

Old Dominion Voice

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What activities does the VA Division SCV participate in?

We carry a positive and affirmative message of Confederate heritage to the people of the Old Dominion, the South and the Nation.



SCV is non-partisan. We do not endorse politicians or political parties.

The SCV has a strong heritage preservationist focus. We:

Honor and provide care for the graves of and monuments to the Confederate soldier and seaman as well as caring for other Confederate sites.

Display the Confederate flag and other Southern symbols as a sign of honor to Confederate heritage and cultural identity.

Attend cultural events and hold parades and rallies to honor Confederate veterans and keep their courage and fidelity fresh in the public mind.

When Confederate heritage comes under attack, we must necessarily express our opinions in public by honorable means such as:

Writing well-stated letters concerning Confederate heritage to media, elected representatives and business and community leaders.

Working with legislators to craft bills that honor and protect Confederate heritage, monuments, graves, battlefields and other historical artifacts.

Working with elected officials to insure that Confederate heritage receives equal treatment before the law.



All Camps, please forward information to your Brigade Commanders for inclusion in the ODV.

VA Division DEC

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As you can see from page 1, there are many activities that the Division participates in. The flag photo on page 1 is of the newly dedicated Tom Smith Camp #1702 flag at Cedar Hill cemetery, in Suffolk, VA. This is one of many flags and monuments installed and dedicated by the Camps of the VA Division.

Driving along route 460, near Waverly, you will notice the recent addition of a Confederate National flag by the William Mahone Camp. Commander Joyner and his Camp have been receiving overwhelming support for this project and hope to place other flags in the area in the near future.

These type of observances add excitement to the mission and rejuvenates Camp interest. Just think, if every Camp in the Division would install one flag pole, we would add over 80 new Confederate flags this year alone. If every member would add one flag at his residence, there would be over 3,000 additional Confederate flags flying in the Old Dominion.



The Private N.B. Ponton Camp #2179 is in the process of repairing a stone placed at Camp Mitchell in 1903 by the UDC. Once the stone has been repaired and the new footing installed, the plan includes the installation of a Confederate flag pole to Honor this site. The landowner has already given permission to Commander Hamilton and Camp #2179 to install a 20' pole to the at least 78 Fallen Confederates from Mississippi and possible others who gave all for Our Cause.



The Norfolk County Grays, Camp #1549 have installed a flag pole next to the Monument for the Jackson Grays. This is located off of route 158 in Chesapeake, VA. Commander Shirley and Camp #1549 have been busy with the honoring of Our Ancestors with this and other projects.

The General John R. Chambliss, Jr. Camp #1779 of Emporia are very proud of their restoration efforts to the Chambliss house on Route 58, just outside of Emporia, VA. The Camp has recently placed a flag pole, donated and installed by the Camp, reported Adjutant William Bradley.



As you can see there are many Camps installing flags and other Camps that are preparing to do so. Please forward your Camp's projects to the ODV so that we can all see how we are upholding The Charge. Besides this being the correct thing to do we will also increase involvement and gain new members who are interested in helping preserve the story of Our Ancestors.

Closing out this review of what the Division has been doing, it would be remorseful not to mention the new flag pole at Oakwood Cemetery. The pole flies a National Confederate flag at the top and state flags are rotated on a monthly basis at the lower position. Every state has been contacted and if they would rather have a period flag than the current flag, every effort is made to do this. This silent sentinel looks over the approximately 17,000 Confederate Heroes laying in rest at this hallowed site.

May God Bless the Southland



Update of Situations with the Pelham Chapel...Camp #1

At this time the Camp is still awaiting word as to what the “use agreement” may entail. We must all help with this violation of the contract between the legislation and Camp #1. Please continue to support those legislators who are friendly towards Our Cause and please continue to contact your local and State Government to inform them of our feelings towards all positive recognition of the Confederate Story.

Call 804/345-1140 from anywhere in the state and ask the governor how he has allowed the VMFA director to violate the Act of Assembly and without authority, violating the sanctity of a Confederate Memorial. The Confederate War Memorial Chapel has stood in RE Lee Memorial Park since 1887. He must act now to properly restore the lease required.

2015 Jefferson Davis Memorial Committee Virginia Division

Our annual anniversary of our first and only Confederate President, Jefferson F. Davis, will be held on Saturday, June 6th, 9am, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia. We look forward to another great program, with Rev. Herman White as Keynote speaker. There will a lot of pageantry and colorful flags. Porta-johns, folding chairs, free ice water, and light refreshments, donations cheerfully accepted. Bagpipe band, musicians, rifle and cannon salute on the banks of the James River. I encourage you to present a wreath on behalf of your organization. If you can't attend but wish to a place wreath, make a donation to the JDMC, and I will place one for you. Ceremonial flags, with certificate available for a donation.



Listen for our radio ads on Richmond station WKLR 96.5 FM. You may also listen on the internet, at www.965KLR.com. Free and open to the public, bring friends. Contact Everette Ellis at 'rebel.yonder2@verizon.net' or Jim Cochrane at 'jimmyc825@aol.com'. Our committee motto is:

'Honoring our Confederate President's rightful place in American history'.

A few everyday CSA 3rd National flags, that fly throughout Hollywood during the year, will be given away. Visit 'www.scvva.org', then contacts.

1st Brigade

1st BRIGADE APRIL REPORT

The Princess Anne Camp #484 sent its usual monthly troops care package out to Navy Quartermaster 1st Class Kevin Coers stationed aboard the Patrol Coastal Boat USS Squall in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The camp's guest speaker for the evening was Past Commander Frank Earnest who skillfully portrayed Brigadier General Lawrence S. Baker after the war.

The Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549 met on April 15. Their guest speaker was Jim Mayo, who spoke about "The Blockade." Commander Shirley and Lt. Commander Earnest helped man the Virginia Division tent at the Shad Planking. On April 27 the camp had a spring cleanup detail at the Jackson Grays Monument in Chesapeake.

On April 25 and 26, the John R. Chambliss Jr. Camp #1779 held a Living History Event at the Gen. Chambliss home place. Several members attended the A. P. Hill ceremony in Dinwiddie, along with Patsy Bradley, who is a member of the Friends of the SCV and the UDC. On Sunday, April 26, they helped with color and honor guards at a Confederate Memorial Service held by the Jerusalem UDC Chapter 2489 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Courtland. William Bradley was presented with a Stonewall Jackson pin and certificate.

The Urquhart-Gillette Camp #1471 had a camp Confederate Day ceremony on April 25 in Courtland. They also participated in a wreath placing at the Jerusalem Chapter UDC Memorial Event.

The Magruder-Ewell Camp #99 speaker was Michael Cobb of the Hampton History Museum, who spoke about Fort Calhoun. The camp plans to hold their regular Remembrance Day service at Greenlawn Cemetery in Newport News on May 23. Several members of the camp's honor guard are planning to participate in a service at the Grafton Christian Church on May 25.

The James City Cavalry Camp #2095 met on April 22. Their speaker was Eric Richardson, who spoke on "The 5 Civilized Tribes, Gen. Stand Waite and the C.S.A." May 23 will be their Memorial Day Service at Peach Park at 5 p.m. That will be followed by the camp picnic at the Fred Boelt farm on Forge Road at 6 p.m. Compatriots Toalson, Parsons, and Starbuck attended the Division Convention.

The Gen. William Mahone Camp #1369 met on April 6. They had an open discussion on different topics of the War. They receive one new member application. Commander Joyner attended the Division Convention.

The Lane-Armistead Camp #1772 sent \$100 to the Civil War Trust to assist with their acquisition of the "Flank March" site at Chancellorsville Battlefield. Forrest Morgan reported that he is working on a program on Confederate forts at Jamestown and Fort Pocahontas.

The Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14 met on April 7. The lighting of the candle was dedicated to the 800 plus men of Isle of Wight who served the Confederacy with honor to the Commonwealth and their families. It was lighted by Commander Griffin. Brigade Commander Thomas invited all to stop by the SCV booth at the Shad Planking in Wakefield on April 15.

1st Brigade, Cont.

I attended the Virginia Division Convention. I went to the Gen. John R. Chambliss Jr. Camp #1779's Living History event at the Chambliss home place. I also attended and spoke at the Urquhart-Gillette Camp #1471's Confederate Day ceremony. I helped to man the Virginia Division booth at the Shad Planking in Wakefield. Lastly, I performed cemetery work in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Southampton County.

Yours in the Cause,



C.
W. Thomas III,
1st Brigade
Commander



Camp # 1779



Camp #1471 2Lt. Volpe Boykin and Com-patriot Jim Beale perform Color Guard Duties in 26 Apr 15 for the Jerusalem Chapter of the UDC.



Color Sgt. Lemuel Brown, center rear with that, at Jerusalem Chapter UDC event 26th of April in Courtland, Va.



Marker placed by Camp #1369.

1st Brigade, Cont.



Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14

Commander Griffin,
Lt. Comm. Thomas and
Compatriot Jones at the
Urquhart-Gillette Camp Service.

Brigade Commander Thomas

Speaking at the
April 25th event.



Chaplain's Comments

As I shared with you last month, some of my favorite thoughts come from, One-Minute Prayers for Men.

I would like to continue this because if we all take just a minute several times a day we can make our faith stronger and be better equipped to "do our duty in all things".

Tell it to me straight:

Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions.

This makes us believe that you came from God"

John 16:29-30

Like the disciples who stood by and listened to Your parables and stories and could not fully discern Your truth, I need things spelled out sometimes. I ask You for clear direction in my life right now, Lord

I turn to Your Word for wisdom and am so thankful for its power. I pray that I will be sensitive enough to hear Your messages that are just for me.

In my life, I witness how You guide my steps and lead my heart. My history reveals how personally Your truth impacts my life. The message of Your love becomes very clear...and I know You are God.

I would like to thank Mike Pullen for undertaking the newsletter again. We need to keep our members informed learn what other camps are doing to make a difference for the SCV. I look forward to learning what is going on everywhere in Virginia. **RON**



2nd Brigade

Editor's Note: The 2nd Brigade report for the May issue of the ODV newsletter was forwarded on time for publication, but was inadvertently omitted from the issue. Sincere apologies to Brigade Commander Updike and the 2nd Brigade for this omission.

The 2nd Brigade was well represented at the annual Virginia convention with delegates from 9 of the 11 currently active camps in attendance.

We expect the same to be true for the 2016 event since it is being hosted by the Longstreet Camp #1247 in the Richmond area.

I encourage all compatriots to keep abreast of what is going on within the other camps within the Division, especially those camps within your own Brigade.

The easiest way to do this is to check the various camp web-sites for current and upcoming events. The 2nd Brigade Camps with such web sites are:

Lee – Jackson Camp #1 www.scv1.org

Hanover Dragoons Camp #827 www.HanoverDragoons.com

Gen. James Longstreet Camp #1247 www.Longstreet.org

Gen. J.E.B. Stuart Camp #1343 www.jebstuartcamp.org

Chester Station Camp #1503 www.chesterstation.org

Gen. Robert E. Lee Camp #1589 www.scvmidlothian.worldbreak.com

Edmund Ruffin Fire-Eaters Camp #3000 www.fireeatersscv.com

Upcoming events in the 2nd Brigade include:

June 6th at 9 am – Jefferson Davis Birthday Service, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia

July 15th,-19th – International SCV Convention, Double Tree Inn, Midlothian, Virginia

Monthly reports for March & April were received from camps, 1247, 1343, 1589, & 2250, and 3000.

Les Updike

2nd Brigade Commander

Division Adjutant

Since the Division Convention, I have been adding new members to the Division as their applications continue to slowly arrive. I would like to remind camp Adjutants that I will be sending their respective camp rosters to them in June for perusal and to let me know of any mistakes they may find so I can correct them before the MRS billing forms are sent out in August. I would also like to thank the camp Adjutants for their help this past year and hopefully things will run smoother in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Crockett , VA Div. Adjutant

2nd Brigade, Cont.



Grave Marker

Pvt. Franklin R, Sprinkle

Co. H, 4th N.C. Inf.



Capt. William Latane' Camp 1690

Color Guard at Oakwood Cemetery



Musket salute, Pipe Major, and Honor Guard at Marker Dedication for:

Pvt. Thomas. R. Sprinkle, Hollywood Cemetery, May 2nd

3rd Brigade

Michael Henderson – Commander

Third Brigade would like to thank the Dinwiddie Grays Camp #2220 for hosting the 2015 Virginia Division of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans in Colonial Heights, Virginia on April 17 thru 19.

The Third Brigade Camps that were represented at the convention were the Garland-Rhodes Camp #409, 28th VA Infantry Camp #491, Bedford Rifle Grays Camp #1475 and The Campbell Guards Camp #2117.

As 3rd Brigade Commander, I would like to commend these camps on receiving the Outstanding Camp Award for 2014 and urge all camps in the 3rd Brigade to strive to obtain this Division honor for your camps in the coming year.

Submitted by: Michael Henderson

4th Brigade

Editor's Note: We would like to welcome Lawrence Graham as the new 4th Brigade Commander .

Commander Graham can be contacted at Lawrence@va-scv.net; 703-217-7871.

R. E Lee Camp

On April 6th , the R. E. Lee Camp held a monthly meeting in Old Town Alexandria. Many camp members, spouses, and friends enjoyed another outstanding catered dinner of seafood and leg of lamb with mint jelly with assorted sides and delicious pies..

Our speaker, Billie Earnest, hit it out of the park with her five tables of museum quality artifacts and her presentation on The Life of George Pickett. Billie has spent the last 15 years researching Pickett's whole life, from early childhood to his death. She expanded her research to include his 3rd wife's family and the following generations related to both George and Sallie. On display there were some of her many treasured items that once belonged to the General and his family. Included were a silver creamer, a silver serving spoon, pearl handled fruit knives, and original photographs never before published.

Over the years, modern historians have stated that Mrs. Pickett distorted her telling of the General's military career, especially Pickett's Charge, July 3rd 1863. To quote a recent author's remarks, "she (Mrs. Pickett) made him the Confederate General he never was." Billie addressed these half-truths and set the record straight with her presentation of the correct facts. She also answered the question, "where was George during Pickett's Charge?"

4th Brigade, cont.



JJ Smith, Rick Abell, Billie Earnest,
Bob Montague, Kim Holien

Clinton Hatcher Camp

On April 12, Clinton Hatcher Camp #21 hosted a commemorative ceremony at historic North Fork Baptist Church near Purcellville. The all-day event recognized the 150th anniversary of the formation of Company H of Mosby's 43rd Battalion of Partisan Rangers, which occurred April 5, 1865, just days before Lee's surrender at Appomattox. The activities included a morning church service, a talk by noted Mosby historian Horace Mewborn, Confederate infantry and cavalry re-enactors, a BBQ lunch and the unveiling of a Civil War Trails sign. Over 200 guests were in attendance.

On April 18 the Camp Color Guard posted the colors at the UDC Loudoun Chapter's Iron Cross Rededication and Memorial Service at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in Bluemont. The UDC Stonewall Jackson Service Award was presented to Camp Color Sergeant Ray Borden, Commander Rick Turner and Past Commander John Ward.



5th Brigade

THE DILLARD-
HYLTON CEMTERY

Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh
Lee Camp #1805

We had our first
camp meeting of
the year last
month. I gave a
talk on
"Confederate
Cherokees." Our
next camp meeting



is on June 17. Our Camp Communications Officer Harry Martin Lewis will give a talk then about his Confederate ancestor who fought in the Battle of Spotsylvania, was imprisoned at Fort Delaware, and is buried at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. We are planning several camp field trips this year: 1) Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, 2) Slaughter Pen farm part of the Battle of Fredericksburg, and 3) Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. Three of us plan to participate in the SCV National Reunion this year in Richmond. I have participated on the SCV National Reunion Planning Committee. Please let me know if you need any more information from us.

Mike Virts

Lt. Commander

Major General Fitzhugh Lee Camp # 1805

5th Brigade, Virginia Division, ANV, SCV

PVT. N.B.PONTON CAMP 2179 REPORT

CAMP 2179 HAD A GRAVE CLEAN UP MAY 9TH 2015 AT DILLARD-HYLTON CEMTERY. THERE ARE 4 CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS BURIED THERE INCLUDING PVT. N. B. PONTON THE CAMPS NAME SAKE.

OUR CAMP IS TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A HERITAGE-LIVING HISTORY DAY EITHER THIS FALL ARE NEXT SPRING.OUR NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY MAY 31ST IN LOVINGSTON.

MIKE CASH

CAMP ADJ.

5TH BRIGADE COMMANDER