



## 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

Hello everyone, hope this report finds everyone is doing well. Our meeting in January went well. We had a small group but we got a lot of work done.

We had a vote on the Commander and Adjutant offices. Walter Smith was confirmed as the Adjutant for the camp and I was confirmed as the Commander. After the vote there was an installation ceremony. Also, we have a candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander. Everyone be praying on this. After this was done we started the regular meeting.

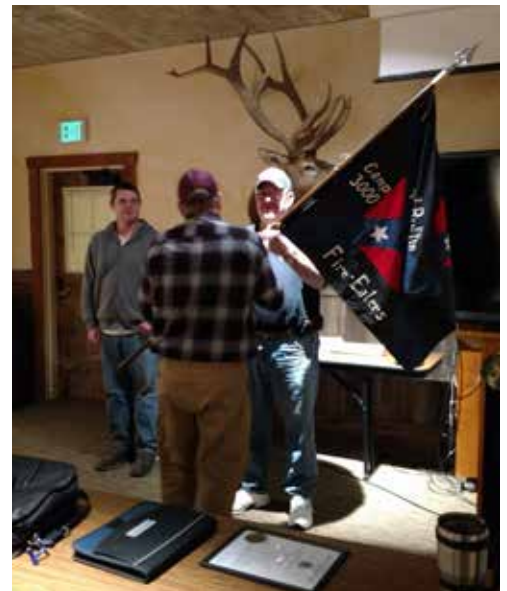
During New Business it was decided that in lieu of New Years the January meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of January instead of the first. We also discussed the up coming cleanup and tree trimming at Oakwood Cemetery on February the 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be a work day we will need all the help we can muster. Won't you please plan on attending. It will start at 9:00am and go until we are finished.

Our speaker for February will be Ed Harris. I'm looking to hearing him speak.

I would like to see everyone attend the meetings. We need your insight on all the camp functions and new ideas are always welcome. See you on February the 6th.

Thanks

Tim Tuck, Commander



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02/06/2019

ERFE Meeting

02/11/2019

OCR Meeting

02/16/2019

Oakwood Perimeter Trimming

Operation, 8:30 am Oakwood Cemetery

UPCOMING DATES

04/20/2019

Grave Marker Dedication 1 pm Hollywood Cemetery

05/11/2019

Confederate Memorial Day, Oakwood Cemetery 11 am

07/20/2019

1st Manassas Ceremony, 10 am, Manassas Battlefield Park

12/01/2019

Mechanicsville Christmas Parade, 2 pm Mechanicsville

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

I was scheduled to post the Confederate Colors on Sunday January 13th for a Lee Jackson ceremony sponsored by the Culpeper Chapter # 73 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Hall. Due to the snow and freezing rain the event was canceled.

These ladies work with mainly the home schooled children promoting southern and Confederate heritage. The first and second grade children color pictures with Confederate themes and the children up to twelfth grades write essays on Confederate topics that the ladies provide.

This year over 140 children chose to participate in this program. Monetary awards are given to the top three applicants in each grade.

There is always a speaker with an interesting topic and, as with Southern ladies, an abundance of tasty food. I hope they will continue this program next year.

I am always trying to recruit new members for the Color Guard. This means additional flags are required. I have a Republic of North Carolina flag that has yet to be presented and I am now working on a Confederate Marine Corps flag that I hope will be ready for this May's Oakwood Confederate Memorial Day event. I would also like to recruit a Confederate Chaplin as well as a drummer to accompany the Color Guard in period attire.

Upcoming Events:

- Hollywood Cemetery Richmond, Grave marker Dedication for 11 headstones, April 20 at 1 P.M. Sponsored by the Robert E. Lee Camp # 1589. Color Guard event.
- Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony, Oakwood, Richmond. Sponsored by the Virginia Flaggers. Saturday, May 11 at 11 A.M. Maximum effort event. Color Guard event.
- 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. Color Guard event.
- In the spring there will be several Headstones dedicated in Furrum Virginia. Color Guard event.

Please mark your calendars so you do not miss these events.

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



# 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



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