



S.C.V. Mission Statement (The "Charge")

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

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

THE FIRST SHOT

Newsletter of the Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters Camp #3000

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Commander's Corner

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas parade yesterday and supported our efforts to promote Southern Heritage. It is a great event with thousands of spectators lining the streets who gave us a warm welcome and loud cheers.

The Color Guard was honored to lead of the Confederate contingent made up of members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camps, Virginia Flaggers, Order of Confederate Rose and the Army of Northern Virginia Mechanized Calvary.

Our Color Guard this year had two lovely ladies in hoop skirts carry our Camp banner, they were a welcomed addition to the unit.

I would like to give special thanks to Tim Tuck who supplied this years float.

If you missed out this year, consider attending next year.

Pictures have been posted on the Virginia Flaggers Facebook page.

Joe Wright, Commander



Mark Your Calendar

1st Lt. Commander's Report

01/03/201

ERFE Meeting

01/08/201

OCR Meeting

December has been a busy month. We had the Christmas party that was so graciously sponsored by Teresa and Willie Wells. We thank them so much for their kindness. Then the Mechanicsville Christmas parade. The turnout was great. The Fire Eaters along with the Virginia Flaggers, UDN, OCR, and the Army or Northern Virginia Mechanized Calvary, (think I got everyone) participated. Lots of flags were given out and large cheers were received in kind.

Our speaker for January will be Annette Wetzel will be the speaker for January. I can't wait to hear her speak. Hope to see you all there.

It's almost Christmas and I know everyone is busy with their families. Take a minute out of your day to remember for our ancestors.

Merry Christmas

Tim Tuck

2nd Lt. Commander's Report

Save The Date

01/12/2018

Lee-Jackson Day
Lexington VA

We really want to increase the attendance at our meetings. The Fire Eaters Camp meetings have a lot to offer, and having a large turnout makes the meeting even better.

If you know members on our Roster who have not attended for a while, please get in contact with them and encourage them to come to our next meeting. They can enjoy a good speaker, have good fellowship with other Southerners, and just have a relaxing and fun evening.

The meetings are over by or before 9:00 p.m., so we know what to plan for.

Two hours a month is not a lot of time, considering the benefits you will enjoy in getting to know other Camp members, the OCR members, VA Flaggers and ANV Mechanized Cavalry.

Help us to have even better meetings through more members attending. Get out there and spread the word.

Joe Howard

Social Media Report:

Our public page on Facebook currently has **1129 likes**.

Members are reminded that they may also keep up with camp activities on our website:

EdmundRuffin
FireEaters.org

Chaplin's Report

Please let me know if you, a family member or close friend is ill or in distress, so that the person or family can be added to our Fire Eater Prayer List.

We all know that prayer works, and if we can all join together in prayer on behalf of our members, associates, friends, and family members, it will undoubtedly make a difference in their lives.

Joe Howard

GRAVES & MONUMENTS COMMITTEE



CLEAN UP REPORT

December 22, 2017

Members of the Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters Graves & Monuments Committee Volunteers assembled at the East Richmond Rd. gate of Oakwood Cemetery to remove trash and other discarded materials from a section of East Richmond Rd. That i can only describe as looking like a dump . We drove away with (18) big bags of trash . With the help of Jim Eaton we also removed a fairly large downed tree limb from Confederate section -- D.

Jim Tingle
Chairman Graves &
Monuments Committee

Support the Graves & Monuments Committee by helping to fund the purchase of stick flags.

\$1⁰⁰

Fund a stick flag to mark a veterans grave.
Donate Today!

This is an ongoing project, and we thank you for your support in honoring our Confederate Veterans.



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<https://www.facebook.com/FireEaters3000>

Upcoming Color Guard Events

Color Guard Report

Past Events:

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Mechanicsville Christmas Parade. Your support for our efforts to promote Southern Heritage meant a lot.

This is a great event and is much fun to participate in with all the other groups. The thousands of spectators lining the streets of the parade cheered, many of them waved flags in support, and in general gave us a very warm welcome.

Our Color Guard was quite honored to lead the Confederate contingent made up of members the Sons of Confederate Veteran Camps, Virginia Flaggers, Order of Confederate Rose, and the Army of Northern Virginia Mechanized Calvary.

We were graced with two young ladies in period attire to carry our Camp banner. They were a welcomed addition.

Our own Tim Tuck provided the float this year.

This one event that no one should miss!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 13, we will participate in the Lee-Jackson Ceremony and Parade held in Lexington, VA. More information will be posted.

Sunday, January 14 at 3 PM, although not a Color Guard event, we will be posting of Colors for the Culpeper Chapter 73, UDC Lee - Jackson Ceremony. It is being held at the Brandy Station Fire House. These ladies will be presenting awards to school children participating in the Essay competition on Confederate topics.

Color Sergeant Joe Wright

Any members not already on the Color Guard email list with enlisted uniforms of the Confederate Army, Navy or Marines who would like to participate in honoring Confederate Soldiers at graveside headstone and Iron Cross dedications, Monument Dedications and displaying the Confederate Colors in parades, please, contact me at varebel@embarqmail.com



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