



THE SHARPSHOOTER



COMMON MEN UNCOMMON DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE

Commander's Corner



This month's event is Confederate Memorial Day which will be held on April 23, 2016 at 10:30 am in Evergreen Cemetery. Confederate Memorial Day has been held in Jacksonville's Cemeteries since the early 1900's at the final resting places of our Southern Heroes, even during World Wars and national crises. And every year we proudly continue that tradition, and this year will be 113th anniversary. The Confederate burial plot located in the Evergreen Cemetery is maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and it will be at the center of this year's activity. The event will focus on honoring the memory of our Confederate Ancestors and their sacrifices. This year's celebration includes a family oriented picnic and the camp is providing the fried chicken. The membership is encouraged to bring a dish that will complement the lunch. This event is open to friends and family and we hope to have the event full of kids enjoying the occasion. We challenge every member to get involved this year and be a part in showing the public that our Confederate Ancestors are not a footnote in history. It is our hope that when future generations study the Confederate soldier, they will quickly come to understand that there has never been, before or after the "War Between the States", a warrior quite like that "Southern Knight". As a combat soldier, who was more akin to the various "special forces" of numerous militaries around the world than he was to the "regular" soldiers we are acquainted with today.

It is impossible to overlook the fact that 800,000 sometimes badly equipped, badly clothed, badly fed, but wonderfully led Confederate soldiers managed to hold at bay 2-1/2 million federal troops for four of the longest, bloodiest, years in American history. They were masterful at the art of war. Yet, a humble soldier that General Robert E. Lee simply described as a citizen soldier doing his duty.

God Bless the South
 Commander Calvin Hart
 Camp #1209
 Jacksonville, Florida

In the Confederate Army, an officer was judged by stark courage alone, and this made it possible for the Confederacy to live four years.

*Chesty Puller
 United States Marine Corps Lieutenant General*

CAMP #1209 CALENDAR

- ◆ -Camp Meeting Confederate Memorial Day April 23, 2016 – Saturday 10:30am @ Evergreen Cemetery
- ◆ Executive Board meeting At Uncle Dave's May 2, 2016@ 6:30pm



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Lest They Be Forgotten ...

April 23, 2016 Confederate Memorial Day

Evergreen Cemetery @ 10:30 AM

Directions to Martha Reid's Confederate Cemetery Plot



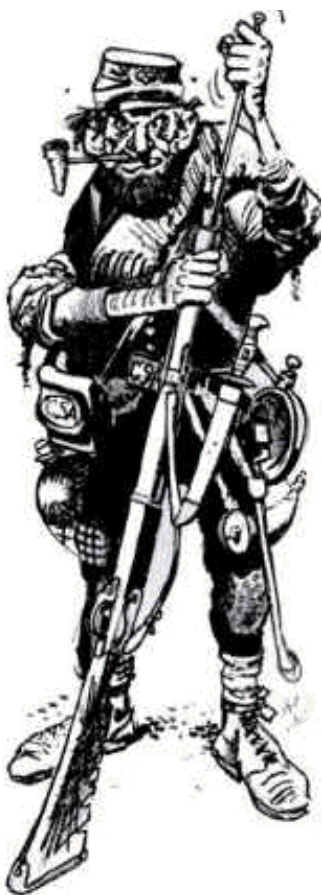
At Evergreen Cemetery
4535 Main Street 32206



At Main Entrance of Cemetery, turn right onto Winona Drive. Turn left at Gate #5 and bare left onto Magnolia Avenue. Gate #5 is past the railroad tracks and the Jewish Cemetery section is on the left just before Gate #5.

Our cemetery plot is on the left side of road, past cross road of Walnut Drive.

If you get lost, call 904-226-1837



**I AM A PROUD
DESCENDANT
OF A CONFEDERATE
SOLDIER**

The Kirby-Smith Camp#1209 is inviting the community to an afternoon of celebration, food and family fun at its annual Confederate Memorial Day picnic and Family Fun-fest on Saturday, April 23. For years, Confederate Memorial Day has been a beloved tradition for the entire camp. We're hoping to add and enhance this tradition, by inviting friends and family to a good old fashioned celebration honoring the men and women who served our beloved South. The event will begin at 10:30am. Immediately following the dedication service at Evergreen Cemetery the picnic will begin. We are encouraging all those that attend to bring a picnic dish. The Camp will provide the fried chicken and drinks.

S.C.V. The Last Defense for Southern Heritage

**NOT FOR FAME OR REWARD, NOT FOR PLACE OR FOR RANK, NOT LURED
BY AMBITION OR GOADED BY NECESSITY,
BUT IN SIMPLE OBEDIENCE TO DUTY AS THEY UNDERSTOOD IT, THESE MEN
SUFFERED ALL, SACRIFICED ALL, DARED ALL, AND DIED”**

Words written by a Confederate veteran who had later become a minister, and knew that this simple sentence spoke for all soldiers in all wars, men who must always trust their lives to the judgment of their leaders, and whose bond thus goes to individuals rather than to stark ideology, and who, at the end of the day that is their lives, desire more than anything to sleep with the satisfaction that when all the rhetoric was stripped away, they had fulfilled their duty — as they understood it. To their community. To their nation. To their individual consciences. To their family. And to their progeny, who in the end must not only judge their acts, but be judged as their inheritors.

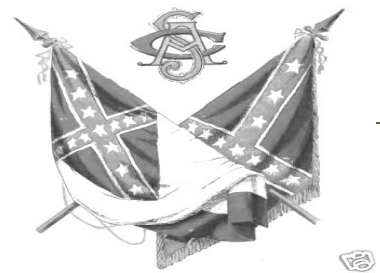


To my knowledge, no modern army has exceeded the percentage of losses the Confederate army endured, and only the Scottish regiments in World War I, and the Germans in World War II, come close. A generation of young men was destroyed. One is reminded of the inscriptions so often present on the graves of that era: “How many dreams died here?”

There are at least two lessons for us to take away from such a day of remembrance. The first is one our leaders should carry next to their breasts, and contemplate every time they face a crisis, however small, which puts our military at risk. It should echo in their consciences from the power of a million graves. It is simply this: You hold our soldiers’ lives in sacred trust. When a citizen has sworn to obey you, and follow your judgment, and walk onto a battlefield to defend the interests you define as worthy of his blood, do not abuse that awesome power through careless policy, unclear objectives, or inflexible leadership.

The second lesson regards those who have taken such an oath, and who have honored the judgment of their leaders, often at great cost. Intellectual analyses of national policy are subject to constant re-evaluation by historians as the decades roll by, but duty is a constant, frozen in the context of the moment it was performed. Duty is action, taken after listening to one’s leaders, and weighing risk and fear against the powerful draw of obligation to family, community, nation, and the unknown future.

We, the progeny who live in that future, were among the intended beneficiaries of those frightful decisions made so long ago. As such, we are also the caretakers of the memory, and the reputation, of those who performed their duty — as they understood it — under circumstances too difficult for us ever to fully comprehend.



REVIEW OF SOUTHERN CROSS

OF HONOR INSTALLATION

The Reaper Crew installed twenty Southern Crosses of Honor in the Martha Reid Confederate Plot. This was done in preparation of Confederate memorial day on April 23, 2016. This was a new record for installation of Crosses in one day for Kirby-Smith camp #1209, one we look forward in breaking.



*Join Your Camp on
April 23, 2016 @ 10:30am at Evergreen Cemetery
for Confederate Memorial Day*

NEW MEMBER JOINING KIRBY-SMITH CAMP #1209

Victor Neeley — Ancestor John Neeley 7th Battalion S.C. Infantry

General Stonewall Jackson was Shivering

Funny story: During a staff meeting on a particularly cold winter day, the above mentioned Dr. McGuire noticed that General Stonewall Jackson was shivering. In an effort to fend off a possible chest cold, the doctor produced a bottle of brandy and offered that Jackson and his staff should have some brandy to brace themselves against the winter chill. Jackson, who did not drink, declined the offer. The doctor insisted, saying it could help prevent a cold. "Do you really think so?" asked Jackson. "Indeed I do," replied the doctor. "Then I will!" With that exclamation Jackson filled a tumbler to the brim and knocked off the entire drink in one shot as his staff looked on in wide-eyed amazement. It is said that the General was soon feeling much warmer and was in a much happier frame of mind...

The Stranger of Gray, Maine

by Camp Judge Advocate Robert Fuller

If any of you venture up north as far as Maine and take I-95 (the Maine Turnpike) you will find, north of Portland, an exit sign reading Gray-New Gloucester. In Gray there is a small town cemetery. Amid all the graves marking the founders and farmers and sundry Yankees, lies a Confederate soldier. He died during the second Battle of Manassas, most likely. Along with him in the long-ago battle, historians think, also died a Union soldier from Gray named Lt. Charles H. Colley. Gray sent more men and



boys to the War for Southern Independence, proportionately, than any other Maine town. Over two hundred went to fight, and as happened with Lt. Colley, many did not return alive.

When the Colley family heard the news that their son had been killed, they awaited the coffin containing his body to be sent back home. During the War, the Union's War Department required the families of the Union soldiers to pay for the cost of the coffin and transporting the body home. When the fallen soldier's coffin arrived in Gray, his family, longing for one last look, opened it and sadly discovered that it was not their son, but the man who lay inside was dressed in a Confederate uniform. There had been a mix-up.

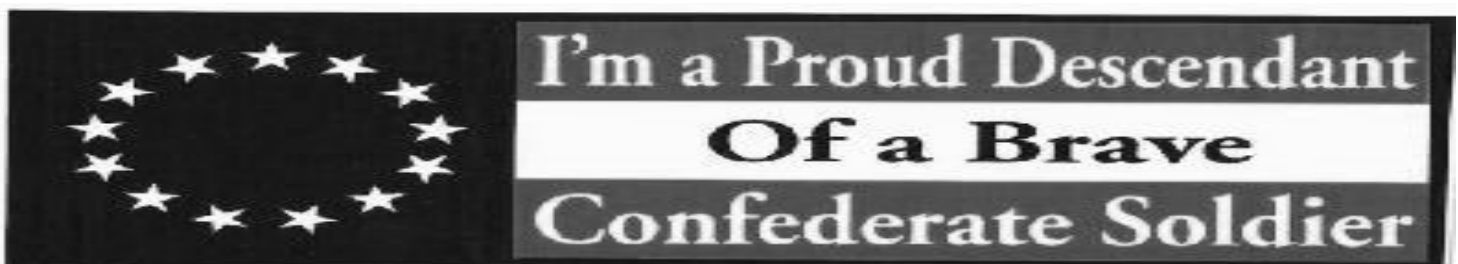
Even more sorrowful now, the family decided that with the cost its members would have to pay for transporting the body, they would not send it back, but instead inter it in the Yankee village's cemetery.

They marked the grave thus: "Stranger. A soldier died in the late war, 1862. Erected by the Ladies of Gray."

The Colley family decided that their son was lying somewhere they knew not, and hoped that a southern mother would take care of him just as they would do for the southern stranger now a permanent part of the northern town.

Each Memorial Day, the ladies lay flowers by his grave. Beginning in 1956, a Confederate battle flag was erected at his grave. According to an article in the Portland Press Herald, "They were sent here by A. MacGregor Ayer of Fairfax, Virginia, and Mabur Jones of Columbia, South Carolina who read about the soldier stranger in a news dispatch last year." Each Memorial Day, the stranger's grave receives as much careful attention as do the graves of the northern veterans.

The 15th Alabama Regiment Company G re-enactors are stationed in central Maine, and annually they arrive at Gray to perform honors for the fallen soldier at the Gray Memorial Day ceremony.





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Confederate Memorial Day Service April 23, 2016

Evergreen Cemetery— . @ 10:30 AM—

Please make Plans to Attend call 730-0343 for information



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SOUTHERN MEN.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

Author Unknown

The marching armies of the past

Along our Southern plains,

Are sleeping now in quiet rest

Beneath the Southern rains.

The bugle call is now in vain

To rouse them from their bed;

To arms they'll never march again--

They are sleeping with the dead.

No more will Shiloh's plains be stained

With blood our heroes shed,

Nor Chancellorsville resound again

To our noble warriors' tread.

For them no more shall reveille

Sound at the break of dawn,

But may their sleep peaceful be

Till God's great judgment morn.

We bow our heads in solemn prayer

For those who wore the gray,

And clasp again their unseen hands

On our Memorial Day.