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Our Florida

Statehood: March 3rd, 1845 Left the Union: January 10th, 1861

Public meetings held in the towns and settlements of Florida adopted resolutions calling for state action on the course to be followed toward separation from the union, On November 8th, 1860 a public meeting at Fernandina went on record with the declaration that Lincoln's election was the first step in the dissolution of the union and a similar meeting in Jefferson county favored secession if necessary to protect Southern rights. A St. Augustine meeting of November 17, and one at Ocala November 26, added their resolutions to the General Assembly to provide for a "Convention of Delegates" to consider the expediency of dissolving our connection with the Federal Union. In General, the erstwhile Whigs joined the Democrats in denouncing the selection of Lincoln.

On November 26, 1860 the General Assembly convened in regular session at Tallahassee. Governor Madison Perry devoted his entire message to the necessity for secession at once. The governor asked the legislature to enact legislation for the election of delegates to a constituent assembly which, in turn, might take proper action toward pro-

Southern National Congress Committee Launches "Year of the South" Campaign

The Southern National Congress Committee has announced a "Year of the South" campaign to establish a Southern National Congress (SNC). "Southerners will celebrate two significant anniversaries this year, the bicentennial of the birth of Robert E. Lee and the quadrennial anniversary of the first English colony in North America, at Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. 2007 is not just 'the Year of Lee', it is 'the Year of the South.'

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tecting the rights of the people of Florida. Perry also recommended reorganization of the state militia and the appropriation of \$100,000 as a military fund for the ensuing year. Governor Perry then traveled to South Carolina to arrange for the purchase of guns and ammunition and to meet with other southern leaders who had assembled there to observe the secession convention in the Pal-

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The Year in Review, 2006

By Cmdr. Jim Lear

SCV CAMP # 745 ended the year with 30 paid members and 4 Cadet Officers

OCR CHAPTER # 6 has 8 members and 2 Rose Petals, with several recruits preparing to join.

Average Meeting Attendance--SCV / OCR and visitors totaled 51 patriots per meeting. (Very few Camps nationwide can claim this monthly average) Our largest

muster was 80 persons who heard Mr. Larry Skinner speak in Feb, on Local History. 2nd best was Mr. Clyde Davis, who attracted 75 souls, he also spoke on local history.

April brought sadness, as our beloved 2nd Lt. Cmdr and Camp Musician, George Woody passed on to the Eternal Bivouac. A

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The Year in Review, 2006

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month long "Camp of Sorrow" was proclaimed and Cmdr Lear gave a Confederate Eulogy at his funeral in Callahan.

The *Robert E. Lee Award* was presented to 2nd Lt. Cmdr Jim "Boo" Bowers for his sharing of his "Time, Treasure and Talents" to the Camp in 2006. His donations to the Colour Guard have helped it to become, appearance wise, one of Florida's most "elite" marching units.

The Lee-Jackson Cotillion was held in Jan. 2006 In St. Augustine, at Camp Baya and was a great success. The Camp was represented by Cmdr and Mrs. Lear.

LIBRARY--Under the direction of 1st Lt. Michael R. Tubbs, the Confederate Lending Library has been established and is open for business. The collection of volumes is growing rapidly. Please utilize!

MUSIC--Compatriot Ken Sturges, Jr. assumed the duties of Camp Musician in May and has presented very lively Sing-Alongs at each meeting. Vocalist Joy Walker is proving to be an excellent asset to the program, founded by George Woody in 2004.

The Sword Raffle was won by frequent visitor, Mr.

Melvin Usery, who in-turn re- awarded it to Jim "Boo" for his dedication to the Camp since it's inception. in 2003.

RAILROAD DAYS--The Camp received good press for our participation, and was rewarded with pictures in the *Florida Times Union* and the Nassau County Newspapers. Awards were presented for "lady's best costume" to Jan Sain and best child's costume to Cadet Officer Trey Lear. Cmdr. Jim Lear spoke to the assemblage, as Gen. Joseph Finnegan and served as co-Grand Marshall of the Parade..

In September, Cmdr Lear addressed The Yulee Optimist Club about the misrepresentations of the history of *The War of Northern Aggression*. Cmdr. Lear is also currently serving on the national Executive Committees of The Southern National Congress and Americans for the Preservation of American Culture (APAC).

THE COLOUR GUARD--Also known as "The Nassau Red Shirts", is making an impact in NE Florida patriot circles. They were a big hit in the Heritage Celebration at the Scottish Rite Temple (with 500 in attendance).

Many accolades were enjoyed from the crowd at Railroad Days in June. They were invited to "demonstrate" at

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President's Day We Celebrate Our Own

There was a time when men of real stature occasionally showed up in Washington. Men with the courage of conviction, who believed in the principals upon which our nation was founded. The War of Northern Aggression fixed that.

Jefferson Davis was such a man – vilified nowadays by lesser men, he was that last of a dead breed, the reluctant politician. He took over the reins of the Southern government because it was thrust upon him, and he was a man who understood the word "duty." Yet his dream would have been to don a uniform and serve in the forces.

Davis had said, "I love the Union and the Constitution, but I would rather leave the Union with the Constitution than remain in the Union without it."

In his inaugural address he identified the Confederacy to the Southern people.

"We have changed the constituent parts, but not the system of our Government. The Constitution formed by our fathers is that of these Confederate States, in their exposition of it, and in the judicial construction it has received, we have a light which reveals its true meaning.

"Thus instructed as to the just interpretation of the instru-

"I love the Union and the Constitution, but I would rather leave the Union with the Constitution than remain in the Union without it."

ment, and ever remembering that all offices are but trusts held for the people, and that delegated powers are to be strictly

construed, I will hope, by due diligence in the performance of my duties, though I may disappoint your expectations, yet to retain, when retiring, something of the good will and confidence which welcome my entrance into office."

On another occasion, he said: "We feel our cause is just and holy; we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any sacrifice save that of our honor and independence. We ask no conquest, no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the states with which we were lately confederated; all we ask is to be let alone; that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms."

In the wonderful utopia that is modern America, our leaders spend money by the bucketful for the dubious honor of "serving" us in Washington. The era of the reluctant civil servant is well behind us. How is it that we have an election and our choices are so rigorously restricted to feeble, weasely non entities?

This month we celebrate a true hero.

The Year in Review

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the Division Meeting at Lake City in May, but declined.

OCR- Miss Jan has been acting President of the Chapter for the past 6 months and is doing a great job. She also gave a "Patriot Lecture" at a Kindergarten class while dressed in period attire. Miss Jan has conducted a 50-50 Raffle at all meetings to help fund programs for the OCR and SCV.

OCR Legacy Program-Plans are being formulated to implement a Legacy Program for Cadet Officers and Rose Petals. Ages 6 to 16. Miss Kim, Miss Shirley and Miss Kathy have given inspirational readings at each meeting in 2006.

The Camp along with The Colour Guard and OCR helped to perform a Confederate Wedding on the banks of the St. Mary's River for Kevin and Miss Jennifer. In 2007, we plan to perform complete Confederate Weddings. (OCR and SCV members will be accorded free services and non-members will be charged a fee)

At the annual Division Meeting

(State) Cmdr Lear spoke on methods of raising and maintaining good Camp and Chapter attendance. His 5-page handout proved popular and useful.

Adjutant Lee Jones has assumed many of the Camp duties and continues to be an inspiration to other workers in the Camp. He has also taken on the responsibility of Paymaster

Tommy and Beth Clayton held their November "Cane Grinding" and all Camp members were invited to enjoy, food fellowship and Blue Grass music.

The Christmas Party- Com-patriot Billy Staten and Miss Tracy provided some unusual decoration for the festive occasion.

A Biblical Admonition

"Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?"

"Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?" (Psalm 94:16)

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Meet Mr. Editor, Steve Walker

By Cmdr. Jim Lear

Steve and Joy Walker are new to the SCV, but not at all new to the Southern Heritage Battle. Steve, a native of Jacksonville, attended Bishop Kenny and The University of Florida (a real Gator). He is a cost accountant, by trade and spent the 1970s in the San Francisco area. He elected to return to Jax (good choice) and is now using his talents to promote Southern Heritage with his writing and organizational skills.

Steve is Chairman and Newsletter Director of the NE FL Chapter, League of the South and State Membership Director of the LoS. Steve is also Chairman of the FL Delegation to the Southern National Congress. We are fortunate to have him and Miss Joy among our talented patriots.

Camp 745 Executive Committee

Jim Lear
Lee Jones
Michael R, Tubbs
"Boo' Bowers
Danny Johnson
Jack Hogan
Patrick Hyche

On the Internet

Just type: "SCV Camp 745" into your browser and an interesting page will appear with links to our Camp.

Web Address of SCV Camp 745:
earth.prohosting.com/scv745

Our WEBMASTER is Pastor Greg Wilson of Archer, Florida . His e-mail address is LIBCFL@aol.com

Projects and Goals

SCV Goals for 2007

- Add more members to the "Red Shirt" Honour guard, especially musicians.
- Concentrate on local history, whenever possible.
- Spread the Camp responsibility

OCR Goals for 2007

- A stone for the grave of Rebecca Higginbotham Jones
- A Chapter #6 Banner

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Historical Quiz

In keeping with this month's political theme, what nineteenth century celebrated author, songwriter and ardent abolitionist made the following statement about people of the black race?

"The ideal negro would be one refined by white culture and elevated by white blood."

Mail your answer to: **Historical Quiz, P.O. Box 37338, Jacksonville, Florida 32236**, or send an email to: **neflos@net-host.net**

The first correct answer will win a free Florida State Flag, suitable for outdoor display of your patriotism.



A Treatise on Liberty

"What, then, is man's natural liberty? We answer, that it is only privilege to do whatever he has a moral right to do. Freedom to do whatever a man wills, is not a liberty, either natural or civil, but an unnatural license, a natural iniquity; man's will being naturally depraved. What then is man's civil liberty? We reply, that under an equitable government, it is the same—the privilege to do what he has a moral right to do.

No government is perfectly equitable: none are wholly unjust. Some withhold more, some fewer, of the citizen's moral rights. None withhold them all. Hence, under the most des-

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potic government there are some rights left, and so, some liberty. A perfectly just government would be one which would allot to each citizen freedom to do all the things which he had a moral right to do, and nothing else." Such a government would not restrain the natural liberty of any citizen in any respect; each man's civil liberty would be identical with his natural. Government does not originate rights, neither can it justly take them away. But practically, it confirms, instead of impairing, our natural liberty; because it secures us in the exercise of it."

Robert Lewis Dabney, 1867

We Call Them Southrons

Southerners are the most regionally loyal citizens of the United States. They also have traditionally been the most loyal to the country at large, ready to repel insult or injury without needing to be manipulated by any hogwash about saving Haiti or Somalia for democracy. Southerners have given freely to the Union and generally avoided the demands for entitlements that now characterize American life. But their loyalty has been severely tested, especially considering all they have ever asked in return is to be left alone.



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Mallory decries "injustice and insecurity"

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metto State.

The news of secession in Florida reached Washington by telegraph; Senator David Levy Yulee and Senator Stephen Mallory refrained from participation in the proceedings of the Senate, but did not make a formal withdrawal until January 21st. In his farewell speech Senator Yulee reminded the Senate that one of the conditions of the cession of Florida from Spain to the United States was that the residents of the territory should be admitted into the union on terms of equality with the citizens of that nation. Thus, in seceding, Florida was exercising the equality

gained on entrance in the union in 1845. Senator Mallory was more eloquent when he said: "From the Union, governed by the Constitution as our fathers made it, there breathes not a secessionist upon her soil, but a deep sense of injustice and insecurity... is brought home to the reason and patriotism of her people; and to secure and maintain these rights which the Constitution no longer accords them." Mallory concluded with the statement: "We seek not to war upon, or to conquer you; and we know that you cannot conquer us."

With more than 15,000 men, Florida provided the highest percentage of available men, from any Confederate

state, to the Confederacy. These troops were organized into eleven regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry, and many smaller units, including artillery, home-guard, militia and the Cow Cavalry. Our Florida men fought in most of the major battles, including the 2nd Manassas, Antietam, Chickamauga, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Sharpsburg, and the Appomattox Campaign. Over 5,000 Florida soldiers lost their lives in the war and nearly an equal number were captured and imprisoned until the end of the war. Florida had the highest per capita casualty rate of any of the Confederate States.

Reliving Florida's Past

FEBRUARY 7 1806 The United States Senate approved a secret appropriation of \$2 million to be used for the possible purchase of Florida.

FEBRUARY 9 1861 Jefferson Davis of Mississippi has been elected Provisional President of the Confederate States of America. Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia, an opponent of secession, has been elected Vice-President.

FEBRUARY 11 1832 The Territorial Legislative Council chartered Jacksonville in 1832. The charter provided for a mayor and four aldermen. It empowered the aldermen to repel disease, abate nuisance, regulate wharfage, provide drainage, regulate markets, gauge liquors, tax hawkers, peddlers, taverns and boarding houses and restrain lotteries, tippling houses, gaming houses, houses of ill fame and unseemly theatrical productions, and to suppress riots and disorderly assemblies.

The town must have had some high hopes, because it had nothing much of the above in 1832.

FEBRUARY 12 1899 Tallahassee recorded a temperature of -2 degrees F today. This is thought to be the lowest temperature ever



reached in Florida. This was also the date of the greatest snowfall on record for the Sunshine State, as well as the greatest southern extension of snow. Four inches were reported at Lake Butler, 3.5 inches at Marianna, 3 inches at Lake City,

and trace amounts as far south as Fort Myers, Avon Park, and Titusville.

FEBRUARY 20 1864 The largest battle in the war for Southern Independence to take place in the State of Florida occurred today at Ocean Pond near Olustee. Union and Confederate forces were about evenly matched with 5,500 soldiers each. The Confederates, under the command of general Joseph J. Finegan, had prepared defenses in the area. The failure of the Union commander, General Truman Seymour, to commit his forces in concert and as a whole gave the Confederates a strategic advantage. At the end of the day, the Confederates controlled the battlefield and Federal forces were in a hasty retreat toward Jacksonville and the safety of the guns of the Union navy.

FEBRUARY 22 1819 The Adams-Onís Treaty was formally signed today. Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

North Against South

A Congressional Review

Mr. Lincoln, as has been said, declared war against the Confederate States (which he called "a combination too powerful," etc.), raised armies, proclaimed a blockade of Southern ports, suspended the writ of habeas corpus at Baltimore and other places, took money out of the Federal Treasury, and did many other things for which he could find no warrant in that Constitution which he had solemnly sworn to support, before the meeting of the called session of Congress. That body, composed mostly of members from Northern States, met on the 4th of July, and adjourned on the 6th of August 1861.

One of the first measures--the first resolution--brought before it was a proposition to declare legal and Constitutional what were not legal and Constitutional acts; but the motion failed.

Here is an abstract of the proceedings in the Senate (Congressional Globe, 1st session, 37th Congress, pp. 16, 21, 40 and 453):

On the 6th of July "Mr. Wilson (Mass.), in pursuance of previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution (Senate No. 1) to approve and confirm certain acts of the President of the United States, for suppressing insurrection and rebellion." The resolution was:

"Whereas, since the adjournment of Congress, on the 4th day of March last, a formidable insurrection in certain States of this Union has arrayed itself in armed hostility to the Government of the United States, Constitutionally administered; and whereas the President of the United States, did under the extraordinary exigencies thus presented, exercise certain powers and adopt certain measures for the preservation of this Government--that is to say: First. He did, on the 15th day of April last, issue his proclamation calling upon the several States for 75,000 men to suppress such insurrectionary combinations, and to cause the laws to be faithfully executed. Secondly. He did, on the 19th of April last, issue a proclamation setting on foot a blockade of the ports within the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Thirdly. He did, on the 27th day of April last, issue a proclamation establishing a blockade of the ports within the States of Virginia and North Carolina. Fourthly. He did, by order of the 27th day of April last, addressed to the Commanding General of the Army of the United States, authorize that officer to suspend the writ of habeas corpus at any point on or in the vicinity of any military line between the city of Philadelphia and the city of Washington. Fifthly. He did, on the 3d day of May last, issue a proclamation calling into the service of the United States 42,034 volunteers, increasing the regular Army by the addition of

22,714 men, and the Navy by an addition of 18,000 men. Sixthly. He did, on the 10th day of May last, issue a proclamation authorizing the commander of Florida to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, if necessary, all of which proclamation and orders have been submitted to this Congress.

"Now therefore, be it resolved, etc. That all of the extraordinary acts, proclamations and orders, hereinbefore mentioned are, and the same are hereby, approved and declared to be in all respects legal and valid, to the same extent and with the same effect, as if they had been issued and done under the previous express authority and direction of the Congress of the United States."

On July 8th Mr. Wilson, for the Committee on Military Affairs and Militia, to which this resolution had been referred, reported back the resolution, without amendment, and recommended its passage. "I wish to say," he added, "that the action of the President in increasing the Army and calling out the volunteer force, will be regulated by other bills, to be brought in hereafter."

In another place Mr. Wilson said: "A plan has been arranged for the organization of eleven regiments for the Army. Officers have been appointed, ... sent to certain points of the country, and money has been placed in their hands to fill up the ranks of the Army," etc.

But the resolution was never passed; after many efforts to have a vote on it, it was permitted to die with the session. The debate on it was closed thus on page 453:

Mr. Wilson. "Let us have a vote."

Mr. Trumbull (of Illinois). "Now, my friend is clamorous. He can not keep still. He says let us have a vote. I am not disposed to vote on the resolution. I will tell the Senator from Kentucky (Powell) I am not prepared to vote for the resolution, and it is not going to pass without consideration. It is not going to pass in the shape it is in by my approbation."

The Senate then went into executive session, and that evening adjourned sine die.

The reason why the Senate refused to pass this resolution may interest the reader: it had not at that early date recognized "military necessity" as paramount to the Constitution which it was under a solemn oath to support.

Not only were all or most of the acts recited in it unconstitutional, but its assertions were repugnant to the meaning of that compact.

Dates to Remember

- **Feb. 19** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Speaker: Mr. Clyde Davis, Esq., *"War on the Upper St. Mary's River"*
- **Mar. 19** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Speaker: Dr. Robert Hurst., *"Battle of Natural Bridge, Florida"*
- **Mar. 31** - Heritage Meeting at the Scottish-Rite Temple in Jacksonville. *"Red Shirts" will perform.*
- **Apr. 16** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Speaker: Mr. Larry Skinner., *Topic To be announced*
- **Apr. 26** - Confederate Memorial Day
Legal Holiday in Florida
Camp Observance: *To be announced.*
- **May. 18-19** - Florida Division Re-union in Ocala at the Ramada Inn. (Highways I-75 and US27)
- **May 21** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM The Pig BBQ, Callahan
Speaker: *To be announced*

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A Challenge to all Southerners

"The cause in which we are engaged is the cause of the advocacy of rights to which we were born, those for which our fathers of the Revolution bled - the richest inheritance that ever fell to man, and which it is our sacred duty to transmit untarnished to our children. Upon us is devolved the high and holy responsibility of preserving the Constitutional liberty of a free government."

Can anyone among us say it isn't so today?

President Jefferson Davis, June 1, 1861
Spotswood Hotel, Richmond



May 2007

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**Official U.S. Policy on Confederate POW's
Preamble to H.R. 97, Passed by Both Houses of Congress**

"Rebel Prisoners in our hands are to be subjected to treatment finding it's parallels only in the conduct of savage tribes and resulting in the death of multitudes by the slow but designed process of starvation and by mortal diseases occasioned by insufficient and unhealthy food and wanton exposure of their persons to the inclemency of the weather."

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Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General. United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

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