



The Virginia Bayonet

Newsletter of the Stonewall Jackson 1st Brigade

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Our mission is to keep our southern heritage alive and to make sure our ancestors legacy are remembered. Deo vindice!! Sic semper tyrannis!!

Major's Monthly Message

February has had many twists and turns. The weather has certainly played havoc with everyone. From the 70's to single digit temperatures the weather has truly been uncertain. Thankfully there were a couple of days that we were able to get out for some two-wheeled therapy; flagging; and our various meetings.

We will have a booth at the Southside Virginia Heritage Days and in cooperation with the VA Flaggers we will be raising a new flag pole and having a flag dedication. We encourage everyone to come out to the events on both days, but especially on Saturday as we would like to have a group photo of the membership following the flag raising.

I'd like to extend welcome to our newest members Kerry Lee Williams, Alfred E. Bruner, Jimmy Whorley, C. Brandon White and Jeffery L. Barbour.

Remember it is our Duty to see that our Southern ancestors are not forgotten. We can not let our words or actions tarnish the Honorable men & women who came before us. I cannot express this enough. Social Media is a tool we all use to express our thoughts and feelings. Think *twice* before you hit the send, post or comment button.

God Bless the South!

Major Willie Wells

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/4/15

Edmund Ruffin
Fire Eaters Meeting

3/9/15

OCR Meeting

3/14/15

Cemetery Clean Up
Hollywood Cemetery
with the Edmund
Ruffin Fire Eaters

3/28 & 3/29/15

Southerland Station
Heritage Days &
VA Flagger flag
dedication, Fork Inn,
Southerland, VA

Recommended Articles



There are a couple of article of interest in the April 2015 Issue of the Civil War Times.

- *Flaggers on the Fringe*, by Gary W Gallaagher &
- *Captain Joseph H. Winfree K.I.A. Petersburg July 1874*

The pistol in the photo below, belonged to a local Confederate from Sussex County, Capt. Joseph H. Winfree 13th VA Cavalry. I found this to be of particular interest due to the fact that 13th VA Cavalry's primary area of operation was in and around the Petersburg area. Capt. Winfree was killed in July 1864 near Petersburg, his Horse then made its way



back to the family home in Sussex County. The gun was found by a family member in the saddlebag, still loaded.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to Judy Smith at: judy@crossedbrushstudio.com.

Available Patches



Now Available!

4" ANVMC patch and rocker. \$8.00 for the set

These are available from Stuart Barlow or Major Willie Wells.

RESOURCES

Name & 1st Brigade Patches

When ordering please remember: No Offensive Nicknames as we are Southern Gentlemen & Ladies.

www.NCPatches.com

1. Choose your patch
2. Choose background color=SILVER
3. Choose border color=GOLD
4. Choose text font=MISQUITE
5. Choose text color= RED
6. Add to cart
7. At the checkout screen fill out you info, for "company" I used ANV.
8. Also at the checkout screen, there is a "note" section. Type what you want your patch(es) to say. I put first patch=Stuart; second patch=1st Brigade. (We WILL be using "1st Brigade"
9. Where it says "coupon code", put TAKEOFF15.
10. Then checkout.

NOTE: Be sure to:

- Double check the patch size. Some of them DON'T have the size until you open them up. I ordered the 4x1.
- Double check your spelling.

I ordered three patches and it came to \$12 and some change, and free shipping. If you have any problems there is a "contact us" button. The guy will respond.

The Black Flag Report: Campaigns, Projects & Plans

- Hollywood Cemetery Clean Up Project with the Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters on Saturday, March 14, 2015 (should a rain date be needed the clean up will be on the following Saturday, March 21, 2015).
- Flagging at the VMFA with the Virginia Flaggers. To get further updates on the flagging schedule please contact the VA Flaggers at info@vaflaggers.com
- Raffle Tickets for the Capt Sally L Tompkins Chapters OCR to raise funds for the tombstone fund.

Flagging at the VMFA

Major Wells made it out to the Virginia Fine Arts Museum on Saturday 2/21/15 to support the VA Flaggers in the continued protest against the museum for the removal of the flags from the Confederate Memorial Chapel.

The lone flagger for a short while he did have re-enforcements arrive before the flags were taken in as they began freezing to the poles.



Road Captain Report: Upcoming Rides/Outings

The 18th Annual Southside Virginia Heritage Days in Dinwiddie County will be held this year Saturday, March 28th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 29th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information on the event can be found online at <http://bit.ly/1BAWBN6>

March 28th & 29th: We will be have a booth at the Southside Virginia Heritage Days and in cooperation with the VA Flaggers we will be raising a new flag pole and having a flag dedication. The flag raising and dedication will be at 3:00 pm on Saturday March 28th. An ANV-MC group photo will be taken following the flag dedication - we would like to have a new group photo of all the members!

The event address for GPS directions:

**Historic Fork Inn, 19621 Namozine Road,
Sutherland, VA 23885**



The Golden Saber: Special Mentions & Accolades

Chaplain Report

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Wells' family on the loss of one of Willie's extended family members.

Get well to all of our members that have been under the weather during this past month.

We would like to extend a big welcome to Cathy Hoyle Hendricks' new granddaughter, & newest OCR Rosebud, who arrived on Saturday, February 21, 2015. Congratulations to the new parents!



Members of both the ANVMC and the Virginia Flaggers traveled to Charlottesville to attend the Charlottesville City Council meeting on February 2, 2015.



Speaking on behalf of keeping Lee-Jackson Day in Charlottesville were Barry Isenhour, Michael Boganim, Patrick Seay and Susan Hathaway.



The Virginia Flagger Report:

Current Membership of the ANV-MC:

38 Members
3 Honorary Members
& Several Pending

Greetings, brothers and sisters, and congratulations on the kick-off of what we know will be one of the finest heritage organizations in the Old Dominion! The Virginia Flaggers are proud to support the men and women of the Army of Northern Virginia/Mechanized Cavalry, and we are excited about the opportunity to stand with you in defense of our Confederate ancestors.

Each month at our meetings, we pass a hat among our members and take up a collection for a Confederate cause. Last month, we decided that our contribution would go toward helping with the start-up expenses for your organization. We look forward to presenting Major Wells with a check for \$150 from the proceeds that were collected.

Facebook Report:

Our public page on Facebook currently has **376 likes**.

Our first official joint project with the Army of Northern Virginia/Mechanized Cavalry will be the raising of a Memorial Battle Flag on Highway 460, at Sutherland's Station in Dinwiddie, on March 28th. The memorial will consist of a 8x10 battle flag, flying on a 50' pole, along with an engraved granite marker. Make plans to join us for the flag raising ceremony at 3:00 on Saturday, March 28th, and watch for opportunities to volunteer/help complete the project over the next few weeks.

Photos courtesy of Willie Wells, the Virginia Flaggers & Judy Smith Photography. All photographs used by permission of the photographers. Images from the Charlottesville City Council are screen captures from the video feed.

Thank you all, for your continued support!

Susan Hathaway, Va Flaggers

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<https://www.facebook.com/ArmyNorthernVA>

Order of Confederate Rose Report



The Captain Sally L. Tompkins Chapter Order of the Confederate Rose are continuing their work on phase two of the Browns Island Explosion 1863. We have 15 headstones to purchase and dedicate to the young ladies who are buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond in unmarked graves!

Our friend Mr. David Hoque drew a gorgeous charcoal portrait of Col. John Singleton Mosby, framed and donated it to our chapter to help raise money for our tombstone project.

The Order of Confederate Rose will hold the drawing for the Mosby portrait on April 13th at our OCR meeting.

Donations are \$10 a ticket, you do not need to be present to win. Make sure we

have your full name, address and phone number so we can get in touch with you if you are the lucky winner!!! I will send you your ticket stub to hold on to.

Donations can be sent by check made out to OCR Sally L. Tompkins #2, please indicate "tombstone project" in the memo section. Checks can be sent c/o:

Teresa Wells
19844 Templeton Rd
Carson, VA 23830

Thank you in advance, please help us make this happen for our littlest Confederate Angels in Hollywood!!!

Calling All Bakers

On March 28th & 29th the OCR have a booth/table set up for the Southerland Station Heritage Days.

In addition to selling our products, we will also be offering baked goods for sale.

Please think about donating some goodies for our bake sale!



Welcome Our Newest Rosebud



We would all like to take this opportunity to wish welcome to our newest Rosebud Carolyn Hendricks, daughter of Steven & Crystal Hendricks.