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Thursday, Jan 25, 2024, Camp 1387 Monthly MEETING
MeMaw's BBQ, 4916 Babcock Street NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905

Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December. Male descendants of men who served the Confederacy, their wives and others interested in the War for Southern Independence are invited to attend.

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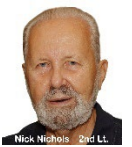
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Active Link to the Florida Division SCV Website: <https://www.flscv.org/index.php>

Active Link to the National Sons of Confederate Veterans Website: <http://www.scv.org/new/>

Military History.com website: <https://militaryhistoryonline.com/>

Capt. J. J.s Gun Club website: <https://nolefan42.wixsite.com/captjjsgunclub>

Former Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee's Commission to the SCV

To You, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

we 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.

In order for our Camp 1387 to carry out **Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee's** commission to us, all our Camp members need to do is answer the following two questions. These questions should inspire us **all to do more** concerning our common Southern Heritage and **to honor our brave Confederate ancestors**:

IF NOT US.....WHO?

IF NOT NOW.....WHEN?

Please think about the answers to these two questions as we endeavor to carry out **THE CHARGE, both for our Confederate Ancestors and our Southern Heritage.**

Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Compatriots and devoted Southerners,

The November program was presented by Bob Grenier on Captain Hayes, a close associate of Captain J.J. Dickison, our Camp namesake. Mr. Grenier brought some of his books with him to sell and give us the perfect opportunity to get a signed copy. Bob's presentation was both thorough and interesting; as usual. We sincerely appreciate his willingness to travel to bring us his presentation.

The Lee/Jackson Celebration was, once again, a tremendous success. It was held on Saturday evening, January 6, 2024, again at the Holiday Inn Express Space Coast Convention Center in Cocoa. We had a rousing and inspirational presentation by the SCV National Lt. C-I-C Walter D. (Donnie) Kennedy concerning the need for us all to stand up for our Southern Cause and to proudly spread the word throughout the South. We had a total of 54 guests in attendance not counting our Guest speaker and his wife (which made 56). Of those 54, 37 were Camp 1387 members and their guests: a great showing. Another 17 SCV members and their guests came from other area camps. We were very fortunate to have such great support from Camp 1387 and we were also very fortunate for the 17 guests that traveled to join us in a great Southern Heritage Celebration. We sincerely thank each and every one of you for making our Lee-Jackson such a huge success. We couldn't have done it without you all. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next Lee-Jackson Celebration, now scheduled for January 4, 2025. Please go ahead and mark this date on your calendars.

At November's Camp Meeting, we collected generous food and monetary donations to give to the local charity we support yearly, C.I.T.A., locally in Melbourne. Camp Compatriot Jim Meeks volunteered to collect the donations and get them to C.I.T.A. Additionally, as is customary for Camp 1387, we "passed the Kepi" to collect a monetary Christmas gift for our special server at MeMaws, Donna. As you will see in our photos below, she was very surprised and thankful for everyone's generous monetary donation for the wonderful service she provides to us at each of our monthly Camp meetings. Camp 1387 has always been very generous in support of helping others and being appreciative for what our Lord has blessed us with and given to us.

Please see "**Camp Brother's Thoughts and Prayers**" on page 4 for information on our 2nd Lt Nick Nichols.

In our Camp schedule, please note information about membership dues renewal quickly approaching.

Come to our next meeting and enjoy the camaraderie and good food. Remember to invite family and friends. Our meetings and parades are open to the public. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

In service to the South,

Marc Thornton, Commander, Camp 1387

January Monthly Camp Meeting

PROGRAM

The Nuts and Bolts of the SCV

This monthly Camp Meeting program will address the following:

- Where did the SCV come from, how was/is it structured and operated?
- What was the UCV?
- What goals does the organization have and who guides it and how are they selected?
- What changes has the group seen?

Compatriot Don Young will review these and many other questions about our beloved organization over the generations since the founding of the SCV in 1896. Come to the January Camp meeting to get some answers and bring your questions.

Camp Brother’s Thoughts and Prayers List

The following Camp 1387 Compatriots are facing significant and challenging health issues and need to be remembered in all our thoughts and prayers. Please include our member’s families as they also are significantly impacted by these health challenges.

- a. **2nd Lt Nick Nichols** – After a fall at his home early on Thanksgiving morning 2023, Nick was transported to a hospital for a few days of observation. Nick was then sent to a rehab hospital in Melbourne, FL. After about a week there, he was moved next door to a different Rehab Facility where he is today. Nick is relearning how to walk and be self-sufficient for when he returns home. There is still no known diagnosis for his condition. After Christmas 2023, Nick suffered a “TIA” stroke and was once again transported to a local hospital. Nick has no lingering effects from his stroke. After returning back to the Rehab facility, he tested positive for COVID and was quarantined. Nick is no longer in quarantine and is continuing his therapy to regain strength in his legs. According to Nick, he expects to be in rehab until the end of March or early April 2024. Please keep Nick and his wife Ruth in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like his address to either run by and see him, or to send him a card, please let me know.
- b. Compatriot **Irvin S. Walden** is at home but needs our thoughts and prayers with continuing health challenges.
- c. Compatriot **Cleveland Grant** continues his recovery at home. He asks that he not receive any visitors.
- d. Compatriot **Larry Thornton**, Commander Marc Thornton’s father continues to battle serious health challenges.
- e. Compatriot **Ron Hollerand** is recovering in an assisted living facility.

We ask that God’s Will be done in the lives of our fellow Compatriots and their families at this most difficult time.

Compatriot’s, if you no longer want to be shown on this list because you have recovered (or for whatever reason) please let your Camp Talk Editor know. Thank you.

Some Interesting facts in Jan 1861, prior to the start of the War for Southern Independence:

- Northern States Congressman John Crittenden urged the Senate to consider Stephen Douglas' proposed Amendments, including his proposed ban on future African American voting rights and right to hold office, and his own proposal for Federally funded deportation of the African American population to Africa and/or South America. - 1/3/1861
- The violent Republican response to Douglas' and Crittenden's January 3 speeches served to quicken the pace of state secession.

- The Governor of Georgia orders the state militia to occupy Fort Pulaski and to make preparations against an invasion by sea.
- Alabama State Militia occupies fortifications on Mobile Bay and make defensive preparations. - 1/4/1861
- A hired merchant ship, The Star of the West, loaded with Federal troops and their supplies dispatched from New York harbor for Fort Sumter. It was accompanied by the Federal warship Brooklyn. - 1/5/1861 – without knowledge or approval from the Governor of South Carolina.
- Texas voters chose delegates to the Texas Secession Convention - 1/8/1861
- Outgoing Federal President Buchanan reaffirms to the Federal House and Senate that he believed that neither he nor they had sufficient power under the Federal Constitution to make war against a state. - 1/9/1861
- **Mississippi Secedes-1/9/1861 - vote of 84 for, 15 against**
- Jeff Davis receives a telegram that the Federal Navy had been repulsed in its secret (unlawful) attempt to land 200 men, arms, and supplies at Fort Sumter sent at the direction of Federal General Winfield Scott. - 1/9/1861. Federal President Buchanan had unsuccessfully attempted to overrule Scott's order - 1/5/1861
- **Florida secedes-1/10/1861 - vote of 62 for, 7 against**
- **Alabama secedes-1/11/1861 - vote of 61 for, 39 against**
- **Georgia secedes-1/19/1861 - vote of 208 for, 89 against**
- **Louisiana secedes-1/26/1861 - vote of 113 for, 17 against**
- Kansas Becomes 34th Federal State (non-slave) in the U.S. - 1/29/1861 (34th state incorrectly includes the 6 Southern states who have now seceded)
- President-elect Lincoln issued no public statements in January, 1861

➤ **Upcoming Camp 1387 and SCV Events for early 2024:**

1. **Jan 25, 2024 - – Monthly Camp Meeting – 4th Thursday of every month**
 - a. Next Camp 1387 Monthly Meeting.
 - b. Eat @ 5:30 PM, Program @ 6 PM, Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 - c. Besides yourself, **please bring** significant others, family, friends, neighbors; other like minded Southern folks are always welcome.
2. **Feb 3, 2024 - Sharpes Cemetery Workday – 1st Saturday of each month**
 - a. Camp workday at Sharpes Cemetery - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 - i. 347 Godke Way
 - ii. Cocoa, FL (Just West of North US1 near Social Security Office)
 - iii. GPS: N28°25'53.29" (N28.431472), W80°45'40.02" (W80.761116)
 - iv. Help from all is needed and will be greatly appreciated.
3. **Feb 8, 2024 – E-Board Meeting – 2nd Thursday of each month**
 - a. E-Board Meeting – 5 PM – 7 PM
 - b. Place: Perkins Viera/Suntree, 8200 N Wickham Road, Viera, Florida
4. **Feb 16, 17, 2024 – Annual Stephen Dill Lee Institute**
 - a. SCV National Headquarters
 - b. Columbia, Tennessee
 - c. See Flyer on page below.

5. **Feb 17, 2024 - Meeting of Capt. JJ's Gun Club**
 - a. Please see write up from Compatriot Don Young below for further information.
 - b. For further info, please contact Compatriot Don Young or any other member of this Club or go to <https://nolefan42.wixsite.com/captjjsgunclub> .
6. **Feb 22, 2024 - Monthly Camp Meeting**
 - a. Next Camp 1387 Monthly Meeting.
 - b. Eat @ 5:30 PM, Program @ 6 PM, Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 - c. Besides yourself, **please bring** significant others, family, friends, neighbors; other like minded Southern folks are always welcome.
7. **Mar 2, 2024 - Sharpes Cemetery Workday - Normally the 1st Saturday of each month**
 - a. Camp workday at Sharpes Cemetery - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 - i. 347 Godke Way
 - ii. Cocoa, FL (Just West of North US1 near Social Security Office)
 - iii. GPS: N28°25'53.29" (N28.431472), W80°45'40.02" (W80.761116)
 - iv. Help from all is needed and will be greatly appreciated.
8. **Mar 9, 2024 - Compatriot Detail Day - 3rd Saturday of each month**
 - a. Compile lessons learned from 1/6/2024 Lee-Jackson Celebration for next year's celebration to be held on **January 4, 2024**
 - b. Final review and update of proposed Camp By-Laws. All officers and interested other Camp members should plan to attend.
 - c. Time: 9:30 AM - approximately noon
 - d. Place: Perkins Viera/Suntree, 8200 N Wickham Road, Viera, Florida
9. **April 1, 2024 - Camp, State, and National Dues renewal starts**
 - a. On or about April 1st, dues renewal notices will be mailed out to all active camp members.
 - b. Dues notices will arrive via USPS with the renewal form and stamped return envelope enclosed.
 - c. If you would like to renewal early, renewals will be accepted starting in early April 2024
 - d. Renewals will gladly be accepted at monthly Camp Meetings.
 - e. **ALL MEMBER DUES** payments will be due to your Adjutant absolutely no later than **Monday, May 27, 2024** in order to meet the Florida Division renewal date without penalty. Members responding after this date may incur a late payment renewal charge.
10. **April 28, 2024 - Confederate Memorial Day observed by Camp 1387**
 - a. Observance will start promptly at 2:00 PM.
 - b. Further details will be provided at a later date.
11. **June 12-16, 2024 - SCV Mech Cavalry Annual National Reunion**
 - a. Beauvoir, in Biloxi, Mississippi
 - b. If you have any questions, please contact 1st Lt. Roy Hudson.
12. **July 16-20, 2024 - 129th Annual SCV National Reunion - Charleston, South Carolina**
 - a. At the National website, <https://scv.org/> or <https://scv4.org/2024/hotels-scv-national-reunion> , you can make online hotel reservations for the host hotel as well as sign up for Reunion Dinners and tours.
 - b. Reservations, especially hotel reservations, should be made, absolutely, **as soon as possible**. You can always cancel them later if you aren't able to attend.

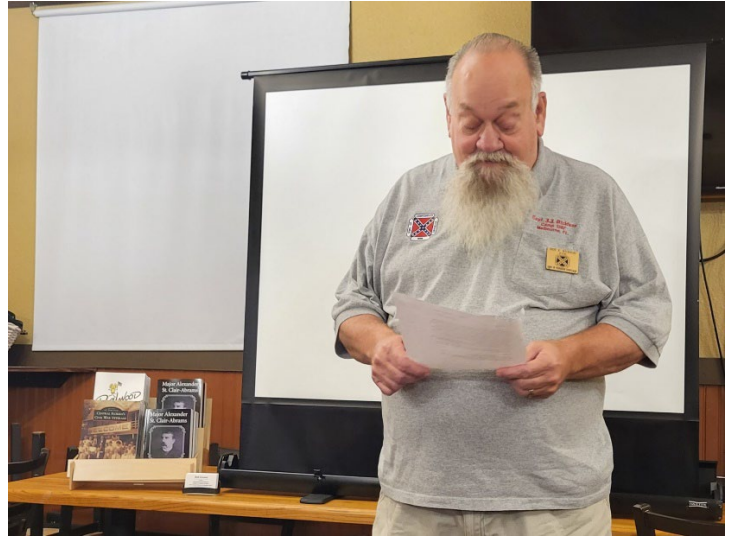
Capt. JJ's Gun Club Event

Captain JJ's Gun Club's next event will be Saturday 17 February 2024 at Pint and Pistol gun range at 2911 Oxbow Circle, Cocoa, FL 32926. This event will be modern weapons only, **no Black Powder**. This will include pistols and small caliber long guns for close distance; see the specific rules at their website www.pintpistol.com. Camp members will meet anytime from 9 am on and will arrange their own shooting lanes; there will not be reserved lanes. Set your schedule for the length of time you wish to shoot and meeting the group for lunch at PP's restaurant at noon. Please check the Camp 1387 website for more information. See y'all there!

November 2023 Camp Meeting Photos



**Commander Marc Thornton opens
Our Monthly Meeting**



**1st Lt Roy Hudson introduces our
Speaker for this month's meeting**



**Our Camp Meeting Guest Speaker
Is Mr. Bob Grenier**



Commander Marc Thornton presents Camp Compatriot Mike Fowler with his Florida Division Life Member Certificate



**Camp Compatriot Jesse Schneider
Pulls someone's lucky ticket
For a door prize**



**Jesse Schneider watches over Camp Compatriots
Larry Thornton (left) and Mike Fowler (right)
As they select their door prizes**



**Camp Commander Marc Thornton presents
Our “pass the kepi” annual monetary gift to MeMaw’s
Server “Donna” with thanks for taking
Great care of us at our monthly
Meetings during 2023.**

Sharpes Cemetery Monthly Cleanup

Saturday 07 October 2023 compatriots from Camp 1387 conducted our monthly cleanup at Sharpes Cemetery in Brevard County. Our camp has been maintaining this quarter acre cemetery, more correctly called Canaveral Groves Cemetery for the past 9 years. There are 2 confirmed CSA army soldiers located there, one of them is Albert Sidney Wilson who participated in most major battles around Richmond from First Manassas to Appomattox and surrendered with Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Wilson's wife is next to him.



Commander Marc Thornton Aid-De-Camp Rob Murray Aide-De-Camp Don Young

Kevin Young behind camera

If you are interested in participating, please contact Cmdr. Thornton or Don Young.

U. C. V. ORDERS ISSUED

By Commandant of Sons of Veterans
in Regard to Birthday
Observance.

Headquarters Camp Dickison, No. 556,
United Sons of Confederate Veterans.
Tampa, Fla., January 11, 1908.

Circular No. 1:

By direction of the camp at the last regular meeting on January 9, the following committees are hereby designated to act on the occasions and for the purposes herein named:

Committee to act in conjunction with committee from the U. C. V. and the U. D. C. in a proper celebration of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee on the 20th inst, J. M. Cathcart, jr., Chairman, M. G. Chancey, D. B. Read, W. T. Martin, N. N. Wellons.

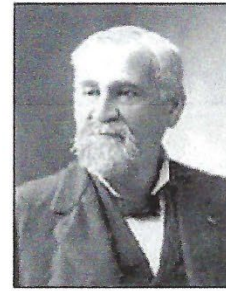
Committee to assist in proper entertainment of the United Confederate Veterans at Tampa during the State Fair on Veterans' Day, with power to appoint all subcommittees that may be necessary, H. P. Baya, Chairman, C. A. Harper, J. M. Cathcart, Kelsey Blanton, E. H. Baker.

By order of

H. P. BAYA, Commandant.
KELSEY BLANTON, Adjutant.

An old newspaper article about our
Past Camp Name presented by
1st Lt Roy Hudson

The Stephen D. Lee Institute



Stephen D. Lee Institute

February 16-17 2024 Columbia, Tn

The theme this year is “ Who we are- as a people and an organization”.
The Friday night reception will be held at the National Confederate
Museum.

Some of the presenters include:

Dan Dorrill

Ben Sewell

Forrest Daws

Chris Sullivan

Frank Powell

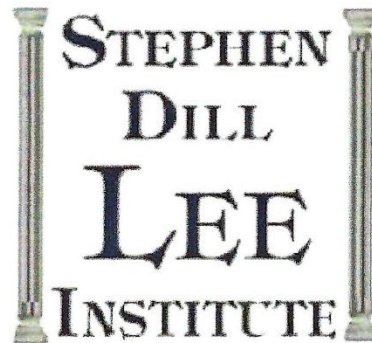
Ron Kennedy

Frank Walsh

MC- Chuck McMichael

Registration and Hotel information

www.stephendleeinstitute.com



**Capt. J. J. Dickison Camp 1387
Melbourne, FL**

IN GOD WE TRUST

NEXT MEETING

Thursday
25 Jan 2024

MEETING FORMAT

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM - Supper from the menu
6:00 – 7:00 PM - Opening & Program
7:00 – 7:15 PM - Business Meeting