



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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March Meeting—March 9

Our March meeting will be held at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua. Come to eat and socialize between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 6:30. Our speaker this month is Jim Yakubsin, commander of the Marine Corps League in Gainesville. He will speak about the Veterans' Treatment Court. The camp always enjoys presentations about veterans and we all look forward to hearing from Mr. Yakubsin.

February Lee Jackson Dinner

The 2020 Lee/Jackson Dinner was held at the Kanapaha Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Gainesville.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful music provided by Lloyd, Brent, and Inslee Baldwin, as well as a friend of theirs. We all appreciate having this very special entertainment at the dinner!

The silent auction was very successful and many went home with "new" treasures. Congratulations to Don and Donna Suereth for winning the Omaha Steak prize. Treasurer Bill Thompson will give a report at the meeting about this fundraiser. Our goal is to pay for the expenses for the dinner and anything extra adds to the camp's treasury.

Our speaker was former Florida Division Lt. Commander Harry Hurst who gave a very interesting presentation on Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. We previously had a presentation on Robert E. Lee and other speakers have told us a little about both, but this was our first time to concentrate on Stonewall Jackson. Commander Hurst's talk was very informative and well-presented.



Paula Gordon Thomas—1953—2020

Paula Thomas, wife of compatriot Chuck Thomas and daughter of compatriot Stan Gordon passed away on February 9, following a long and courageous battle with leukemia.

Paula spent 30 years in law enforcement, retiring as a supervisor with the Florida Dept. of Corrections Office of Community Corrections. She was a parole and probation officer.

Paula and Chuck traveled many miles across the US on their Harley motorcycles and were huge fans of the Florida Gator baseball teams. Chuck was Lt. Commander for the Madison Starke Perry Camp and until Paula's illness both attended meetings and camp functions.

Paula was a talented genealogist, and traced her family roots to the early pioneers, the Civil War, and the American Revolution. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Florida Pioneer Families.

Madison Starke Perry members extend our condolences to Chuck and Stan and other family members. Paula will certainly be missed.

The National Reunion

The National Reunion will be July 15-18 in St. Augustine. It has been a while since it was held in Florida, so this is a great opportunity to attend. Seeing the huge Confederate flag taking up most of a wall and the many camp flags being carried down the aisle is a sight to see. Hearing a large room full of people singing "Dixie" is a must. If interested, you can go to www.scv.org and download a registration form or you can just register online.

Winter Calendar 2019

March 9, 2020—Regular meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua

April 13, 2020—Regular meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua

July 15-18, 2020—SCV National Reunion—St. Augustine, FL

* Be sure to check out our camp's **Facebook** page. There are many photos of our past events and some interesting articles. SCV Camp 1424 Gainesville

* Madison Starke Perry **camp website** is www.gatorscv.com

* The **Florida Division website** is: www.florida-scv.org/

* The **National SCV website** is: www.SCV.org

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