

Tallassee Armory Guards

We are Camp#1921 in the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the only remaining Confederate Armory in existence, as well as preservation of the true history of the Confederacy.

Make Note

- Volunteers are needed to help find vendors for the Arts & Crafts Fair during this year's Battles for the Armory. See Steve Black or Commander Randall.
- If you are not getting this newsletter by email but can, email your name to tallasseearmoryguards@outlook.com
- June 17 ~ Our next meeting: Supper is at 5:30pm followed by the meeting at 6:30pm
- Don't forget to register for the Annual Alabama Division Reunion in Cullman to be held June 9th & 10th. 2017

Commander's Comments



Commander places Flag on grave of Pvt. John A. Golden

Several years ago, David Golden, accompanied by his entire family and an artillery piece, journeyed from their home in Odessa, Texas to Reeltown, Alabama. They also brought a grave stone for their Confederate Ancestor, Pvt. John A. Golden who was buried in overgrown Webster's Ford Cemetery near Saugahatchee Creek. For several days, the whole family worked in 100 plus degree heat to clean the entire cemetery of some 30 graves, most only piles of rocks to mark the last resting place of these early Tallapoosa County pioneers. After determining Pvt. Golden's grave from engraving on a flat stone, the Confederate marker was erected during a memorial ceremony attended by several members of the Tallassee Armory Guards. Pvt. Golden's unit was Croft's Battery, a Georgia Light Artillery group mustered together in Columbus, Georgia. My great grandfather, Pvt. William Marion Benson was also a member of Croft's Battery. The two had to have been good friends who likely grew up together as boys.

Last year, David Golden and his two sons became members of the Tallassee Armory Guards. A \$200 donation was received by mail from the Golden's recently to help with the expense of the Fort Talisi remodeling and as we saw fit to use to promote the memory of our Confederate Ancestors. This past April, I visited Webster's Ford Cemetery and placed a Battle Flag at the gravesite of Pvt. John A. Golden. His grave will have a Confederate Flag flying until this commander is unable to make the trip up that steep hillside to that sacred ground.

I was privileged to be invited to speak to the Pvt. Augustus Braddy, Camp 385 in Troy recently. My talk was about the Tallassee Carbine. Thanks to the Talisi Historical Preservation Society for allowing me to borrow one of the reproduction rifles for my presentation. According to gunsmith Neal Suggs, 12 rifles will be offered for sale this fall as a fundraiser for the THPS. While in Troy, I visited the city's Confederate Monument in the town square. This impressive monument gives me extra incentive to get the monument bill passed and signed by the governor.

On May 13, 2017, a 100-foot flag pole and Battle Flag were dedicated on I-22 at Cordova, Alabama. The pole and flag are exactly like the I-65 Flag. I was fortunate to be able to attend the flag raising ceremony. It was a great day for Dixie. Congratulations to the William R. McAdory Camp #2114, Winston County Grays Camp 1788, the Ala. Mechanized Cavalry, and many other loyal Confederates in the Walker County area who helped make this project a reality.

Dr. Larry Krumenaker has written a book about the Confederate defense of Atlanta. He will be the guest speaker at our camp's May 22nd meeting. Supper will be served at 5:30PM, the meeting begins promptly at 6:30PM. All members and guest are encouraged to attend.

Deo Vindice,

Randall Hughey, Commander, Tallassee Armory Guards, Camp #1921

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Meeting News

May 2017

He who feels no pride in his ancestors is unworthy to be remembered by his descendants.



The Tallassee Rifle

L-R Bill Roughton, Dennis Smith and Dale Brown received their SCV Membership Certificates at April meeting.



Commander Hughey Awards Alabama Guardian Certificate to Compatriot James Perry who has cleaned over 100 Confederate gravestones in the Tuskegee City Cemetery.

Bob McClendon of Troy spoke on "How the South Won the War," at the April meeting of Camp 1921.

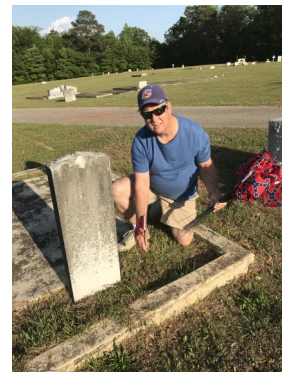


Camp 1921

Happenings

Honoring Our Ancestors

Tom Spradley and wife placed flags at 5 cemeteries.



Commander Hughey places Battle Flag at the grave site of his Confederate Ancestor, PVT. William Marion Benson. Compatriot Hughey and wife Debra marked 60 Confederate's graves at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tallassee.



Camp 1921 placed Battle Flags on 28 graves of Soldiers at the Confederate Cemetery in Union Springs, Alabama.

Troy Confederate Monument



I-22 Flag Raising

I-22 Flag Flying



Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony



Part of the large crowd of 250 who attended the Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony.

Pastor John Weaver was the keynote speaker on Confederate Memorial Day at the beautiful Confederate Monument at the State Capitol.



Several artillery units from the Alabama Division of the SCV participated in Confederate Memorial Day hosted by the UDC.



Several members of the Tallassee Army Guards attended Memorial Day at the Confederate Monument at the State Capitol. Not shown but attending were Johnny Johnson and Mike Whorten.



Compatriot James Perry waved his Battle Flag at Confederate Memorial Day in Montgomery. He also was awarded an SCV Guardian Pin and Certificate at the April meeting.



H.K. Edgerton represented all Black Confederate Soldiers at the Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at the State Capitol.



Compatriot Bill Anthony and Nicky Walton danced to the period music at Memorial Day Ceremony.

