

THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS

Madison Starke Perry

Fourth Governor of Florida, 1857-1861

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication

of the cause for which we fought;...the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history...it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

General Stephen D. Lee, C.S.A.

**Sons of Confederate Veterans
Madison Starke Perry Camp 1424**

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NEXT Meeting back at Browns Country Buffet

In Alachua on THURSDAY, July 9th, 2026

Eating commences at 5:00PM with the Meeting starting at 6:00 PM (30 min. early)

Brown's Country Buffet (Alachua, Florida).



Camp Commander's Comments

Compatriots,

This month, we're pleased to welcome our very own 1st Lt. Commander, Ronnie Nichols, as our featured speaker. Ronnie, who also serves as Captain of the Florida SCV Mechanized Cavalry, will be giving an informative presentation on the SCV Mechanized Cavalry, its mission, and its activities.

This promises to be an interesting and enjoyable program, so we hope you'll make plans to join us. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

David Leonard, Commander
Madison Starke Perry Camp 1424 SCV

Madison Starke Perry Camp 1424, SCV

Minutes from Camp meeting on June 11, 2026

Attendance

David Leonard; Bob and Edna Lightner; Lloyd Baldwin; Jack Wood and Lyndy Kaminski; Nath Veal; Bill Boe.

Meeting began at 6:00 pm with invocation by Commander Leonard followed by pledge to US Flag and salute to Confederate flag.

Minutes of Last Month's Meeting

Adjutant Baldwin noted that minutes from the May meeting were published in the latest Governor's Orders. Nobody had any questions about the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The treasury balance was \$4249.28. There were two expenditures this month for a total of \$183.90. Commander Leonard explained that they were annual fees for the Camp's new web site.

There was some discussion about federal status lapsing due to not filing annual 990-N forms for the last three years. Treasurer Baldwin reported that he brought up the subject at the Division Reunion last weekend. Division Treasurer Mark Sizemore informed him that the annual 990-N forms were required to maintain the Camp's EIN, which is required for the Camp's bank account. Treasurer Baldwin said that he will be submitting proper forms and paying the fees to restore the Camp's status.

Treasurer Baldwin also announced that dues will be due at the end of July. He suggested that Camp annual dues be increased to \$12.00 from \$10.00 due to fees for online processing of payments. He will check the bylaws to see how to do that and make a recommendation.

Announcements

Bill Boe read a statement from the State of Florida about their USA 250th observance. There was brief mention of Florida's involvement in the War Between the States, but no mention of Governor Madison Starke Perry.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was brought up.

New Business

1. Commander Leonard would like the Camp to consider having a booth at upcoming festivals.

He mentioned specifically the following:

Columbia County Fair, 10/30-11/08. Coordinate with local SCV Camp. Alachua Main Street Fair in early September. Waiting list for spots. Bradford County Fair in February and March 2027. High Springs Pioneer Days in April 2027. Newberry Watermelon Festival in Spring 2027. Windsor Zucchini Festival in April, 2027.

We need to start planning at least 3 months before each event.

2. Commander Leonard again suggested that we sponsor an evening "steak night" cookout sometime in the next few months. The idea is to have a social event with no planned agenda where members can invite guests to socialize and to identify possible recruits. Attendees will bring their preferred steak to be grilled onsite while the Camp will provide baked potatoes with trimming and soft drinks. Several possible venues were mentioned. Commander Leonard will locate a suitable place and report back.

3. Adjutant Baldwin mentioned that 1st Lt. Ronnie Nichols suggested that the Camp have a flag made for display at events such as the Lee-Jackson banquet and Division Reunion. Several Camps from around the state brought their flags to the Reunion.

4. Adjutant Baldwin reported on the annual Division Reunion held last weekend in Ocala. David King of Tampa was elected Division Commander and Bob Highbaugh of Ocala was elected Division Adjutant. Mark Sizemore of Jacksonville will remain as Division Treasurer. Jerry Peacock of Oxford will assume the position of Division 2nd Lieutenant in charge of the Central Region. He will replace Daryl Ratterree. Clement Lindsey will remain Commander of the 7th Brigade over our Camp. Attendees received updates on the Flags Across Florida and Graves Committee.

Presentation

No presentation this month.

Conclusion

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm with benediction by Chaplain Talbot and singing of Dixie.

Submitted by Adjutant Lloyd Baldwin.

*******From the Adjutant's Desk*******

PLEASE PRINT Please send your check, payable to: **SCV, Madison Starke Perry Camp #1424** and completed form to:

Lloyd Baldwin, Treasurer

P.O. Box 487

Branford, FL 32008



SCV Annual Dues.....**\$60.00**

(\$35.00 National, \$15.00 FL Div., \$10.00 Camp Dues)

SCV Current Life Membership Dues.....\$25.00

(\$15.00 FL Div., \$10.00 Camp Dues)

Florida Division Life Membership Dues.....\$10.00 (\$10.00 Camp Dues)

Associate Member Dues.....\$10.00

Friend of SCV Dues.....\$10.00

(If you are a new member or your dues are not current, you will be required to pay an additional \$5.00 reinstatement fee.)

Veteran Yes No (Please circle) Branch _____ Conflict _____

Full Name _____ Nickname _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone(____) _____

Work Phone (____) _____

Email address _____

SCV Life Member Yes No (Please circle)

FL Division Life Member Yes No (Please circle)



Dues must be received by July 31st!



FLORIDA DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Florida Division Dispatch

Official Communications from Florida Division Headquarters

Date: June 28, 2026

To: Florida Division Brigade Commanders

For: Dissemination to their respective Camps

Subject: Proposed SCV National Constitutional Amendment

Proposed SCV National Constitutional Amendment

Brigade Commanders are requested to review the information below concerning a proposed SCV National Constitutional amendment and disseminate it to their respective Camps as appropriate.

Gentlemen,

Florida Division Headquarters is forwarding the following correspondence at the request of the author for the information and review of the Brigade Commanders and their Camps. **This forwarding should not be understood as an endorsement by the Florida Division of the opinion, position, or recommendation expressed by the author.**

Please review the forwarded message below and share it with your Camp Commanders for their awareness. The actual wording of the proposed Constitutional Amendment can be found in the most recent issue of Confederate Veteran Magazine.

AT A GLANCE

- **Topic:** Proposed amendment concerning automatic succession of Lt. CIC to CIC.
- **Origin:** Gene Hogan, Moultrie Camp 27, GEC Member (2008-2014).
- **Audience:** Brigade Commanders, Camp officers, and members.
- **Purpose:** Informational dissemination for member awareness prior to Reunion vote.

Forwarded Correspondence

From: Gene Hogan, Moultrie Camp 27

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Subject: Important Constitutional Amendment

Dear Commander King:

Thank you for the great conversation we had today. Along with this greeting, I am sending you my proposed amendment concerning the election of the Lt. CIC, making that the final election, the winner taking office as CIC two years later. This is not a new concept—similar succession plans have been used by service, fraternal, professional and alumni organizations. Furthermore, there are camps and divisions that use this method, also.

We currently have a built-in conflict between our constitutional requirements and the commendable ambition of a man to lead our organization. Article 9.5.2 states, "The Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief shall be chairman of the Recruiting and Retention Committee," yet being elected Lt. CIC, he is, in most cases, planning to seek the office of CIC two years later. This conflict doesn't have to exist. By an automatic succession of the Lt. CIC we can reduce the internal political dynamic, freeing up the Lt. CIC to focus on leading our membership development, with no distraction of a subsequent electoral cycle. Furthermore, and I believe this could be just as important as the rationale stated above, he will then have two years to choose the best staff possible, not having to compress these choices into a short amount of time.

Our current vacancy/succession constitutional standards are sufficient to address any situation that could arise under this new format, except for a late term resignation of the Lt. CIC. Therefore, the amendment includes a special election for that circumstance, the standard being that no man can accede to the office of CIC without having stood for a General Organization-wide election.

This amendment addresses what I call the "3 Rs"—recruiting, retention and reduction (of internal politics). There is never a good reason to change the way we do things unless it allows us to better defend the good name and tell the story of the Confederate Veteran. This is such a case; I would therefore, respectfully, ask you for three things:

1. Please support this amendment.
2. Please pass this on to your Brigade Commanders and ask them to pass it on to Camp Commanders.

3. If able, please be present at the Reunion to vote for this amendment; if you would speak in favor of it, that would be greatly appreciated, also.

Thank you for what you do to lead your Division. I am available to discuss this with you or anyone to whom this message is forwarded... or anyone else, for that matter.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gene Hogan

Moultrie Camp 27

GEC Member, 2008-2014

Robert E. Lee Award Recipient

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Respectfully,

Robert Highbaugh

Adjutant, Florida Division

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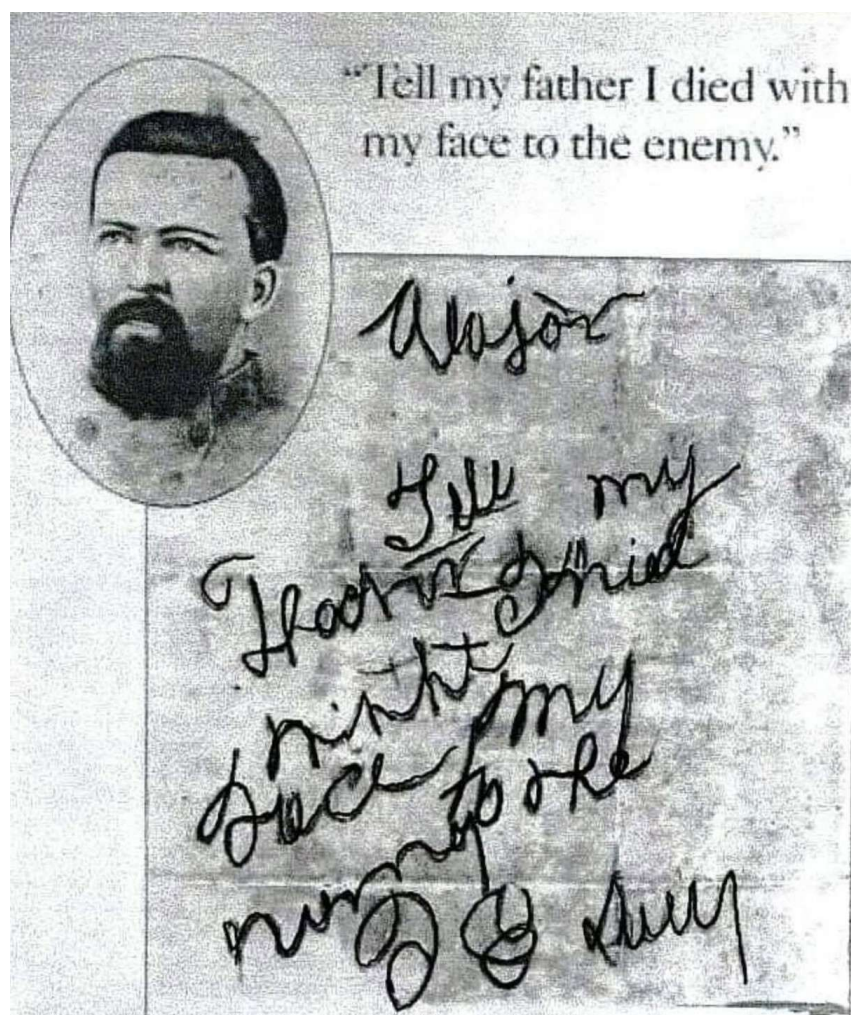
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Colonel Isaac Avery

With Hoke's wounding at the Battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863, Colonel Isaac Avery temporarily assumed command of the brigade in time for the Gettysburg Campaign. The now 34 year old Avery led his troops forward on July 1 on a wide sweep north and east of the borough of Gettysburg. Union artillery fire from a knoll near Culp's Hill finally halted his advance. On July 2, Maj. Gen. Jubal A. Early ordered Avery along with the brigade of Brig. Gen. Harry T. Hays to assault eastern Cemetery Hill. Attacking in the early evening, Avery was struck in the neck by a musket ball and fell from his white horse, bleeding badly. Apparently he was alone at the time, and the brigade's attack was delivered without coordination. After the ill-fated charge, the partially paralyzed officer was discovered by several of his soldiers. His aide and former business partner, Maj. Samuel Tate of the 6th North Carolina, knelt by his side. Unable to speak from his mortal wound and with his right hand useless from the paralysis, Avery with his left hand scribbled a simple note and gave it to Tate. It said: "Major, tell my father I died with my face to the enemy. I. E. Avery."

Avery died the following day in a nearby Gettysburg field hospital. He was initially buried at or near Ball's Bluff National Cemetery near Leesburg. A servant named Elijah later carried his body in a cart to Williamsport, Maryland, where it was again buried. After 1871, he was reburied again, at Washington Confederate Cemetery, part of Rose Hill Cemetery, in Hagerstown, Maryland.



The Battle of Gainesville

The Battle of Gainesville was fought on August 17, 1864, in Gainesville, Florida, during the American Civil War.

A Union force moved into the town as part of a raid aimed at disrupting Confederate operations and transportation networks in the region.

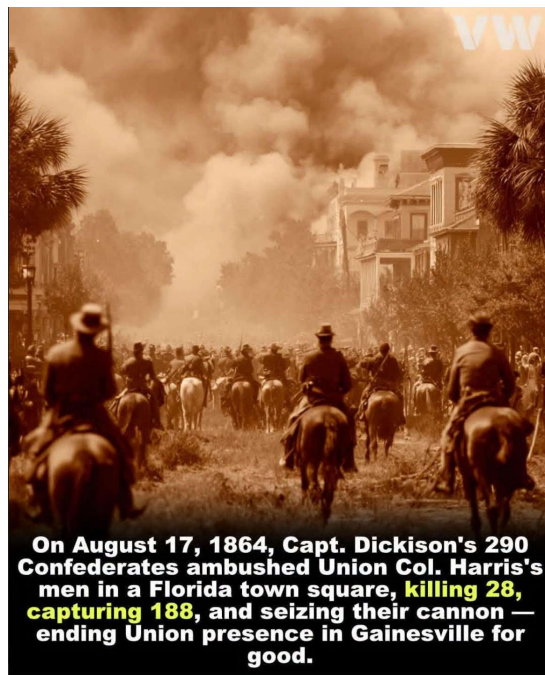
Confederate cavalry under John Jackson Dickison launched a surprise attack against the Union column before it could fully organize its defenses.

Fighting erupted in and around the town, with local residents watching the battle unfold from nearby

After several hours of combat, the Union force was overwhelmed, suffering heavy losses in killed, captured, and missing soldiers.

The Confederate victory forced Union troops to withdraw from the area and helped keep Gainesville under Confederate control for the remainder of the war.

The battle became one of Florida's notable Civil War engagements and highlighted the importance of cavalry raids and local actions far from the war's largest battlefields.





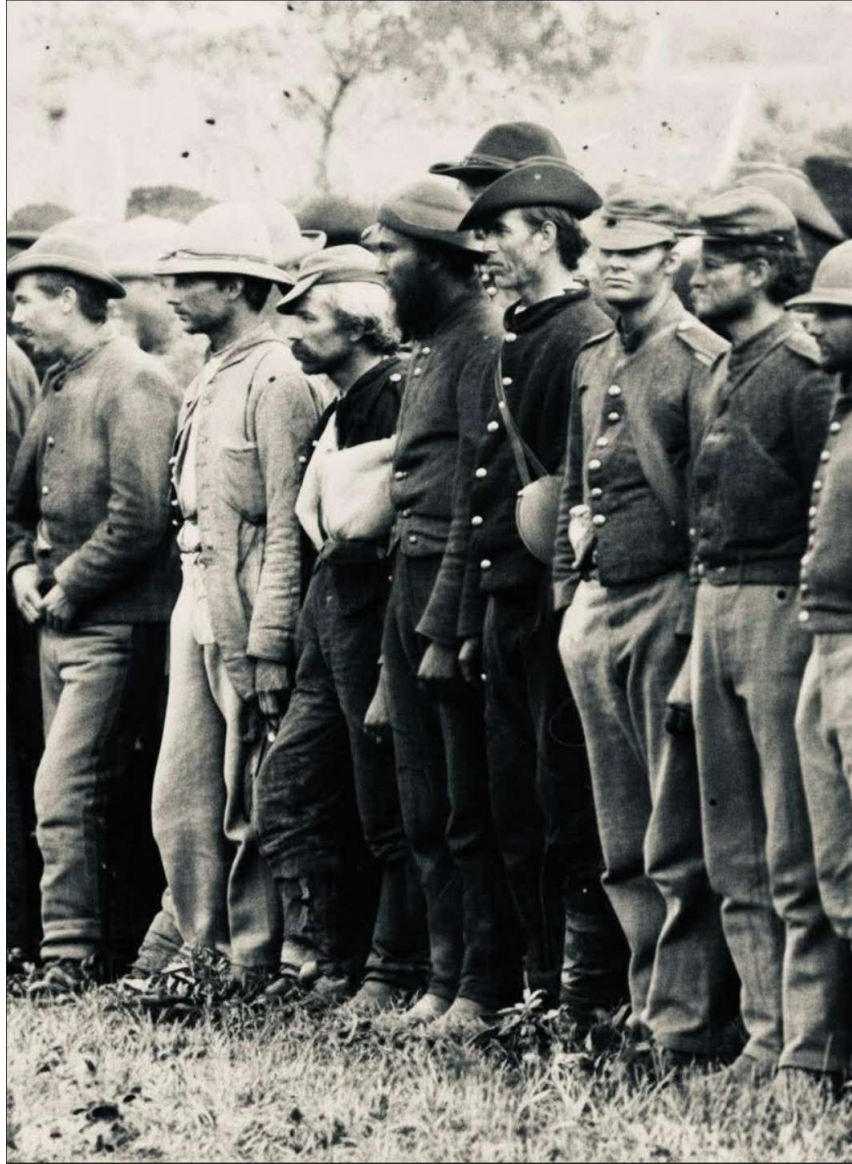
Confederate Reunion of a small group at the Oklahoma Veterans Home — Ardmore, OK. — 1900



The Southern dirt farmer, a huge majority of Southern population in 1860, had nothing in common with the institutions of slavery. Conditions they endured themselves were harsh and devastating realities. As early-mid American pioneers they were poor. They lived generally on small dirt plots growing their own food to survive. When they took up arms for the South, it was to defend their homes and families. Again, nothing to do with slaves. They were forced into fighting a war to defend their land from a Northern Army invasion. Their homes were plundered, and burned. Their wives violated, and children were scorned. The South unable to defend and was forced to submit to offensive Unionization.

By many aspects, the Southern women and children persevered on behalf of their fallen fathers, sons, brothers, and grandsons, etc. Women of the South prevailed on behalf of Southern dignity. With no help from a Unionists government, the South rose on her own. Unionists called it the era of Reconstruction. However, for the South it was truly deconstruction of Southern life and culture. The Northern gains and Southern loss speak volumes. For whatever God's purpose was in this horrific conflict, for many is yet unrevealed. Confederate widows were finally eligible for pensions in 1893. It wasn't until around the turn of the century before tensions substantially eased. Honor for all Veterans during the war was at hand and was a country on the mend. However all historical truths are based on facts. What the second war of independence was about is yet to be concluded. Forgiving can't be confused with forgetting.

The Southern Dirt Farmer



General Stand Waite

The last Confederate General to surrender in the field was a Cherokee chief by the name of Stand Watie, the only Native American to reach the rank of General during the Civil War.

Watie, who had signed a treaty surrendering Cherokee lands in Georgia three decades prior, yielded his troops to Union representatives near Doaksville, Oklahoma on this day in 1865.





We're Looking for Contributing Compatriots!

If you have some interesting things to contribute to our monthly newsletter, please send the editor an email. How about a monthly column? Fame and [mis]fortune awaits!

YOU COULD EARN LOTS OF MONEY!!!



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