



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

Our August meeting was held at the Bass Pro Shops at 7 PM on August 2nd.

Those that attended were rewarded with the presentation by Robert Krick of the National Park Service. His topic was “Four Generals who saved Richmond”. The time frame was July through October 1864. The Generals were Richard Anderson, Charles Field, John Gregg, and Robert Hoke.

Adjutant Walter Smith indicates renewals are being sent to him very slowly. Please remember to send in your dues as soon as possible as the funds need to be sent into National and Division by September 1st.

We do have one additional member, we voted to accept into the Camp Compatriot James W. Saunders who is transferring from the A. P. Hill Camp. Welcome Compatriot Saunders!

Preparations are being made by Camp Store Chairman Willie Wells for the upcoming September 15 – 17, 2017 Field Days of the Past. New inventory is being ordered and new T-shirt will be made after the successful Hanover Tomato Festival in July depleted our inventory. A work day will be announced by Willie. Please consider attending this upcoming event and helping out at our site.

Remember nominations for Camp Officers will be held at the October meeting. Now is the time to think about who you want to lead the Camp over the next year. We also have plenty of Committee Chairman positions to fill.

Joe Wright, Commander

Mark Your Calendar

1st Lt. Commander's Report

09/06/2017

FireEater Meeting

09/11/2017

OCR Meeting

09/15-17/2017

Field Days of the Past - We have a booth for this event.

09/30/2017

6th Annual Flagger Picnic

Compatriots, Friends, Ladies of the Camp:

Our summer of 2017 is drawing to a close, and we need to get ourselves prepared for the after Labor Day activities that are on the horizon. Primarily, we need a lot of good help to get prepared for the Field Days of the Past event to be held September 15, 16 and 17. Please put these dates on your calendar and review your schedule, so you can decide what day or days work for you to attend. Since we will be putting up the large tent to accommodate everything, our Camp needs your support in attending and working this significant event, our biggest fund raiser of the year. We will also need help in advance of the event to restock our inventory of our hottest sale items, that were significantly depleted at the Tomato Festival in July. The shirt designs that were most popular need to be pressed onto the new shirts so we can have an ample supply ready for the event. It is my understanding that Commander Wright will schedule a work day for all available hands to participate in this project. So stay tuned and plan on attending the work day and Field Days of the Past event coming up in September.

Save The Date

10/15/2017

Flag Pole Dedication, Riverview Cemetery for the UDC Stonewall Chapter

10/28/2017

OCR Headstone Dedication - Hollywood Cemetery

Please send your renewal membership dues to Walter Smith as soon as possible to comply with the August 31 deadline. At this time in the history of our country, it is important for all of us to step up and show that we support our ancestors and their Cause, and that we are not going to be intimidated by ignorant politically correct liberal individuals who are attacking us and our true history with violence. It is clear that we are not the violent ones. But we need to let everyone know that we are not going away, regardless of their actions.

Social Media Report:

Our public page on Facebook currently has 1121 likes.

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

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Attendance at our Camp meetings has not been at the level we want it to be. Please put the first Wednesday of the month on your calendar and join us for good fellowship and excellent keynote speakers. In September, we are in for a rare treat. For the first time in recent memory, we will host the Fire Eaters Raw Smack Down Tag Team Match featuring Teresa Roane and Eric Richardson! You really need to be there for this experience.

Fall is also the time to be thinking about elections in November. No, not



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the Virginia Governor’s race, the Fire Eaters Camp Elections. Think about who you want for your Camp leadership in 2018. Fortunately, Commander Wright, 2nd Lt. Commander Willie Wells and Adjutant, Treasurer and Judge Advocate Walter Smith are all eligible to continue in their current positions, and, in my opinion, they will be nominated in a heartbeat, and run clean, successful campaigns to lead the Camp next year. A decision will need to be made about the 1st Lt. Commander position, since I am not eligible for another term, pursuant to our Camp Bylaws. Nominations will take place in October, and the election will be held at the November meeting.

The final thing that is important to consider is whether the Camp would like to continue the tradition of having a Christmas Party in December in lieu of a regular Camp meeting. The question is if we do want a party, what is the best date, and where can the party be held? Some of you may know of church meeting halls or other suitable facilities that could accommodate our groups, including the Fire Eaters, VA Flaggers, Order of Confederate Rose and Army of Northern Virginia Mechanized Cavalry. Think about it and let’s discuss this as part of the September business meeting.

I hope to see everyone at the Bass Pro Shops at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, for the Fire Eaters Raw Smack Down Tag Team Match. BE THERE!

Deo Vindice

Joe Howard
1st Lt Commander

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

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Confederate Veterans.



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Upcoming Color Guard Events

Color Guard Report

Upcoming Event:

On Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2 PM, there will be a dedication of a Flag Pole at Riverview Cemetery. The address is 1401 S. Randolph Street, Richmond, VA 23220. This will be held in the section where residents of the Home for Confederate Woman were buried to honor these women. This is a 20+ foot flag pole with the First National flag right behind the pyramid for these ladies. This was donated and installed by the General Robert E. Lee Camp, SCV to the Chapter. This is for your calendar and hope we get a large Color Guard for this event.

On Saturday, October 28 at 11 AM, the Color Guard has been requested to provide the Colors for a headstone dedication held by the Capt. Sally Thompkins Chapter 2, Order of the Confederate Rose. They will be honoring the 14 girls that died at Brown's Island ordinance laboratory explosion. This is being held at Hollywood Cemetery.

We are always looking for new members for the Color Guard so if anyone is interested in participating in the Color Guard, please contact me.

Joe Wright
Color Sergeant

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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MONUMENT AVENUE



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