



## 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 February meeting was held on a cold and rainy night. As expected the number of those attending was lower than desired. With Spring coming, hopefully this will change.

Our speaker, Les Updike, described how the town of Lynchburg grew from a small river ferry town to a major supply center for the Confederacy and a target for Federal forces resulting in the attack by General Hunter and his defeat by General Jubal Early.

Receiving reports on health issues shorten our meeting as our 1st Lt. Commander, our Adjutant/Treasurer, and our Media tech were under the weather and unable to attend. Hopefully they will be recovered before the next meeting and we wish them a speedy recovery.

There was a discussion on moving the location of our meetings, among the suggestions is a diner in the City of Richmond, Sandston in Henrico County, and a Mechanicsville location. Attend the March meeting and let us know your preference. Our volunteer locators will be making their reports then as well.

As the Virginia Division Convention takes place in April, we will need to review any proposed amendments and contested Officer positions, so our delegates can vote on behalf of the Camp

Joe Wright, Commander

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander’s Report

Well things are starting to warm up outside. Hope everyone is ready for spring!

I was under the weather for our February meeting and didn’t get a chance to hear Les Updike speak. I heard it was a good one. Many thanks to him for giving of his time for us. For march we will have Randy Watkins as our guest speaker. I look forward to hearing from him.

## Mark Your Calendar

**03/07/2018**

Confederate Flag  
Day

**03/07/2018**

ERFE Meeting

**03/12/2018**

OCR Meeting

**04/20 -22/2018**

VA State SCV  
Meeting and VA  
State OCR Meeting

A note of interest for everyone; there were numerous Bills that were brought forward in the Virginia Legislature concerning the removal of our beloved Confederate Monuments. **They ALL FAILED.** This is great news but we must stay vigilant. Please pick up the phone or email your state representative and let them know how much you appreciate their support.

Don't forget Confederate flag day ceremony on March 3rd at 2pm in the Confederate section of Oakwood Cemetery.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bass Pro in Ashland.

Thanks,

Tim Tuck, 1st Lt Commander



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander's Report

### **New Meeting Location to be discussed!**

Everyone is needed at our upcoming March 7 meeting to present ideas and alternatives to our current meeting location. At the last meeting this topic was brought up and several recommendations were presented for consideration. Al Mills and Herb Carver volunteered to investigate these suggestions. Please attend this meeting and bring your suggestions. We need a separate meeting room, good food and reasonable prices, and very cooperative and supportive management. This is your chance to help us decide upon the best location where we can get the most members to attend and enjoy our fellowship and fun.

Joe Howard

## 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

## Social Media Report:

Our public page on Facebook currently has **1166 likes.**

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

EdmundRuffin  
FireEaters.org



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

February 8 , 2018 , 9:00 am

A sunny but cold morning , after safety vest were issued and road signs set out , it heated up for the six members of the Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters SCV camp 3000 and one member of the Richmond Stonewall Jackson chapter 1705 UDC. We picked up six large bags of trash from the Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters section of Cold Harbor Road .

Participants :

Camp Commander Joe Wright

Camp Chaplain Joe Howard

Herb Carver

Al Mills

Charles Martin

Sandy Wright President of the Stonewall Jackson chapter 1705 UDC

ADOPT-A-ROAD project Manager Jim Tingle

A good day of keeping Virginia beautiful and fellowship.

Jim Tingle

**FIND US ON FACE BOOK and BE SURE TO LIKE US!**

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

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

**\$1<sup>00</sup>**

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.

**DONATE TODAY!**

## Upcoming Color Guard Events

### Color Guard Report

Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 11, at 11 AM, we will be posting Confederate Flags at the Yellow Tavern Monument at a ceremony held by the Richmond-Stonewall Jackson UDC Chapter #1705 to commemorate the mortal wounding of Major General J. E. B. Stuart.

With Confederate History Month and Memorial Day not far off, I expect our participation to be requested for events.

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. You will need an enlisted Confederate uniform to join us.

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](mailto:varebel@embarqmail.com)**

# SAVE



**YOU  
CAN  
HELP**

# MONUMENT AVENUE