



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

Hello Everyone,

I hope that December is going well for everyone. Christmas is almost here. In the midst of all of the secular activities I ask that you not forget the reason for the season. On December 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Jesus birth.

We had the camp Christmas party on December the 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a fun party, well attended, good food and fellowship. The following day was the Christmas parade in Mechanicsville. This is my favorite event of the year. There were over 600 flags handed out and it was a large crowd.

At the Christmas party there was a lengthy discussion about the camp office of Commander, after this I decided to accept the nomination for Commander. There will be a vote and changing of the guard at our next meeting January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please be prepared to attend.

Our speaker for the January meeting is Travis Toombs. I look forward to hearing from him. See y’all at the meeting!

Thanks,

Tim Tuck  
1st Lt Commander



Merry Christmas

# MECHANICSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE



# GRAVES & MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

## CHANGE OF FOCUS

To the membership of the Edmund Ruffin Fire eaters SCV Camp 3000. Please disregard any previous correspondence regarding Cold Harbor Road cleanup. We will first focused on the **Oakwood objective 2019 Perimeter Trimming Operations**. Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 Time 8:30 a.m. We will meet at the speaker stand, Confederate section (G).

Any questions please call me. - Jim Tingle



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!**

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



# WORK DAY

## Oakwood Objective 2019

### PERIMETER TRIMMING OPERATIONS

**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

**Time 8:30 AM**

We will meet at the speaker stand  
Confederate section (G)

**Hand tools needed:**

Loppers,  
Pole saws,  
Pruning saws,  
Pruning shears,  
Rakes leaf & hard,  
Pitchforks,  
Pick,  
Reach tools.

**Power tools needed:**

Battery operated pole saws,  
Gas operated pole saws,  
Chainsaws,  
String trimmers,  
Blowers.

**Needed:**

Pickups,  
Utility trailers with tarps!

**Recommended:**

Eye and Ear protection  
and work gloves!

Any questions please call me.  
Jim Tingle

01/02/2019

ERFE Meeting

01/14/2018

OCR Meeting

01/18-19/2018

Lee-Jackson Day  
Lexington VA

02/16/2018

Oakwood Cemetery,  
perimeter trimming  
8:30 am

### Color Guard Report

As in past years I will be posting the Colors for the Culpepper Chapter 73 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for their annual Lee-Jackson Ceremony on January 13th, 2 P.M. at the Brandy Station Fire House. The Culpepper Chapter has a program where school aged children color pictures and write essays on Confederate topics and the best in each age category receive monetary rewards.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Yellow Tavern Ceremony. Saturday May 11 at 11 A.M. Posting of Colors.
- 1st. Manassas Ceremony. Sponsored by the Virginia Division United Daughters of the Confederacy, Manassas Battlefield Park, July 20, 10: A.M. Posting of Colors.
- Mechanicsville Christmas Parade, December 1, 2 P.M. Color Guard event.
- The Headstone of our Camp's namesake, Edmund Ruffin rededication. Graves Committee Chairman, Jim Tingle, has asked that a rededication ceremony be held. A date for this will be provided when determined.
- We have been asked to provide a Color Guard for 10 headstones in Hollywood at a future date.
- In the spring there will be several Headstones dedicated in Furrum Virginia.

Our Camp has supplied a Color Guard at headstone, Iron Cross ceremonies, Memorial Events, and parades to honor Confederate soldiers. Please consider joining us, all that is required is that you are a descendant of a Confederate soldier and you have an enlisted uniform of the Confederate Army, Navy or Marines.

It is my hope everyone is enjoying the Holidays with family and friends. In the coming year, let us commit to greater efforts to honor our Confederate Ancestors.

Joe Wright  
Color Sergeant

#### Social Media Report:

Our public page on Facebook currently has 1355 likes.

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

EdmundRuffin  
FireEaters.org

**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)**