Future, John F. Foard, Foard Publishers, 1904, pp. 43-44)

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** For Confederate History Month, April, “**Black Confederate Soldiers**”.

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**Blockade Runner** The next issue of the Florida Division newsletter “Blockade Runner” is being drafted. If you have any information you would like seen by your compatriots across Florida send it to the editor, Jeff Sizemore at [flblockaderunner@gmail.com](mailto:flblockaderunner@gmail.com) . The new issue will be posted on the Division website. If you prefer to have a black and white paper copy mailed to you please let adjutant Kevin Atchison know.

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*All y'all, Please read the excerpt from the book, The Men In Gray by Robert Catlett Cave, originally copyrighted 1911. I strongly urge all who can to find and get this book. It is very good information to have in our arsenal of truth, to defend our homeland, The South. If anyone can handle a 2.175 MB file, I have the book as a PDF and will send to anyone asking for it, as I did once before. All emphasis are mine.*

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Sincerely,  
Jimmy L. Shirley Jr.

*A DEFENSE OF THE SOUTH. pages 89 - 92*

The leading men of the South were so devoted to the Union and so reluctant to withdraw from it that, even after the triumph of the distinctly sectional party at the polls and the election of a President avowedly hostile to Southern institutions and interests, they would not have seceded if they could have obtained any satisfactory assurance that the Constitution would continue to be recognized as the law of the land and that the government would continue to be administered in accordance with its plain provisions. This assurance they vainly tried to get. The testimony of Judge Black, of Pennsylvania, given in an open letter to the Hon. Charles Francis Adams, which was published in the Galaxy for January 1874, not only confirms this statement, but throws a flood of light on the whole situation. After stating the general belief at Washington that Mr. Seward would be "the Wolsey" of the new administration, with

'Law in his voice and honor in his hand,'

while others would be subordinate and the President himself little more than a figurehead," Judge Black said: "When the troubles were at their worst certain Southern gentlemen, through Judge Campbell, of the Supreme Court, requested me to meet Mr. Seward and see if he would not give them some ground on which they could stand with safety inside of the Union. I consented, and we met at the State Department. . . . Many propositions were discussed and rejected as being either impracticable or likely to prove useless before I told him what I felt perfectly sure would stop all controversy at once and forever. **I proposed that he should simply pledge himself and the incoming administration to govern according to the Constitution, and upon every disputed point of constitutional law to accept that exposition of it which had been or might be given by the judicial authorities. He started at this, became excited, and violently declared he would do no such thing. 'That,' said he, 'is treason; that would make me agree to the Dred Scott case.' In vain I told him that he was not required to admit the correctness of any particular case, but merely to submit to it [the Constitution] as the decision of the highest tribunal, from which there could be no appeal except to the sword. . . . I had never before heard that treason was obedience to the Constitution as construed by the courts; but this prepared me to learn, as I did some time afterwards, that the correlative virtue of loyalty consisted in trampling the laws under foot.**"

Thus the recognized leader of the Republican party, who was expected to dictate the policy of the incoming administration, emphatically refused to give the Southern leaders that assurance of safety within the Union which would have settled all the trouble, and declared that it would be treason to pledge himself and his party to govern according to the Constitution as it had been or might be expounded by the highest judicial tribunal in the country.

When the reins of government were placed in the hands of men who thus emphatically refused to pledge themselves to govern according to the Constitution as construed by the judiciary; when the administration of the country's affairs was given to a party that was organized on a distinctly sectional basis and, in the words of a Northern historian, "Constitution and Union and all public and personal rights and privileges dependent upon them, in the North as well as in the South, stood in immediate and imminent danger of utter overthrow," Southern statesmen felt that, if they would preserve the government inherited from their fathers and hand it down as a heritage to their children, they must withdraw from the Union and establish a Confederacy of their own.

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### **Going to Heaven in Such Bad Company -**

[Diary Entry] June 5, Monday [1865]:

“A Yankee came this morning before breakfast and took one of father’s mules out of the plow. He showed an order from “Marse” Abraham and said he would bring the mule back, but of course we never expect to see it again. I peeped through the blinds, and such a looking creature, I thought, would be quite capable of burning Columbia.

[Northern officer] Capt. Schaeffer...not only will not descend to associate with Negroes himself, but tries to keep his men from doing it, and when runaways come to town, he either has them thrashed and sent back home, or put to work on the streets and made to earn their rations. People are so outraged at the indecent behavior going on in our midst that many good Christians have absented themselves from the Communion Table because they say they don’t feel fit to go there while such bitter hatred as they feel towards the Yankees has a place in their hearts.

The Methodists have a revival meeting going on, and last night one of our soldier boys went up to be prayed for, and a Yankee went right up after and knelt at his side. The Reb was so overcome with emotion that he didn’t know a Yankee was kneeling beside him...Some of the boys who were there told me they were sorry to see a good Confederate going to heaven in such bad company.”

[Diary Entry] June 6, Tuesday:

“Strange to say the Yankee brought back father’s mule that was taken yesterday---which Garnett says is pretty good evidence that it wasn’t worth stealing. They are making a great ado in their Northern newspapers, about the “robbing of the Virginia banks by the Confederates” but not a word is said in their public prints about the \$300,000 they stole from the bank at Greenville, S.C., nor the thousands they have taken in spoils from private houses, as well as the banks, since these angels of peace descended upon us. **They have everything their own way now, and can tell what tales they please on us**, but justice will come yet. Time brings its revenges, though it may move but slowly. Some future Motley or Macaulay will tell the truth about our cause, and some unborn Walter Scott will spread the halo of romance around it. In all the poems and romances that shall be written about this war, I prophesy that the heroes will all be rebels, or if Yankees, from some loyal Southern State. The bare idea of a full-blown Yankee hero or heroine is preposterous. They made no sacrifices, they suffered no loss, and there is nothing on their side to call up scenes of pathos or heroism.”

(The War-Time Journal of a Georgia Girl, Eliza Frances Andrews, D. Appleton, 1908, pp. 287-290)

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### **Division Reunion**

This year’s Reunion will be held at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center located on the west side of I-75 & SR27 in Ocala.

For reservations call 352 732-3131 and please reference the SCV Convention for special convention room rates of \$67.00 per night.



**The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Division Reunion  
 Ocala, Florida – May 21 – 23, 2010  
 This Year Our Reunion Is Dedicated To Sam Davis**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

	Number Attending		Total
<u>Registration Fee: Members Only</u>			
If Postmarked By May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	_____	X \$25.00	\$ _____
After May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	_____	X \$30.00	\$ _____
<u>SCV Division Awards Luncheon:</u>	_____	X \$15.00	\$ _____
Division Banquet:	_____	X \$25.00	\$ _____
		<u>Total Remitted:</u>	\$ _____

**NOTE: We will not be able to take meal reservations received after May 14, 2010.**

*Please Make Checks Payable To: SCV Florida Division Inc.*

**Please Indicate Your Banquet Meal Choice**

**Number Of Meals**

Roast Beef Bordelaise  
 Turkey & Dressing

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NAME & TITLE: (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

SCV CAMP NAME & NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE OR GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail Registration Form & Check to: 7<sup>th</sup> BDE CDR Clement Lindsey  
 7469 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Trenton, Fl 32693  
 (352) 472-0047

## Elections

The following members are not seeking elective office and have agreed to serve on this committee. Compatriot Richard Lee, Chairman - [leer40@hotmail.com](mailto:leer40@hotmail.com), Compatriot Randy Bender - [randyscvcamp1316@msn.com](mailto:randyscvcamp1316@msn.com), Compatriot James S. Davis - [scvcamp1316@att.net](mailto:scvcamp1316@att.net)  
A resume shall be e-mailed to each of the members of the nominating committee. Resumes must be in the hands of the committee no later than the close of business April 17, 2010. Upon review of the resumes the committee will prepare a list of nominees for consideration. The list will be presented by one of the nominating committee members at the Division Reunion in Ocala, Fl.

Florida Division Commander Doug Dawson

## Awards

All requests should be E-mailed to Adjutant Jim Davis at [scvcamp1316@att.net](mailto:scvcamp1316@att.net)  
Ensure all names are spelled correctly. The awards will be printed as spelled in the E-Mail.  
Brigade Commanders may request two (2) Brigade Commanders Certificates of Meritorious Commendation.

Camp Commanders may request any or all of the awards listed below. Please do not request multiple awards for the same person.

Ladies Citation for Exceptional Service

Certificate of Appreciation – For SCV members, non-members and business.

Citation for Distinguished Service – SCV members only.

Requests received after April 10, 2008 will **not be available** for at the reunion.

Camp Commanders, the names of your award recipients will be listed in the Awards Luncheon Booklet under the title of the requested award. You or your representative may pick up the actual awards from 1st Lt. Commander Davis at the reunion for presentation at your pleasure.

Questions concerning awards should be directed to Adjutant Jim Davis at (904) 797-2686 or at the E-mail address above.

**Camp 1387 members** – Please think about our past year and individuals, both members and non members, who have supported our efforts. These folks deserve recognition, let Commander Young or any officer know who you think deserves an award.

## Proposed Division Charter Amendment By Jubal Early Camp 556

### ARTICLE V - ANNUAL MEETINGS

( As it reads now )

1.The General Reunion (Convention) or annual meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the commander.

( Proposed change)

1. The General Reunion (Convention) or annual meetings shall be held **as near the center of the State as practical** at such a time and place as shall be fixed by the Commander.

**Reasoning behind the proposed change;**

1. Any monies acquired from the Reunion goes into the Division's general operating fund. This extra money keeps the cost of membership down to \$10.00 a year. It also helps buy the big Flags in our Flags across Florida project and any number of other expenses that the Division occurs during the course of a business year.

2. This also allows access for more Compatriots to attend due to the great length of our State.